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Air Canada Reports First Quarter 2026 Financial Results



Source: Air Canada Images

Air Canada's load factor, capacity (available seat miles), and traffic (revenue passenger miles) for the first quarter of 2026 were: 86.1%, \$24,829 million and \$21,373 million representing a change of 4.1 points, 2.4% and 7.5% (i.e. from 82.0%, \$24,240 million and \$19,887 million) compared to the same quarter in 2025. On the financial side, the 2025 first quarter results compared to the first quarter of 2026 were: operating revenues were \$5,785 million an increase of \$589 million or 11.34% (from \$5,196 million); operating expenses were \$5,668 million an increase of \$364 million or 6.86% (from \$5,304 million); and net income was \$48 million an increase of \$156 million (from -\$108 million). Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive of Air Canada said " ... We are committed to maintaining a strong financial footing while delivering long-term shareholder value. During the quarter, we generated \$1.8 billion in cash from operating activities, \$1.6 billion in free cash flow and repurchased more than \$140 million of our shares. This performance reflects our prudent approach to capital allocation and balance sheet management, allowing us to invest

in the business, manage debt and return capital to shareholders while preserving financial flexibility."

Minister MacKinnon highlights plan to clear the backlog of air travel complaints from Spring Economic Update 2026: Canada Strong for All

The Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, on May 1, 2026 highlighted that the government will eliminate the backlog of air passenger complaints, and rebuild trust for travellers. The backlog will be cleared by engaging a neutral, third-party dispute resolution organization, which will apply private sector know-how to settle complaints. Once decisions are rendered, carriers found to be at fault must comply with decisions and resolve cases with their customers quickly. To improve transparency, the government is removing the obligation on passengers to maintain confidentiality in the complaints process. To enhance accountability, the government is increasing the Canadian Transportation Agency's enforcement powers by allowing fines for systemic violations of the *Air Passenger Protection Regulations* to be issued for up to \$1 million. The government also intends to develop a more effective regulatory regime, so that rules are clearer and passengers are fairly and more quickly compensated when air travel does not go as planned. In the coming weeks, the government will introduce legislation to advance these changes and Canadians will be able to have their say through consultations as the regulatory process progresses.

Minister MacKinnon highlights plan to clear the backlog of air travel complaints from Spring Economic Update 2026: Canada Strong for All, May 1, 2026, www.tc.gc.ca

✈️ Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, March 2026



Source: Statcan

In March 2026, 4.7 million passengers passed through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports, up 3.2% from March 2025. In March 2026, transborder traffic (to the United States) fell 7.0% from March 2025 to 1.2 million screened passengers, marking the 14th consecutive month of year-over-year decreases. In contrast, the number of passengers screened for domestic flights in March 2026 was 2.1 million, up sharply (+10.1%) from the same month in 2025.

Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, March 2026, May 1, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

✈️ Aeroplan Announces New Partnership With Hertz

Aeroplan, Canada's leading travel loyalty program, has announced a new strategic partnership with [Hertz](https://www.hertz.com), one of the world's largest vehicle rental companies. This collaboration extends across Hertz, Dollar, and Thrifty, and is the latest example of Aeroplan's commitment to expanding its partner ecosystem, providing members with more opportunities to earn rewards, unlock premium benefits, and accelerate their journey to Aeroplan Elite Status. Scott O'Leary, Vice President of Loyalty & Product at Air Canada said "Car rentals are a natural part of the travel journey, and we're thrilled to give Aeroplan members more ways to earn and redeem points, while unlocking new benefits along the way. Partnering with Hertz is one of the ways we are delivering on the promise we made when we redesigned Aeroplan, providing choice, convenience, and value that extends their loyalty from the air to the road." In addition to new earning opportunities, this partnership unlocks preferred pricing for all Air Canada customers, when reserving car rentals through aircanada.com.

Aeroplan Announces New Partnership With Hertz, May 6, 2026, www.aircanada.ca

✈️ AirAsia inks major deal for Canadian-made Airbus A220 jets



Source: Financial Post

Airbus Canada has signed a deal to supply AirAsia with a massive order of 150 of its Canadian-made A220 jets in a multibillion-dollar coup for Quebec's aviation industry. The agreement with the low-cost Malaysian airline marks the largest single firm order for the narrow-body planes — assembled north of Montreal in Mirabel — in the manufacturer's history. The first A220-300 is expected to roll the line in the first quarter of 2028, said AirAsia CEO Tony Fernandes. The A220 model is smaller than what AirAsia usually flies, but the plane allows it to operate from smaller airports and in markets that have less demand for traditional narrowbody planes.

AirAsia inks major deal for Canadian-made Airbus A220 jets, May 6, 2026, www.financialpost.ca

✈️ 'No spare capacity': How the global jet fuel shortage could impact Canada

As Canadian airlines continue to adjust fees to respond to skyrocketing fuel prices, analysts say the extra costs signal a much bigger issue. "This is probably the greatest energy crisis of a generation," said Dan McTeague, gas analyst and president of Canadians for Affordable Energy. Jet fuel prices have more than doubled since the war on Iran began, soaring to around \$1.92 per litre. The war has disrupted essential shipping channels through the Strait of Hormuz and attacks have damaged energy production facilities in the region. It could take months for operations to get back online. The result has been a massive supply shortage that is hitting countries overseas the hardest, according to McTeague. "There is no spare capacity," he told CTV News. "Asia and Europe are in big trouble, and that can only mean the next domino will fall here, in North America." On Thursday, May 7, 2026, Air Canada confirmed that because of the current high cost of jet

fuel, it is halting service earlier than planned on four seasonal routes to U.S. destinations.

'No spare capacity': How the global jet fuel shortage could impact Canada, May 5, 2026, www.ctvnews.ca; and Air Canada cuts more flights due to soaring jet fuel prices, May 7, 2026, www.cbcnews.ca

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✈️ **Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Secures Relief for Spirit Airlines' Flyers and Employees**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on May 2, 2026 announced a series of actions in coordination with U.S. carriers to support Spirit ticketholders, the general flying public, and airline employees impacted by Spirit ceasing operations.

