

Construction Estimating Reference Data

Using North America's most recognized construction cost data from RSMeans, this step-by-step guide develops problem-solving skills through over 300 sample problems and exercises. All of the major construction items, including site work, concrete and masonry, wood and metal framing, doors and windows, and more are covered. Access to a password-protected web site is included, which contains the instruction version of RSMeans Cos/Works, the electronic version of RS Means Building Construction Cost Data, and sample building plans and spreadsheets, enabling you to practice creating a complete construction estimate.

Data aimed at estimating the cost of new single family residential construction. Designed for home owners, contractors, estimators, architects and engineers. Featuring unit, assemblies and square foot prices.

Answers all your questions about preparing competitive landscape construction estimates...Means Landscape Estimating is a thorough, easy-reading, organized working tool that talks you through every step of preparing effective bids and estimates in a minimum of time -plus guidance for planning jobs and marketing your company. Written by an award-winning landscape designer and contractor,

this edition of Means Landscape Estimating features an updated sample estimate, new productivity information, and reproducible forms. It includes a chapter on how to use Means Site Work & Landscape Cost Data as a pricing resource.

It deals in a practical and reasonable way with many of the estimating problems which can arise where building and civil engineering works are carried out and to include comprehensive estimating data within the guidelines of good practice. The early part of the book has been completely rewritten to contain chapters useful to students and practitioners alike for the development of the estimating process resulting in the presentation of a tender for construction works. The second and major part of the book contains estimating data fully updated for the major elements in building and civil engineering work, including a new chapter on piling, and a wealth of constants for practical use in estimating. The estimating examples are based on the current edition of the Standard Method of Measurement for Building Works (SMM7). The comprehensive information on basic principles of estimating found in 'Spence Geddes' are still as valid today as the first edition. In this edition the prevailing rates of labour and costs of materials are taken whenever possible as a round figure. Readers will appreciate in the construction industry that prices are continually changing, rise and fall, and that

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worked examples should therefore be used as a guide to method of calculation substituting in any specific case the current rates applicable to it. In the case of plant output dramatic increases have been experienced in productivity over recent years and again estimators with their own records should substitute values appropriate to their work.

Contains alphabetically arranged entries that provide step-by-step instructions, with tips, techniques, tools, and templates, for residential construction projects, including tiling, dry wall, electric, heating and air conditioning, siding, and much more. Includes CD-ROM with instructions for each job.

This comprehensive reference explains everything you need to know about taking off and pricing detailed, unit price construction estimates. The book takes you through every step of the estimating process — from receipt of the plans, to detailed quantity takeoffs and pricing, to bidding strategies, and finally, cost control. Also includes electronic estimating forms you can access to download and customize from the book's own website. Organized for quick reference, the book features: Estimating guidance for every segment of construction by CSI MasterFormat division — the most recognized industry standard for organizing construction projects and costs Checklists and forms to streamline the estimating process What to watch out for — common errors and omissions How to calculate

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and apply direct and indirect costs, including overhead and profit A complete, fully updated sample cost estimate An appendix with labor hours for common construction operations

For beginning to intermediate courses in construction estimating in two- and four-year construction management programs. A step-by-step, hands-on introduction to commercial and residential estimating Construction Estimating with Excel, 3/e, introduces readers to the fundamental principles of estimating using drawing sets, real-world exercises, and examples. The book moves step-by-step through the estimating process, discussing the art of estimating, the quantity takeoff, how to put costs to the estimate, and how to finalize the bid. As students progress through the text they are shown how Microsoft Excel can be used to improve the estimating process. Because it introduces spreadsheets as a way of increasing estimating productivity and accuracy, the book can help both beginning and experienced estimators improve their skills. The Third Edition gives students a broader understanding of construction estimating with a new chapter discussing the role that estimating plays in different project delivery methods and in the design process and how to use data from RSMeans. To bring the book up to date, the material and equipment costs and labor rates have been updated to reflect current costs, and the discussion of Excel (including the figures) is based

on Excel 2016. Additionally, content throughout the book has been updated to align to ACCE and ABET student learning outcomes. Student resources are available on the companion website

www.pearsonhighered.com/careersresources/ .

This manual explains all concrete work, from simple slabs to highways and multi-story buildings. Everyone who works with concrete should have these step-by-step instructions, illustrations, charts, reference data, cost estimates and examples. You'll learn the best methods for transporting, pumping, and placing concrete; the right type of joint to avoid cracking; how your mix and curing method affect strength; what curing compounds to use and more. Includes how to avoid hot, dry and cold weather problems.

