

Sage Construction and Real Estate Solutions

Estimating Extended

For estimators who demand more from estimating systems, Estimating Extended, an application for Sage Timberline Office and Sage Master Builder, offers our most comprehensive package of cutting-edge estimating tools.

Setup Simplified

Now you can get up and running on Estimating Extended even faster. The time-consuming task of setting up and building a database has been streamlined with the Database Builder Wizard. The Wizard walks you through the necessary steps of establishing your database more quickly and efficiently, saving you time and money and allowing you to take full advantage of the Estimating software.

Slash takeoff time

Now estimators can take advantage of several ways to take off estimates in less time. With quick takeoff, you simply drag individual or groups of items from the cost database directly into the spreadsheet on the screen. Enter dimensions, and the software calculates all quantities for you. Or, if you prefer, you can use item takeoff to work with items prior to pulling them into the spreadsheet.

For ultimate time-savings, Smart Assemblies or Model Takeoff are your tools, letting you take off all items in a wall, door, concrete slab, or an entire building core and shell all at once. A takeoff audit trail is also included in Estimating Extended, so you can double-check your work at any time.

Manage complex estimating with variable pricing

Choose the materials pricing and labor production rates that make the most sense for the job whether that means the default settings or your own custom prices and rates. You're able to store up to 20 different prices for a single item and 10 different labor production rates.

Keep bids and quotes within reach

The software's subcontractor bid grid offers a simple way to store, analyze, and select subcontractor bids and quotes by item. Log each subcontractor's name, bid quantity, unit price, total bid amount, and any notes in the pop-up grid. Then just click on the bid you'd like to use, and the estimate instantly calculates the item based on your decision. What if you change your mind? Simply check a replacement bid, and the substitution is made instantly.

See it all from a new angle

With Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) codes, you can organize estimates a variety of ways: project phase, drawing detail, or location, like Floor One or Two. Just define and assign your own WBS codes to any estimate item, either in the database or during takeoff. With the ability to attach up to 40 WBS codes to each item, your analysis and reporting possibilities are endless.

Not only can you work with an estimate in any order you choose, you can change the order instantly using the sequencing tabs at the bottom of the spreadsheet

BENEFITS

- Start generating estimate and reap ROI benefits sooner due to database setup and implementation tools.
- Build more estimates in a fraction of the time it's currently taking you
- Easy to learn and use without jeopardizing power and flexibility
- Streamline estimating takeoff to spend more time for estimate analysis and fine-tuning
- Stand alone or integrated estimating solution—the choice is yours

Easily make adjustments

Whether it's during analysis or at the last minute, making adjustments to an estimate is a snap in Estimating Extended. The software's adjust columns feature lets you revise all, or a portion of, the quantities, amounts, and prices contained within a column at once. Calculate by a percentage, by multiplying or dividing an amount, by replacing an amount, or by spreading an amount proportionally over the selection.

On bid day, when time is everything, adjustments can be easily made through Estimating Extended's totals page. Log in last-minute cuts and adds, and the software automatically generates the change throughout all the affected areas of the estimate. Or use the adjust job totals feature to match a pre-defined job total or cost per unit, or to play with the final numbers.

Go global

Estimating Extended makes it easy for you to take off an estimate in one system of measurement and deliver it in another. Estimates can automatically be converted from Imperial units to metric units or vice versa.

Present your work with flair

With so much riding on it, it's critical that the work you produce for clients and upper management be professional-looking and easy to understand. Estimating Extended reports are just that, with the ability to include different type fonts and sizes, bolding, italics and colors. You can create custom headers and footers, including graphics, and use WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) reporting to quickly strip, add to and tweak an estimate just the way you want. Estimating Extended also delivers a number of advanced reports to help in estimate analysis. Print the cost variance report to quickly see where costs and quantities have varied between two similar projects. Or view the cost comparison report to zero in on where unit costs have changed between conceptual, interim, and final estimates on a project.

Estimating Extended is a part of the Sage Construction and Real Estate family of integrated software created to streamline work and connect the people you depend on to build your business

The screenshot displays the Estimating Extended software interface. The main window shows a takeoff table with columns for Uniformat, Assembly, Description, Takeoff Quantity, Labor Cost/Unit, Labor Amount, Material Amount, Equip Amount, Total Cost/Unit, and Total Amount. The table is organized into sections like SUPERSTRUCTURE, EXTERIOR CLOSURE, THERMAL PROTECTION, and INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION. A secondary window titled 'Bid Grid: Multiple Items' is open, showing a detailed view of bid items with columns for Sub Name, Bid Quantity, Unit Cost, and Amount. A callout box points to this window with the text: 'A subcontractor bid grid in Estimating Extended makes it simple to store, analyze and select subcontractor bids by item.'

With Estimating Extended, analysis and reporting possibilities are endless. For instance, use WBS codes to produce an estimate sorted by Uniformat.