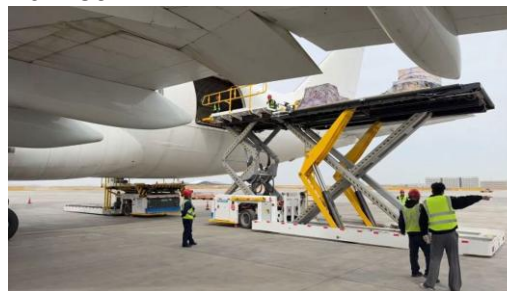
Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Secures Relief for Spirit Airlines' Flyers and Employees, May 2, 2026, www.dot.gov

✈️ **Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on Preliminary Aviation Understanding with Mexico: We Need to See These Promises Turn into Action**

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Sean P. Duffy on May 5, 2026 released the following statement after the Department and Mexico's Secretariat of Infrastructure, Communications and Transportation (SICT) reached consensus on a path forward for Mexico to come into compliance with the 2015 U.S.-Mexico Air Transport Agreement. The understanding follows multiple rounds of bilateral consultations between the two nations. *"Under President Trump's leadership, we put America First and enforce our air transport agreements around the world. By actually holding Mexico accountable, they've finally agreed to come into compliance and stop their anti-competitive behavior,"* said U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy. *"This is a step in the right direction – but we need to see these promises turn into action. Until then, our restriction on Mexican carriers will remain in place."*

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on Preliminary Aviation Understanding with Mexico: We Need to See These Promises Turn into Action, May 5, 2026, www.dot.gov

✈️ **Air freight supply-demand factors adjust to war-disrupted market**



Source: JOC

Air cargo markets are adjusting to the disruption caused by the war in the Middle East as capacity returns and supply-demand fundamentals are driven by seasonality and early May holidays rather than conflict-related factors, analysts say. Flower exports from countries such as Colombia and Ecuador shipped to the US and Canada ahead of Mother's Day on May 10, 2026 saw tonnage from Central and South America rising 19% in the last week of April compared with the previous week, according to the latest weekly figures from air freight analyst WorldACD Market Data. Asia-Pacific tonnage in the last week of April rose. Global air cargo spot rates surged 30% year over year in April to their highest level since October 2022.

Air freight supply-demand factors adjust to war-disrupted market, May 5, 2026, www.joc.com

✈️ **Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Unveils New Rule to Protect Critical Infrastructure from Drone Threats**

The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on May 6, 2026 issued a proposed rule that would allow specific categories of critical infrastructure sites to apply for restrictions on drone operations around their facilities. Restrictions--which would be submitted and approved via a new FAA web portal--will be approved based on safety or security criteria. Sixteen sectors would be eligible for restrictions including energy production, transportation systems, chemical facilities, water treatment plants, and defense industrial complexes.

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Unveils New Rule to Protect Critical Infrastructure from Drone Threats, May 6, 2026, www.dot.gov

U.S. Airlines' March 2026 Aviation Fuel Cost up 56.4%, Consumption up 19.5%, and Fuel Cost per Gallon up 30.9% from February 2026

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on May 6, 2026 released U.S. airlines' March 2026 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating total fuel expenditure (\$5.06B) of U.S. scheduled service airlines was up 56.4% from February 2026 (\$3.23B) and up 30.4% from March 2025 (\$3.88B). The airlines used 1.615 billion gallons of fuel, 19.5% more fuel than in February 2026 (1.352 billion gallons) and 0.4% more fuel than March 2025 (1.609 billion gallons). The cost per gallon of fuel in March 2026 (\$3.13) was up 74 cents (30.9%) from February 2026 (\$2.39) and up 72 cents (29.9%) from March 2025 (\$2.41).

U.S. Airlines' March 2026 Aviation Fuel Cost up 56.4%, Consumption up 19.5%, and Fuel Cost per Gallon up 30.9% from February 2026, May 6, 2026, www.bts.gov

Jet Fuel Flexibility: How the Industry Is Preparing for Supply Disruptions



Source: IATA

The recent pressure on the supply of aviation fuel globally due to the war in the Middle East has put a spotlight on something most passengers never think about: the fuel in the aircraft. If the war continues, it won't be long before we see fuel shortfalls in parts of the world. Flexibility could help the industry to make better use of the fuel we have, and airlines keep schedules intact. Commercial aviation primarily relies on two fuel grades: Jet A-1, the global standard used in most international operations, and Jet A, which is primarily used in North America. Both are approved for use and fit-for-purpose when managed correctly. They are very similar, but not identical. The main operational difference is their freezing point. Jet A-1 has a lower maximum freezing point (-47°C) than Jet A (-40°C), giving aircraft operating on Jet A-1 greater flexibility on long-haul and polar routes. Using Jet A, which is produced at scale outside the Gulf, could be a

practical way to help ease some pressure on existing supply chains. To support that flexibility, IATA and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) have each issued guidance on how Jet A could be used in markets that traditionally use Jet A-1. This could give airlines facing a possible shortfall in fuel supply more options.

Jet Fuel Flexibility: How the Industry Is Preparing for Supply Disruptions May 8, 2026, www.iata.org



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Freight Rail Services Price Index, April 2026



Source: Statcan

Data for April for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available on Statistics Canada website. The index was 136.2 in April 2026 compared to 130.6 a month earlier and 129.3 a year ago. A breakdown of the index for various products is also provided with the steepest increase for intermodal over this period.

Freight Rail Services Price Index, April 2026, April 30, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

CN Statement on UP-NS Amended Merger Re-Application

CN announced on April 30, 2026 that it continues to review Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern's amended merger application submitted to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and will remain actively engaged in this process. Despite having addressed certain deficiencies, the Applicants have failed to materially improve the amended application in ways that address the competitive harms of the merger, despite the Surface Transportation Board's clear

encouragement to do so. Most notably, they have not remedied the significant competitive harms posed by the merger, nor have they offered any meaningful competitive enhancements as required under the Board's new rules. These failures should be fatal to the application. The Applicants falsely continue to call their merger end-to-end. However, as CN has previously demonstrated, the Company continues to believe the areas of competitive overlap and harms are more extensive than those identified in this amended application. CN is well positioned to provide solutions to the issues the Applicants acknowledge, as well as those harms they have yet to address.