This manual shows you, in simple, easy -to-understand language, how to calculate the amount of dirt you'll have to move, the cost of owning and operating the machines you'll do it with, and finally, how to assign bid prices to each part of the job. Using clear, detailed illustrations and examples, the author makes it easy to follow and duplicate his system. The book ends with a complete sample estimate, from the take-off to completing the bid sheet. Included in this book:

- How to set up & use an organized & logical estimating system
- How to read plans & specs
- Why a site visit is mandatory
- How to assess accessibility & job difficulty
- How soil characteristics can affect your estimate
- The best ways to evaluate subsurface conditions
- Figuring your overhead
- How to get the information you need from contour maps
- When you

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have to undercut -- Dealing with irregular regions and odd areas -- Factors for estimating swell and shrinkage -- Balancing the job: spoil & borrow -- Calculating machine owning & operating costs -- The two common methods of estimating earthwork quantities

Simplify the estimating process with the latest data, materials, and practices *Electrical Estimating Methods, Fourth Edition* is a comprehensive guide to estimating electrical costs, with data provided by leading construction database RS Means. The book covers the materials and processes encountered by the modern contractor, and provides all the information professionals need to make the most precise estimate. The fourth edition has been updated to reflect the changing materials, techniques, and practices in the field, and provides the most recent Means cost data available. The complexity of electrical systems can make accurate estimation difficult, but this guide contains all the necessary information in one place. An electrical estimate represents the total cost for materials, labor, overhead and profit, but accuracy is virtually impossible without a basic knowledge of the field, and real-world experience in the type of work required. Inaccurate estimates lead to problems with customer satisfaction, which often create payment issues. A thorough, complete, and accurate estimate is in the best interest of all parties involved in the work. *Electrical Estimating Methods* provides more than just data. Detailed discussions about the work itself help highlight factors that may escape notice, and access to the latest cost data helps tie everything together. Features include: Discussion of current equipment, materials, and processes Means data for both residential and commercial projects Case studies that illustrate best practices Online access to the latest Means data for fast access on the job The book discusses specific situations as well as general practices, and provides comprehensive guidance to the creation of a true, current,

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estimation of costs. For electrical contractors and estimators, *Electrical Estimating Methods* contains must-have content that simplifies the estimating process.

Industrial Construction Estimating Manual focuses on industrial process plants and enables the contractor, subcontractor, and engineer to use methods, models, procedures, formats, and technical data for developing industrial process plant construction estimates. The manual begins with an introduction devoted to labor, data collection, verification of data, coding, productivity measurement, the unit quantity model, and computer-aided cost estimating. It goes on to provide information on construction materials, database systems, work estimating, computer-aided estimating, detailed labor estimates, bid assurance, and detailed applications to construction. Practical examples based on historical data collected from past installations are also included as well as a detailed glossary, Excel and mathematical formulas, metric/standard conversions, area and volume formulas, and boiler man-hour tables. *Industrial Construction Estimating Manual* aids contractors, subcontractors, and engineers with a balance-detailed estimating method using the unit quantity model and is an excellent resource for those involved in engineering, technology, and construction estimating. Provides a detailed estimating method using the unit-quantity model to prepare construction estimates. Delivers information on construction materials, databases, labor estimates, computer-aided estimating, bid assurance, and applications to construction. Utilizes historical data, from a database of previous similar work, calculates material cost and labor by category, and produces both summary and detailed man-hour and cost estimates.

How to succeed in the construction business—step-by-step guidelines for estimating To be competitive, contractors and homebuilders need to know how to generate complete, accurate

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estimates for labor and material costs. This book guides readers through the entire estimating process, explaining in detail how to put together a reliable estimate that can be used not only for budgeting, but also for developing a schedule, managing a project, dealing with contingencies, and ultimately making a profit. Completely revised and updated to reflect the new CSI MasterFormat 2010™ system, the Second Edition of this practical guide describes estimating techniques for each building system and how to apply them according to the latest industry standards. Cost considerations and quantity takeoff and pricing are included for virtually every type of work found in residential and light commercial projects, from demolition, concrete, and masonry to windows and doors, siding, roofing, mechanical and electrical systems, finish work, and site construction. Complete with many new graphics and references to professional construction cost databases, the new edition provides experienced contractors and novices alike with essential information on: How to correctly interpret plans and specifications, reflecting updates to contract documents since the first edition Computer estimating techniques and new estimating software for performing quantity takeoff The best methods for conceptual estimating as well as the extremely useful topic of parametric estimating How to allocate the right amounts for profit and contingencies, and other hard-to-find professional guidance How a unit price estimate is built along with labor issues and budgeting for subcontractor work Basic engineering principles are offered in non-technical language that the builder can put to use on his jobs. Includes understanding engineering requirements on the plans and how to meet them, sizing of structural members using only preliminary plans, and requirements for steel, concrete, and masonry.

