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## **Job Description: Produce Buyer**

Peirone Produce has been in business for 75 years. During that time, Peirone has become known as one of the premier suppliers for supermarkets in Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon. Peirone's reputation has been built on the solid foundation of integrity, high-quality products, competitive prices, and unmatched customer service.

The Produce Buyer is responsible for purchasing all assigned produce items. They are responsible for managing local supplier relationships, determining order quantities, ensuring all products arrive in a timely manner while meeting quality expectations, and negotiating favorable cost of products.

### **Essential Responsibilities:**

- Customer centered focus
- Effective inventory management of assigned commodities including quality, service level, discounting, and spoilage
- Direct accountability for ensuring we have competitive cost of goods
- Actively seek out and communicate new and innovative items for our customers
- Proactively seek out spot buys
- Forecast ad and regular item volume needs based on promotional plans of our customer base
- Monitor all assigned items for changes in sales trends
- Walk coolers daily to evaluate quality and condition of items purchased
- Work closely and communicate effectively with Sales, Warehousing and Transportation departments
- Maintain awareness of market trends and food safety

### **Desired Minimum Qualifications:**

- 2 years' experience in produce procurement
- Intermediate knowledge of Excel, Word and Outlook
- Strong organizational and multi-tasking skills
- Ability to communicate effectively in written and verbal form
- Ability to work holidays and weekends as needed
- Strong negotiating skills
- Strong analytical and math skills
- Ability to set priorities, meet deadlines and accomplish team objectives

### **Why Join Our Team?**

Our business is growing, and as a result, we are currently accepting applications for an experienced **Produce Buyer** to join our team in the beautiful city of Spokane, Washington. This individual will be responsible for service level, category management including inventory control, driving sales within assigned commodities, interfacing with sales manager and staff, and profitability.



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We seek only those who stand out above the rest—progressive thinkers who will push our company forward in a positive way. We work in a supportive team environment. In addition to our amazing culture, our employees enjoy many perks, below are a few of the highlights:

- Competitive salary based on experience
- Medical/Dental/Vision/RX Insurance Benefits - Peirone pays 100% of the premium for the employee and over 90% for your dependents!
- Employee assistance program
- 401k retirement plan with an amazing Company match!
- Life insurance for you and your family
- Short- and long-term disability
- Paid vacations
- Six paid holidays, with two personal holidays
- Paid sick days
- Employee discount program to include:
  - Company car auctions
  - Cash & Carry store discount
  - Discounted warehouse purchases

### **Ready to take the next step??**

Please fill out your name, contact information, and upload your resume.

Peirone Produce is an equal opportunity employer and provides equal employment opportunities to all individuals regardless of Race, Religion, Color, National Origin, Citizenship, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Age, Disability, Ancestry, Veteran Status, Genetic Information, Service in the Uniformed Services or any other classification protected by state or federal law. We are also committed to providing a work environment that is free of all forms of discrimination, regarding recruiting, hiring, training, promotions, compensation and all other conditions of employment. The selected candidate must be able to successfully complete a pre-employment background check, physical abilities test, and drug test, as URM is a drug free workplace (*including marijuana*).