CN Statement on UP-NS Amended Merger Re-Application, April 30, 2026, www.cn.ca

Ontario Begins Civil and Utility Work for Hamilton LRT

The Ontario government has awarded a contract for the first major package of civil and utility work for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT), marking a significant milestone in the province's plan to build fast, reliable and affordable transit across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). The 14-kilometre LRT will strengthen the local economy by creating approximately 6,000 jobs annually during construction and up to 1,000 permanent jobs to support operations and maintenance when the project is complete.

Ontario Begins Civil and Utility Work for Hamilton LRT, April 30, 2026. www.mto.gov.on.ca

CPKC sets new April monthly grain records



Source: CPKC

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) said on May 4, 2026 that it has broken its April monthly record for transporting Canadian grain and grain products, moving 2.9 million metric tonnes (MMT) in April 2026. This new April achievement beat the previous tonnage record set in April 2020. Last month's 30,381 carloads also set a new April monthly record, beating the previous high set in April 2020. "We have started 2026 with a record first quarter for the movement of Canadian grain and have set monthly records in three of the first four months of the year as we move a record grain crop across Western Canada," said Elizabeth Hucker, Vice-President Sales and Marketing Bulk. "Our ability to safely and efficiently deliver record grain volumes comes from sustained investments in the grain supply chain and working closely with our customers across our network." First quarter totals of 7.2 MMT beat the previous record quarter reached in the first quarter of 2021.

CPKC sets new April monthly grain records, May 4, 2026, www.cpkc.ca

CN Reports April Grain Movement

CN announced on May 4, 2026 that in April 2026 it moved 3.2 million metric tonnes of grain from Western Canada, again setting a new monthly record for grain movement. That makes eight months of strong performance for this crop year, with seven months being new monthly records. CN's strong network performance is enabling a record-setting volume pace as a result of the steady export demand, the available grain and CN's efficient operations across both export corridors and within Canada and the US.

CN Reports April Grain Movement, May 4, 2026, www.cn.ca

First-of-its-kind partnership in Canada removes travel

barriers for families accessing paediatric care

A new partnership between Children's Health Foundation and VIA Rail Canada is set to ease the burden of travel for families across the region – ensuring children can access life-saving care without the added stress of transportation costs. This first-of-its-kind partnership in Canada will provide complimentary train travel for patients of Children's Hospital, London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) who travel to the hospital as well as other specialized paediatric centres for treatment. For families like Lisa Doerksen's, this support will ease the travel burden her family faces monthly.

First-of-its-kind partnership in Canada removes travel barriers for families accessing paediatric care, April 29, 2026, www.viarail.ca

CPKC, CSX upgrade Southeast Mexico Express with dedicated train, faster transit times



Source: CPKC

Canadian Pacific Kansas City ([CPKC](http://www.cpkc.ca)) and CSX Corporation ([CSX](http://www.csx.com)) on May 6, 2026 announced upgrades to the Southeast Mexico Express ([SMX](http://www.smx.com)) premium service featuring faster transit times with more origin and destination options for customers looking to reach new markets. The new SMX premium service schedule and routing options launched May 4, 2026, offer industry-best, truck-competitive transit times between southeastern markets such as Atlanta, Charlotte or central Florida, and markets in Texas and Mexico, including Dallas and Monterrey. The service improvements have reduced transit times for every previously available SMX option. These reductions range from approximately one-day-faster service between Atlanta and Dallas, and approximately 2.5 days faster between Atlanta and central Mexico. SMX improvements are the result of capital investments in track, bridges and signal infrastructure on the former Meridian & Bigbee Railroad (MNBR) and continued investments across the corridor in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas offering greater speeds and more efficiency.

CPKC, CSX upgrade Southeast Mexico Express with dedicated train, faster transit times, May 6, 2026, www.cpkc.ca

CN Presents the 2025 Safe Handling Award to 194 Rail Shippers

CN on May 6, 2026 announced the winners of its 2025 Safe Handling Award, recognizing customers who demonstrate excellence in the safe loading and transportation of regulated products by rail. Recipients are evaluated based on established criteria, including meeting stringent safety requirements. This recognition reflects CN's commitment to being the safest provider of transportation services in North America. Janet Drysdale, Executive Vice-President and Chief Commercial Officer at CN said "Congratulations to the 2025 recipients for their ongoing dedication to the safe handling of regulated goods that transit along our network. At CN, safety is our core value, and guides everything we do. We thank the 194 shippers for their continued commitment to upholding the highest safety standards."

CN Presents the 2025 Safe Handling Award to 194 Rail Shippers, May 6, 2026, www.cn.ca

CN Announces US\$750 Million Debt Offering

CN on May 7, 2026 announced a public debt offering of US\$750 million comprised of US\$300 million aggregate principal amount of 4.350% Notes due 2029 and US\$450 million aggregate principal amount of 4.950% Notes due 2036. CN expects to close the offering on May 12, 2026, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. CN plans to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of commercial paper. The debt offering is being made in the United States under an effective shelf registration statement dated April 29, 2026.

CN Announces US\$750 Million Debt Offering, May 7, 2026, www.cn.ca

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US railroads Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern seek approval for \$85 billion merger

Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern on Thursday, April 30, 2026 submitted a revised merger application with the Surface Transportation Board, seeking approval of an \$85 billion tie-up to create the first U.S. coast-to-coast freight rail operator. The railroads said the deal would save shippers an estimated \$3.5 billion annually. They said the

combination would improve service reliability, divert freight from trucks to rail, retain shipper options and deliver broad public benefits while protecting union jobs. A number of groups, including freight shippers who fear higher rates, have raised concerns about the proposed merger, as have attorneys general in some states. President Donald Trump has backed the proposed merger, which would have been unthinkable under former President Joe Biden's administration which had cracked down on consolidation. The railroads forecast that the network would result in taking approximately 2.1 million trucks off the road, with savings that should reduce consumer prices. The revised application forecasts the combined company will need 1,200 net new union jobs by the third year to handle new business.