Students and professionals encountering estimating for the first time need an approachable

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introduction to its principles and techniques, which is up to date with current practice. Introduction to Estimating for Construction explains both the traditional techniques, and best practice in early contractor involvement situations, within the framework of modern construction procurement. As well as introducing different estimating techniques, it includes: The nature of costs in construction from a cost of resources approach Modern tendering procedures and the stages of development of construction projects How to convert an estimate into a formal tender and then into a contract Simple numerical examples of estimates Estimating and cost analysis during the construction project Summaries and discussion questions in every chapter This is an easy to read introduction to building estimating for undergraduate students, or anyone working in a quantity surveying or construction commercial management role who needs a quick reference.

According to a recent national survey, more construction contractors use QuickBooks Pro and QuickBooks than all other accounting programs combined. And for good reason. QuickBooks Pro excels at all the routine paperwork in a construction office: writing checks, keeping track of your bank balance, sending out invoices and statements, creating up-to-the-minute profit and loss statements for the month, year or by job, writing payroll checks, paying suppliers and subcontractors, tracking job costs, comparing estimated and actual costs for each job, and much more. But there's a lot to learn in QuickBooks Pro. And converting to a new accounting system can be a complex and confusing task, even if you have a strong background in accounting and plenty of time to install the new system. That's why this book was written -- because most construction pros aren't accounting experts and have more important work to do at the job site.

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Now users can successfully bid on contracting jobs anywhere! The DEWALT® Electrical Estimating Professional Reference offers complete coverage of the traditional methods of estimating as well as the “hurry up” methods, while explaining how and when to use them. This invaluable tool puts information at your fingertips, from knowing material and labor costs to understanding overhead and profit margins, and is an important guide to the success of any professional electrician's business.

This comprehensive reference covers the full spectrum of technical data required to estimate construction costs. The book includes information on sizing, productivity, equipment requirements, code-mandated specifications, design standards and engineering factors.

Easily master QuickBooks Pro 2003 and quickly learn how to generate reports to help you analyze your company's progress. Includes a FREE CD-ROM with preconfigured construction company files for QuickBooks Pro, including one for Canada. Just drag the company file onto your hard drive and then fill it in with your vendors, subs, and customers. Also included is a complete estimating program with a cost database to help you estimate your jobs, and a unique translation tool to transfer the estimate to QuickBooks Pro for job costing. Includes 40 FREE construction forms.

Produce accurate estimates for nearly any residence in just minutes. This handy

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manual has the shortcuts and tables you need to find the quantity of materials and labor for most residential construction. Includes overhead and profit, how to develop unit costs for labor and materials, and how to be sure you've considered every cost in the job. Written by an expert in the field.

This brand-new book provides a thorough introduction to cost estimating in a self-contained print and online package. With clear explanations and a hands-on, example-driven approach, it is the ideal reference for students and new professionals who need to learn how to perform cost estimating for building construction. With more than 930 Location Factors in the United States and Canada, the data includes up-to-date system prices for more than 100 standard assemblies and in-place costs for thousands of alternates making it easy to customize budget estimates and compare system costs. The book includes a free access code to the supplemental website with plans, specifications, problem sets, and a full sample estimate.

This easy-to-understand pocket guide was developed by a real-world contractor who has perfected the art of construction estimating! The DEWALT Construction Estimating Professional Reference is a great resource to learn how to successfully bid on a variety of construction projects. Chock-full of practical advice based on the author's real-life experience in bidding countless

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construction jobs, this reference explores such key topics as forms and checklists, subcontractors and suppliers, procedures, trade evaluation, costs, profit, and overheads, and much more! Check out our app, DEWALT® Mobile Pro(tm). This free app is a construction calculator with integrated reference materials and access to hundreds of additional calculations as add-ons. To learn more, visit dewalt.com/mobilepro.

Everything you need to know to estimate, build, and repair practically every type of roof covering: asphalt shingles, roll roofing, wood shingles & shakes, clay tile, slate, metal, built-up, and elastomeric. Shows how to measure and estimate most roofs (including estimating shortcuts discovered by the author), how to install leak-proof underlayment and flashing, and how to solve problems with insulation, vapor barriers, and waterproofing. Over 300 large, clear illustrations that help you find the answers to all your roofing questions.