US railroads Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern seek approval for \$85 billion merger, May 1, 2026, www.ajot.com

NITL opposes more railroad consolidation



Source: AJOT

"NITL has consistently been on the record as opposing further consolidation in the freight rail industry," stated NITL's Executive Director Nancy O'Liddy. "As a result of prior mergers, rail competition has been drastically reduced and many NITL members have facilities that are captive to only a single railroad. Despite past promises that rail customers would benefit from mergers through more efficient service, today captive rail customers pay increasingly higher prices for unreliable and inadequate service," added O'Liddy. The second merger application by Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) must be denied by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) unless the applicants can transparently demonstrate how the combined railroads will enhance competition and that the benefits of the merger outweigh its harms. O'Liddy added that, "for captive shippers, this means increased rail-to-rail competition, not only competition between rail and trucking." This is critically important because a transcontinental rail merger will result in a single mega-railroad with enormous market share and power from coast to coast.

NITL opposes more railroad consolidation, May 1, 2026, www.ajot.com

Grain, efficiency propel BNSF first-quarter earnings



Source: Freightwaves

BNSF Railway reported stronger first-quarter profits as higher volume and more efficient operations improved the railroad's bottom line. Pre-tax income rose 13.5%, to \$1.82 billion, as revenue increased 5%, to \$5.92 billion, BNSF's corporate parent, Berkshire Hathaway, reported on Saturday, May 2, 2026. The railroad's operating ratio improved 2.3 points to 65.6% as improved fuel efficiency and labor productivity more than offset higher fuel prices and wages.

Grain, efficiency propel BNSF first-quarter earnings, May 4, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

U.S. rail freight stronger across the board



Source: Freightwaves

Freight traffic on U.S. railroads posted a breakout week, the Association of American Railroads reported, as intermodal joined a rally to stay ahead of year-ago levels. Total traffic for the week ending May 2 was 518,773 carloads and intermodal units, better by 3.9% compared to the same week in 2025. Commodities came to 235,049 carloads, up 4%, while intermodal volume was 283,724 containers and trailers, an increase of 3.9% y/y. Nine of 10 carload commodity groups finished ahead of the previous year. They were led by grain's ongoing rally, 14.7%, and petroleum and related products, 8.6%. Weekly volume on 9 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads improved by 3.9% to 345,137 carloads, and by 3% to 372,439 intermodal units.

Total combined traffic was 717,576 carloads and intermodal units, an increase of 3.4%. North American volume for the first 17 weeks of this year was 11,761,179 carloads and intermodal units, better by 2% from 2025. Canadian railroads reported 97,096 carloads for the week, up 2.9 percent, and 76,692 intermodal units, down 2.1 percent compared with the same week in 2025. For the first 17 weeks of 2026, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 2,773,152 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.4 percent.

U.S. rail freight stronger across the board, May 6, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

Intermodal projected to show growth in April

April intermodal volume was expected to expand 3.1 percent relative to its pre-Pandemic baseline, according to the Intermodal Association of North America's Intermodal Volume Index (IVI). This newly introduced measure of industry activity provides a 'most likely' estimate of what is happening in intermodal now. The projected IVI for April is 103.1, a decline from March but still above the 2017-2019 average set to 100. Three consecutive months above the baseline suggest the same in June, rounding out a full second quarter of growth if current economic conditions hold. The IVI anticipates the May increase at 106.2. The March result of 104.0 (the most recent month for which ETSO numbers are available) was up 2.3 percent year-over-year. "The April IVI is on par with what we would expect as later spring volumes pick up," said Andrew Sibold, IANA's Director of Economics. "We are excited to unveil this monthly 'pulse check' on the health of North American intermodal freight which, in a single number, indicates whether the market is expanding, flat or contracting relative to its underlying trend." *Intermodal projected to show growth in April, April 7, 2026, www.ajot.com*



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First of Canadian Coast Guard's New Arctic-Offshore Patrol Ships Launched



Source: Maritime-Executive

Canada marked the next milestone in its efforts to renew the fleets of the Canadian Navy and Coast Guard with the floatout of the first of its new Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships. The future CCGS *Donjek* was successfully transferred from the building hall on a barge and floated out in Halifax. The construction is part of Canada's National Shipbuilding Strategy, a long-term plan for what they are proudly saying are "Built by Canadians, for Canada" vessels. Irving Shipbuilding has completed the delivery of six Harry DeWolff Class patrol ships, which were also the basis for CCGS *Donjek* and her sister ship CCGS *Sermilik*. The wider program also includes two Polar Icebreakers, up to six Program Icebreakers, and up to sixteen Multi-Purpose Icebreakers. Next up, points out Irving Shipbuilding, is the River-class Destroyer. The first vessel, the future HMCS Fraser, started full-rate production in April 2025. The keel laying is scheduled for June 2026.

First of Canadian Coast Guard's New Arctic-Offshore Patrol Ships Launched, April 29, 2026, www.maritime-executive.com

PRPA Announces Updates to Executive Team and Organizational Structure

The Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) announced on May 6, 2026 structural updates and additions to its executive team, solidifying the Port of Prince Rupert's mandate to enable Canadian trade and deliver reliable and sustainable gateway operations. The updated structure is designed to strengthen leadership across key functions and support PRPA's priorities. Kurt Slocombe, President and Chief Executive Officer Prince Rupert Port Authority said "This executive team brings the experience, strong leadership, and depth we need to support the continued growth of trade through the Port of Prince Rupert. Together, we will focus on safe, efficient operations, strong partnerships, and the long-term success of this gateway for the benefit of the community and the country."

PRPA Announces Updates to Executive Team and Organizational Structure, May 6, 2026, www.rupertport.com

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Zim shareholders overwhelmingly approve takeover by Hapag-Lloyd



Source: JOC

Hapag-Lloyd is on course to complete its \$4.2 billion takeover of Zim Integrated Shipping Services by the end of this year after shareholders of the Israel-headquartered carrier voted overwhelmingly to approve the deal on April 30, 2026. Stockholders representing 97% of the shares in Zim, equivalent to 57.2 million shares, voted in favor of the deal that was announced in mid-February, according to a filing the carrier made with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. "We are very pleased that ZIM's general meeting has voted in favor of a merger with Hapag-Lloyd," a Hapag-Lloyd spokesperson told the *Journal of Commerce*. The Hapag-Zim deal still needs approval from regulatory authorities in several jurisdictions before it can be completed.

Zim shareholders overwhelmingly approve takeover by Hapag-Lloyd, May 1, 2026, www.joc.com

Port Houston lands \$48M federal grant for Bayport expansion



Source: Freightwaves

Port Houston has secured a \$48 million federal grant to expand and modernize its Bayport Container Terminal, a move aimed at boosting capacity, easing truck congestion and strengthening supply chain resilience along the Gulf Coast. The funding, awarded through the U.S. Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program, will support construction of a new container yard and a new exit gate at Bayport. Port Houston will also contribute roughly \$56 million in matching funds for the project. The grant will help to build a new yard and truck gate aimed to ease congestion and add 440K TEUs of capacity.

Port Houston lands \$48M federal grant for Bayport expansion, May 1, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

Panama president says port caught in US-China dispute

Panama President Jose Raul Mulino said his country maintains a positive relationship with China despite being caught up in a dispute

between the Asian superpower and the U.S., and defended Panama's takeover of port contracts held by Hong Kong's CK Hutchison. He spoke at a regular press conference after receiving what he called a "high-level" message from China's government acknowledging that a dispute over the port contracts will be heard by international arbitration courts, and did not constitute an issue between the Panamanian and Chinese governments. The message, received through China's ambassador in Panama, marked a friendlier approach, even as he noted an ongoing surge of detentions and inspections of Panama-flagged ships in China.

Panama president says port caught in US-China dispute, May 1, 2026, www.ajot.com

Port of Brunswick again nation's busiest auto terminal



Source: AJOT

For the second year in a row, the Port of Brunswick maintained its position as the nation's busiest port for automobiles in 2025, handling 779,000 units of autos, plus more than 53,000 units of heavy machinery, representing both import and export movements. 731 ships called the Port of Brunswick in calendar year 2025. Governor Brian Kemp addressed the audience at the Georgia International Trade Conference. In his opening remarks, he said "Innovation and port investments by the Georgia Ports Authority are helping to keep our state No. 1 for business while also positioning us as a true leader in global trade. Our ports are an economic engine for the entire state, and we'll continue to find ways to further their success and reach."

Port of Brunswick again nation's busiest auto terminal, April 4, 2026, www.ajot.com

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Launches Small Modular Nuclear Reactors Initiative to Drive Down Costs for U.S. Shipping, Enhance Energy Dominance

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy and the Maritime Administration (MARAD) on May 7, 2026 launched an initiative to develop Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMR) for commercial shipping. As a first step, MARAD is calling on innovators and industry stakeholders to help develop an SMR model that revitalizes U.S. shipbuilding, cuts costs, and secures energy dominance.

Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Launches Small Modular Nuclear Reactors Initiative to Drive Down Costs for U.S. Shipping, Enhance Energy Dominance, May 7, 2026, www.dot.gov

Weaker ocean rates hit Maersk Q1 profit



Source: Freightwaves

The world's second-largest box carrier said that logistics and terminal revenue partially offset weaker liner results. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) slipped to \$1.8 billion from \$2.7 billion, while operating earnings (EBIT) was \$340 million, down from \$1.3 billion from the year-ago quarter. EBIT margin slid to 2.6% from 9.4%. The first-quarter profits declined from a year ago, Maersk said, as increased container volumes failed to overcome pressured ocean rates.

Weaker ocean rates hit Maersk Q1 profit, May 7, 2026, www.freightwaves.com



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Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index



Source: Statcan

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (2019=100) is now available for March on Statistics Canada website. The index was 147.2 for March 2026 up from 145.0 from the previous month and up from 144.7 from a year ago. Indices for a breakdown of the index by courier and local delivery are also provided on the website.

Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, March 2026, May 1, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

Freight capacity plummets, prices skyrocket in April



Source: Freightwaves

Supply chain managers reported a very tight freight market during April, noting extreme declines in capacity with corresponding surges in transportation rates. The Logistics Managers' Index—a diffusion index in which a reading above 50 indicates expansion, while one below 50 signals contraction—returned a 28.4 reading for transportation capacity in April. That was 10.9 percentage points lower than the March reading and the second-fastest rate of decline captured by the dataset in its nearly 10-year history. (The highest rate of decline was recorded in September 2020 at “the kick-off of the first pandemic peak season.”) Transportation prices (95) were up 5.6 points in the month. April 2026 marked the second-fastest growth rate for pricing. At a spread of 67 points, the two indexes have never been further apart.

Freight capacity plummets, prices skyrocket in April, May 5, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

Canada's Top 100 largest carriers: Trimac climbs into top 5; 12 new fleets added to 2026 list

Trucknews.com's [2026 list of Top 100 largest carriers](#) shows stability in rankings but not in capacity, as several carriers reported smaller equipment counts while others grew through acquisitions and expansion. TFI International, Mullen Group, Day & Ross, and Bison Transport continue to headline the list. Trimac climbed four positions to rank fifth this year, driven by an increase in equipment counts – likely linked to its acquisitions in 2025 — expanding its fleet from 6,294 units last year to 8,904 in 2026. Canada Cartage moved up to sixth place after adding nearly 1,000 units, while Manitoulin Transport climbed four spots to rank 10th, growing its fleet by 1,874 units.

Canada's Top 100 largest carriers: Trimac climbs into top 5; 12 new fleets added to 2026 list, May 7, 2026, www.todaystrucking.com

Alberta trucking faces cost pressures, regulatory gaps, market volatility



Source: Today's Trucking

Alberta trucking companies say rising costs, uneven competition, insurance pressures, and workforce challenges are shaping operations, with carriers calling for stronger enforcement and a renewed focus on training and retention. Industry representatives from a range of fleet sizes and sectors described a market where operating margins remain thin while expenses tied to equipment, parts, insurance, and compliance continue to climb. At the same time, some carriers say freight volumes and rates have not kept pace, intensifying pressure on business sustainability. Real Durand, terminal manager with Sokil Group of Companies, said rate compression linked to unfair competition remains a central concern. He pointed to the continued impact of the Driver Inc. model, which he said suppresses rates and creates unrealistic expectations among shippers.