If your computer has Windows and a CD-ROM drive, the interactive CD Estimator disk enclosed could change forever the way you estimate construction costs. It's the most complete, most timely collection of cost estimates ever offered in machine-readable form: Over 2,500 pages of manhours, labor and material costs for new construction, repair and remodeling work, electrical work, renovation and insurance repair, plumbing and HVAC work, painting and

wallcovering. Plus, the National Estimator program for Windows makes it easy to use this cost data to compile construction estimates for nearly any residential, commercial or industrial job.

Packed with plumbing isometrics and helpful illustrations, this guide makes clear the code requirements for installing materials for plumbing and gas systems. Includes code tables for pipe sizing and fixture units, and code requirements for just about all areas of plumbing, from water supply and vents to sanitary drainage systems. Covers the principles and terminology of the code, how the various systems work and are regulated, and code-compliance issues you'll likely encounter on the job.

Companies live or die on the basis of estimating their costs. Preparing estimates and bidding for new jobs is a complex and often costly process. There is no substitute for on the job training -- until now. Drawing on the authors' combined experience of more than 70 years, *Estimating Building Costs* presents state-of-the-art principles, practices, and techniques for assessing these expenditures that can be applied regardless of changes in the costs of materials, equipment, and labor. The book is an efficient and practical tool for developing contracts or controlling project costs. The authors cover the major components of the direct cost: estimating procedures and cost trends related to materials, construction equipment, and skilled and unskilled labor. They describe

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various types of building estimates encountered during the lifecycle of a project, as well as the role and accuracy of each. The book provides an overview of the industry, cost indexes in use, approaches to preparing a detailed estimate, and an in-depth description of the organization and function of the estimating group. Including CSI Master Format and UniFormat codes, estimating forms, a list of available estimating software packages, a detailed construction site and investigation report, the book provides a cost estimating methodology that readers can tailor to their own organizational needs.

Hundreds of questions and answers to help you pass the apprentice, journeyman, or master plumber's exam. Questions are in the style of the actual exam. The best way to prepare yourself for examination day!

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Ying-Kit Choi walks engineers through standard practices, basic principles, and design philosophy needed to prepare quality design and construction documents for a successful infrastructure project.

Robert Peurifoy was a giant in the field of construction engineering and authored several books during his lifetime. This book last published in 1989 and will capitalize on the well-known name of the author. In this edition, computer calculations of costs and of

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modeling have been added as well as updated statistics, computer related examples and new problems. Civil, Environmental, and Construction Management Engineering Majors and Professionals will benefit from having this title on their shelf. This edition retains the conceptual strengths of the Peurifoy approach and organization from the previous edition but the new problems and computer-based examples and new up-to-date construction data make it the only choice in academia or industry.

Industrial Piping and Equipment Estimation Manual delivers an invaluable resource for day-to-day operations. Packed full of worksheets covering combined and simple cycle power plants, refineries, compressor stations, ethanol, hydrogen and biomass plants, this reference helps the construction engineer and estimator learn how to create bids where scope and quantity differences can be identified and project impacts estimated. Beginning with an introduction devoted to labor, productivity measurement, estimating methods, and factors affecting construction labor productivity and impacts of overtime, the author then explores equipment through hands-on estimation tables, including sample estimates and statistical applications. The book rounds out with a glossary, abbreviations list, formulas, and metric/standard conversions, and is an ideal reference for estimators, engineers and managers with the level of detail and equipment breakdown necessary for today's industrial operations. Includes day-to-day worksheets to help users estimate equipment and piping for any plant or refinery project Presents the comparison method to estimate similarities and differences between proposed and

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previously installed equipment Helps users understand and produce more accurate direct costs with sample estimates

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Provides the 300 most useful manhour tables for practically every item of construction. Labor requirements are listed for sitework, concrete work, masonry, steel, carpentry, thermal and moisture protection, doors and windows, finishes, mechanical, and electrical. Each section details the work being estimated and gives appropriate crew size and equipment needed. This new revised edition contains National Estimator, a computer estimating program. This fast, powerful program and complete instructions are yours free on high-density 3 1/2" disk when you buy the book.