Alberta trucking faces cost pressures, regulatory gaps, market volatility, March 7, 2026, www.todaystrucking.com

US/WORLD

Rising fuel costs forcing US truck shippers to shift freight



Source: JOC

Diesel prices stuck above \$5 per gallon are adding significantly to US trucking costs, squeezing shippers between rising rates and fuel surcharges and tightening capacity, with continued geopolitical uncertainty making a return to lower fuel prices unlikely for the foreseeable future. Companies such as packaged meats manufacturer Smithfield Foods are considering multiple options to control costs. “We’ve done lane consolidation, [we’re] adding intermodal,” Smithfield’s CEO Charles Shane Smith said on an earnings call last week in response to a question about the impact of rising fuel prices. Shippers trying to mitigate the impact of high fuel costs on their US-based supply chains are cutting miles and considering greater use of intermodal as a start.

Rising fuel costs forcing US truck shippers to shift freight, May 4, 2026, www.joc.com

FedEx Freight Outlines AI and Fuel Strategy Ahead of Spin-Off at ACT Expo



Source: Inbound Logistics

Incoming CEO John A. Smith said FedEx Freight's spin-off strategy will center on practical sustainability, predictive AI, and network optimization, with a focus on technologies that improve operations as the company becomes a standalone carrier. With FedEx Freight set to become a standalone company on June 1, incoming CEO John A. Smith used the ACT Expo stage in Las Vegas to lay out how the carrier plans to operate after the spin-off. The strategy he described reflects a freight market under pressure from multiple directions, including tighter margins, rising service expectations, and growing scrutiny on emissions. Still, his message stayed grounded in execution rather than transformation. Sustainability, he said, has to work inside the economics of the business, not outside of it.

FedEx Freight Outlines AI and Fuel Strategy Ahead of Spin-Off at ACT Expo, May 5, 2026, www.inboundlogistics.com



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Value added in exports, 2024



Source: Statcan

National data on the value added in exports for 2024 are now available. The national data on the value added in exports for 2022 and 2023 have been revised. The value in 2024 was \$677,755,626 compared to \$669,197,742 in 2023 and \$420,372,981 in 2020. In transportation and warehousing in 2024 it was \$48,951,302 compared to \$48,816,582 in 2023 and \$34,601,947 in 2020. By far the largest exports came from the manufacturing sector (\$246,021,255) followed by mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction (\$149,581,678) with the third being crop and animal production (\$25,256,631).

Value added in exports, 2024, May 4, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

Interest rate hikes possible if inflation and high energy prices become persistent, Tiff Macklem tells MPs



Source: Financial Post

The Bank of Canada will have no choice but to raise interest rates if high energy prices and inflation become persistent, central bank governor Tiff Macklem told MPs on the House of Commons' finance committee on Monday, May 4, 2026. Macklem used his appearance at the committee on Monday to reiterate his core message: That the Bank of Canada is monitoring the Iran war's impact on inflation, and it is prepared to do anything necessary to prevent persistent inflation if energy prices stay high.

Interest rate hikes possible if inflation and high energy prices become persistent, Tiff Macklem tells MPs, May 4, 2026, www.financialpost.ca

Canadian international merchandise trade, March 2026



Source: Statcan

In March 2026, Canada's merchandise exports posted a strong increase, rising 8.5%, while imports fell 1.6%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade balance with the world went from a deficit of \$5.1 billion in February to a surplus of \$1.8 billion in March 2026. This is the first trade surplus since September 2025. The major highlights were: 1. Gold and crude oil exports jump; 2. Imports fall after reaching a record high in February; 3. Trade surplus with the United States widens on higher exports; 4. Exports to countries other than the United States hit another record high.

Canadian international merchandise trade, March 2026, May 5, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

Canadian international trade in services, March 2026



Source: Statcan

Canada's monthly international trade in services balance went from a slight surplus of \$0.1 billion in February 2026 to a slight deficit of \$0.1 billion in March 2026. Overall, imports of services increased 1.7% to \$20.4 billion, and exports of services were up 0.5% to reach \$20.4 billion.

Canadian international trade in services, March 2026, May 5, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

EU awards over €1 billion to European hydrogen projects to accelerate the clean transition

On May 6, 2026, the European Commission has selected nine hydrogen production projects under the third auction of the European Hydrogen Bank (EHB). Across seven countries in the European Economic Area, the projects are *expected to provide almost 1.1 giga-watts of electrolyser capacity and produce over 1.3 million tonnes of hydrogen* over their first 10 years of operation, with an estimated greenhouse gas emissions avoidance of 9 million tonnes of CO₂ equivalent. The selected projects will receive a total of around €1.09 billion in EU funding from the Innovation Fund, sourced from the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS). The produced hydrogen will help reduce emissions from energy-intensive industries such as transport and chemicals. The projects are expected to *strengthen Europe's industrial leadership, long-term competitiveness and jobs, and contribute to EU's clean transition, energy independence and security.*

EU awards over €1 billion to European hydrogen projects to accelerate the clean transition, May 6, 2026, www.europa.eu



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Events

Shipping Federation of Canada
Annual Conference
Outlook for International Shipping

May 14 | Montreal - St. James Club (1145 Union Avenue)

Programme

- 2:00** Opening of Conference and Welcoming Remarks
- 2:05** **The Big Picture** | Trade, Tariffs and Politics
> **Pascal Chan**, Vice President, Strategic Policy & Supply Chains, Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- 2:50** **Navigating the Storm** | A Liner Shipping Perspective
> **Lars Jensen**, CEO, Vespucci Maritime
- 3:35** Health Break
- 3:45** **Canada's Trade Agenda** | Leveraging International Shipping's Role
> **Sara Colburne**, Senior Advisor, Sandstone Group
- 4:30** **Closing the Data Gap**
> Overview of the Shipping Federation's Trade Analysis of Canada's International Marine Cargo Flows
- 4:55** Wrap-up and Closing Remarks
- 5:00** Cocktail Reception

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The Shipping Federation of Canada is pleased to invite you to its annual conference, **Outlook for International Shipping**, taking place on **May 14, 2026** at the **St. James Club Montreal**.

Join them for a half-day business session (2:00–5:00 PM), featuring keynote speaker **Lars Jensen of Vespucci Maritime**, followed by a cocktail reception (5:00–7:00 PM).

Registration is now open at the link below for their annual conference in Montreal on May 14th. Hope to see you there!