This working handbook provides invaluable assistance for estimating and planning today's more complex urban and suburban heavy construction rehabilitation projects. Means Heavy Construction Handbook is designed to simplify the task by providing relevant information and advice for the problem at hand... whether it's selecting the right number of haulers for a load and haul job, choosing the right method of compaction, or projecting equipment repair and maintenance costs. You'll find a tremendous range of expert advice on every aspect of heavy construction work... including guidance for using RSM means cost data to prepare highly reliable estimates. FEATURES: Special benefits of this unique Handbook: Explains the business aspects of buying vs. leasing, maintaining, and accounting for equipment. Includes a major section on site evaluation

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and hazardous wastes. Provides a comprehensive understanding of heavy construction operations and equipment. Explains techniques for hazardous waste site assessment and remediation. Provides guidance for analyzing and estimating heavy construction on a unit price basis. Explains and illustrates the math of heavy construction with formulas and sample calculations – solutions to a variety of productivity and operational problems. Provides a substantial Appendix of productivity and other reference data for estimating and project planning. Explains successful management and supervision approaches – including guidance for those who oversee the work.

This affordable, real-world guide to success in construction estimating is loaded with tips, checklists, worksheets, data tables, and step-by-step tutorials to help you navigate every step of the estimating process. The text focuses on "how-to" essentials, with on-the-spot answers, visual examples and a strong focus on key factors affecting profit, such as marketing, bid planning, drawing review, scope planning, quantity take-off, pricing, quote evaluation, cost summary, and bid closing for all trades and divisions. Drawing on extensive experience in the industry, the author provides practical solutions for the unprecedented challenges that construction professionals face today, including fierce competition, material price volatility, skilled labor shortages, and strict regulations. He also illuminates the relationship between estimating and project management, with coverage of overhead expenses, value engineering, turnover meeting, and change order pricing.

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Everything you need to know to accurately estimate materials and labor for residential and commercial electrical construction. Written by an A.S.P.E. National Estimator of the Year, it teaches you how to use labor units, the plan take-off, and the bid summary to make an accurate estimate, how to deal with suppliers, use pricing sheets, and modify labor units. Provides extensive labor unit tables and blank forms for your next electrical job.

Have you ever had to provide accurate costs for a new supermarket or a pub "just an idea...a ballpark figure..." ? The earlier a pricing decision has to be made, the more difficult it is to estimate the cost and the more likely the design and the specs are to change. And yet a rough-and-ready estimate is more likely to get set in stone. Spon's First Stage Estimating Handbook is the only comprehensive and reliable source of first stage estimating costs. Covering the whole spectrum of building costs and a wide range of related M&E work and landscaping work, vital cost data is presented as: costs per square metre elemental cost analyses principal rates composite rates. Compact and clear, Spon's First Stage Estimating Handbook is ideal for those key early meetings with clients. And with additional sections on whole life costing and general information, this is an essential reference for all construction professionals and clients making early judgements on the viability of new projects.

This comprehensive reference covers the full spectrum of technical data required to estimate costs for major construction projects. Widely used in the industry for tasks

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ranging from routine estimates to special cost analysis projects, the book has been completely updated and reorganized with new and expanded technical information. RSMMeans Estimating Handbook will help construction professionals: Evaluate architectural plans and specifications Prepare accurate quantity takeoffs Compare design alternatives and costs Perform value engineering Double-check estimates and quotes Estimate change orders FEATURES: This new edition includes expanded coverage of: Construction specialties—green building, metal decking, plastic pipe, demolition items, and more Preliminary or square foot estimating tools Updated city cost indexes to adjust costs—by trade—for 30 major cities Historic indexes to factor costs for economic effects over time Complete reorganization to the newest CSI MasterFormat classification system

This pocket-sized book is a concise guide to the basics of estimating construction costs for residential and light commercial building projects. It provides a step-by-step guide to estimating the total cost of a construction project. It takes readers through five phases that lead to a successful estimate: initial assessment, work analysis, programming, costing and cost distribution and summarization. The book's primary targets are small contractors; however, the principles set forth in the book are applicable to all contractors. The book could also serve as a textbook for estimating classes in construction management programs at universities and community colleges. The last section of the book provides useful but not readily available information for estimators

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on diverse topics, e.g., detailed information about Value Engineering, scheduling, subcontractor selection, bid summarization, and so on. An extensive glossary of construction terms is also included. Readers in all construction capacities will find: * A new, fresh look at the often baffling and deceptive job of estimating construction costs for residential and light commercial construction * How to assess plans, review bonds, and evaluate the site and the project schedule before beginning a cost take-off * How to integrate a cost estimate into a general accounting program for cost management and eventual billing * Incredibly helpful appendix with common construction standards and measurements--from standards for concrete forms, to nail sizes to commercial lumber sizes, and much more!

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