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/ShippingFederationOfCanada/OutlookForInternationalShipping>



BCAC26 Conference Kelowna – Opening Insightful Speaker, Dr. Suzanne Kearns on May 25-27

Arguably Canada's leading aviation and aerospace post-secondary educator, first class author, academic and facilitator, Dr. Kearns will launch a variety of topics designed to promote open discussion throughout our policy/programs conference.

BCAC are delighted to announce that Dr. Suzanne Kearns, Founding Director of the Waterloo Institute of Sustainable Aeronautics (WISA) and Associate Professor, Aviation, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Environment at the University of Waterloo, will be their future thoughts Opening Speaker at our 2026 Conference in Kelowna.

Dr. Kearns is a leading academic with a focus on education and improving pilot performance. Her research explores how to optimize the next generation of aviation professionals (NGAP) by analyzing processes to attract people to the field of aviation.

An accomplished educator both in the classroom and through electronic courseware, Dr. Kearns has taught thousands of aviation professionals worldwide. She is a former airplane and helicopter pilot and is internationally recognized within the aviation and aerospace industry.

Dr. Kearns is the author or co-author of six books, including the textbook "Fundamentals of International Aviation" which is used around the world in multiple translations. In 2021, she founded the Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Aeronautics (WISA), a research institute at the University of Waterloo which she leads as its Director. WISA includes more than 140 faculty members and has a mission to become the world's leading hub for sustainable aeronautical research, technology, and education.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Kearns speak – register today for the 2026 BCAC Conference Kelowna: Soaring Above Challenges – Eyes on the Horizon



Vancouver Area Council SPRING NETWORKING EVENT

Join us for a spring networking opportunity bringing together industry associations, business and post-secondary partners across the supply chain ecosystem. Come out and meet your next supplier, customer or future employee - Everyone is welcome!

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CITT Vancouver Area Council is hosting a Spring Networking Event on May 29 at 5:30 PM at The Terminal Pub, 115 12th Street, New Westminster, BC.

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Job Postings

* Replenishment Analyst (Evergreen), Canadian Tire Corporation, Toronto, ON, Canada

About the job

Please note that your application will be considered for the current and future hiring opportunities within this job posting.

What You'll Do

The Replenishment Analyst role is a full-time permanent position, with learning and development opportunities including exposure to senior leaders, designation/certification/schooling support and mentorship. We also provide a comprehensive and competitive benefits package that flexes to meet your individual needs.

As a Replenishment Analyst you will develop broad operational experience while managing replenishment for specific categories. Replenishment Analysts collaborate with suppliers and internal teams to manage the flow of inventory into Distribution Centres and respond to changes in demand. Working in partnership with the Category Management, Forecasting, and Promotions teams, you will introduce exciting new products while maintaining and developing existing product assortments for promotional, regular, and seasonal demand. At the intersection of Supply Chain and Merchandising, this role is a cross-functional opportunity that is integral to the organization due to the high level of accountability and the critical impact to the bottom line.

- Negotiation and supplier relationship management, collaboration with internal and external stakeholders
- Data mining and analysis
- Rapid problem solving and thinking on your feet
- Seasonal inventory and replenishment strategy
- Distribution Requirements Planning (DRP)

- Supply Chain functions such as Operations Planning, Transportation, Distribution, Inventory Management
- Ownership and direct accountability for results and metrics

What You Bring

- Undergraduate or post graduate degree in Engineering, Math, Business or Commerce, with demonstrated interest in operations and supply chain
- 2+ Years Work Experience, can include Co-op or Internship experience
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Access
- Work experiences in analyst roles highly valued, especially data driven, analytical, or process improvement experience
- Analytical, comfortable with data driven decision making and working with numbers
- Negotiators able to gain consensus with internal and external stakeholders

We're always looking for great talent! In addition to competitive pay, we offer:

- Comprehensive benefits and retirement programs
- Performance incentives, Continuing Education Programs
- Other perks to support your well-being
- Career growth opportunities and product discounts

Our typical hiring range is between \$53,000 and \$88,000. Salary decisions are also dependent on other factors such as your experience, job-related knowledge, skills and competencies, market location, industry benchmarks, internal equity and other role-specific requirements.

This posting represents an existing vacancy within our organization.

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* Future Opportunities on the Logistics Team – Logistics Analyst, Labatt Breweries of Canada, Toronto, ON, Canada

Dreaming big is in our DNA. It's who we are as a company. It's our culture. It's our heritage. And more than ever, it's our future. A future where we're always looking forward. Always serving up new ways to

meet life's moments. A future where we keep dreaming bigger. We look for people with passion, talent, and curiosity, and provide them with the teammates, resources and opportunities to unleash their full potential. The power we create together – when we combine your strengths with ours – is unstoppable. Are you ready to join a team that dreams as big as you do?

SALARY: Starting Salary Opportunity: \$64,000+

Actual base pay will depend and vary based on factors such as individual experience and skills of the applicant.

BONUS: Bonus at Target \$9,600

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VACANCY TYPE: This posting reflects an ongoing opportunity for future openings.

COMPANY:

Founded over 175 years ago, Labatt is one of Canada's founding businesses and its leading brewer. We are proud of our history and our heritage in Canada, and we remain committed to brewing great-tasting, high-quality beers that have satisfied beer drinkers for generations. Labatt has created exciting experiences with consumers through iconic brands like Budweiser, Bud Light, NÜTRL, Michelob Ultra, Corona, Stella Artois and many more. Through our broad portfolio, we are truly a national brewer, with over 3,600 employees, a portfolio of more than 60 quality beers and beyond, and 10 breweries from coast-to-coast, we are proud to serve Canada and the communities we call home.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Schedule and coordinate daily transportation activities, ensuring timely deliveries and pickups.
- Manage and track transportation schedules, including vehicle availability and route assignments.

- Act as a primary point of contact for sales/deployment team regarding delivery inquiries, complaints, and changes to schedules.
- Generate daily or weekly reports on transportation activities, including delivery times, vehicle usage, and any issues encountered.
- Address any issues or disruptions in transportation, such as delays, vehicle breakdowns, or unexpected cancellations.
- Implement contingency plans and work with stakeholders and external carriers to resolve issues quickly.
- Monitor freight spend, identify cost-saving opportunities, and support budget planning.
- Ensure all the transport tendering and planning is done through TMS.
- Connect our logistics performance to Labatt's Culture/ 10 Principles, by being an owner who:
 - Dreams big.
 - Focuses on superior results.
 - Leads by example and take accountability.
 - Attracts and develops great people.
 - Build brands consumers love.
 - Grow with customers and communities.
 - Prioritizes simple and scalable solutions.
 - Manages costs tightly.
 - Thinks long-term.
 - Never take shortcuts.

JOB COMPETENCIES:

- Analytical, problem-solving, and communication skills.
- Strong attention to detail and ability to work under tight deadlines.
- Strong organizational and multitasking skills to handle daily coordination and scheduling.
- Ability to meet tight deadlines and work in a fast-paced environment
- Planning, time-management, and organizational skills

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree – Business, Engineering, Economics, Supply Chain, any other analytical field
- 2-4 years of experience in transport, logistics, or related roles
- Strong knowledge of the transport and logistics industry
- Ability to work collaboratively across departments

- Strong Excel and PowerPoint Skills
- Experience with SAP or other ERP systems transportation
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*** Transportation Senior Analyst, Best Buy, Minneapolis, MN, USA**

About the job

As the Transportation Senior Analyst, you'll be responsible for collecting, analyzing, and reporting on transportation performance metrics to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and support data-driven decision-making. You will influence through data on continuous improvement operations with key internal & external stakeholders while supporting the financial performance of the inbound collect program.

This role is hybrid, which means you will work some days at our corporate office in Richfield, Minnesota, and some days virtually from home or another non-Best Buy location. The specific work arrangements vary by role and team. The recruiter or hiring manager will provide more details during the hiring process.

What You'll Do

- Collect, consolidate, and validate transportation-related data from multiple internal systems, external platforms, and operational tools.
- Perform detailed data analysis to uncover patterns, measure performance metrics, and ensure data accuracy and integrity across all sources.
- Independently prepare financial presentations and reports (ad hoc and routine) that break down problems into critical components to drive actionable decisions
- Research financial variances, trends, and financial and operational drivers to prepare advanced presentations and reports that articulate clear recommendations to leaders
- Monitor metrics like on time performance, freight costs, spot rates, tender acceptances and carrier utilization.
- Prioritize incoming requests, effectively escalate issues, and contribute to resolution with Internal and External teams (Vendors, Carriers and Category).

- Drive actions to optimize cube and cost per load by leveraging metrics and dashboards.
- Recommend actionable strategies and process improvements to enhance cost efficiency, service levels, and overall operational performance.
- Respond to inbound security incidents including cargo theft, missing freight, and vendor issues.

Basic Qualifications

- 2 years of experience in transportation, logistics, supply chain or related area
- Strong business and financial acumen
- Previous experience with Microsoft Office including intermediate to advanced level with Excel
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Analytical problem-solving experience
- Understanding of retail and supply chain industries

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in supply chain, security management, logistics
- 3 years of experience in transportation, logistics, supply chain or related area

What's in it for you

We're committed to helping our people thrive at work and at home. We offer generous benefits that address your total well-being and provide support as you need it, especially key moments in your life.

Our Benefits Include

- Competitive pay
- Generous employee discount
- Physical and mental well-being support

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* Procurement & Operations Analyst, Louis Vuitton, New York, NY, USA

About The Job

Louis Vuitton Americas is seeking a *Procurement & Operations Analyst*, this individual will play a critical role in optimizing procurement processes, managing inventory, and providing operational support across various departments.

This position is responsible for executing tactical procurement functions for a diverse range of direct and indirect categories, including but not limited to IT, Construction, Operations, Distribution Centers, and Workshops. This role is crucial in supporting the RFI, RFQ, RFP process and optimizing supplier selection to align with department strategy management practices and spend management principles. The primary goal is to drive cost avoidance/savings while ensuring high quality and conditions indication of LVMH are met.

Job responsibilities

Responsibilities include but are limited:

Procurement & Category Support

- Support the tactical procurement function for multiple direct and indirect spend categories, ensuring adherence to establish policies and procedures.
- Assist in competitive bidding procedures, vendor selection, and contract negotiation to secure favorable terms and pricing across various categories.
- Collaborate with category managers on strategic projects to optimize spend, identify cost-saving opportunities, and improve supplier relationships.
- Focus on optimizing long-tail spend and other strategic initiatives to drive value and efficiency.

Inventory Management

- Support inventory planning, forecasting, and control efforts to maintain optimal stock levels and minimize carrying costs.
- Assist in monitoring inventory turns, identifying potential obsolescence, and coordinating with stakeholders to ensure product availability

Data Analysis & Reporting

- Develop and maintain dashboards of operational metrics and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) related to procurement performance, inventory health and operational efficiency.
- Leverage spend analytics, purchase order reports, market data, and inventory data to identify opportunities for cost savings, supplier consolidation, and process improvements.
- Prepare regular reports and presentation for stakeholder, highlighting trends, performance, and recommendations.

Operational Support & Continuous Improvement

- Provide general operational support to various departments, troubleshooting issues, and facilitating cross-functional communication.
- Participate in continuous improvement initiatives to enhance procurement processes, inventory management practices, and overall operational workflows.
- Ensure compliance with internal policies, regulatory requirements, and ethical standards in all procurement and operational activities.

Profile

Qualifications & Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree required (technical, supply chain, or business concentration preferred).
- 1-3 years of experience in procurement or a professional business environment with multiple stakeholders and complex requirements. Multi-site operations experience is a plus.

Skills & Tools:

- Strong data analysis and advanced spreadsheet proficiency (Excel).
- Excellent presentation skills (PowerPoint).
- Clear and concise written and oral communication, adapted to diverse audiences.

Knowledge & Attributes:

- Demonstrated procurement experience or a strong understanding of supplier markets and spend data.
- Exhibits agility, flexibility, and a process-oriented mindset.
- Exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Customer service-oriented with a strong commitment to delivering high-quality results.

The appointed candidate will be offered a salary within USD \$80,000 - \$90,000 annually, comprehensive benefits package including: medical, dental, vision, short and long-term disability, various paid time off programs, employee discounts/perks and two retirement plans both with employer contributions.

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