

Estimating Building Construction

Introduction to Estimating, Plan Reading and Construction Techniques Gary Anglin

2019-11-05 To understand Construction

Estimating one must also understand plan reading and construction techniques. This book is designed to teach the construction student these three core skills in equal measure. Using hundreds of plans, sketches, and photos, the book builds case studies of the major construction divisions including concrete, masonry, carpentry, and more. Over forty cases are divided into sections following a specially designed format: Plans: Scale drawings of floor plans, sections, or elevations. Plan Interpretation: The drawings are explained with comments. Scope of the Work: A written description of the boundaries of the work is

given for each section. Construction Techniques: The construction processes and their sequence are explained. The Takeoff: A takeoff is shown at the end of each section. This approach helps foster confidence in plan reading, building methods, arithmetic, takeoffs, and estimates. The various products and terms used in the industries of structural steel, doors and hardware, and roofing are defined. The shop drawing process is explained, which is so important in many industries, as well as the role of and difference between manufacturers, fabricators, and suppliers/distributors. The book ends with a study of "front end" documents, including Division 00 General Conditions, AIA 201, and Division 01 General Requirements, and a chapter on Ethics. This textbook can be used to teach a variety of classes including plan

reading, construction techniques, and estimating 1 and 2 (takeoffs and pricing).

Estimating Building Costs and Appraising Buildings Frank Edwin Barnes 1924

Estimating Building Costs Calin M. Popescu 2003-04-22 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 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.

Construction Estimating Karl F. Schmid 2011-09-30 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 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!

How to Estimate with RSMeans Data Saleh A. Mubarak 2012-04-04 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.

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2012-04-10 RSMMeans Cost Data, Student Edition 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. Features include: Commercial and residential construction cost data in print and online formats Complete how-to guidance on the essentials of cost estimating A supplemental website with plans, specifications, problem sets, and a full sample estimate 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. UNIT PRICES (organized in MasterFormat 2010) 1 General Requirements 2 Existing Conditions 3

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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 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.

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How to Estimate with RSMeans Data RSMeans 2020-03-31 A practical, hands-on guide to real-world construction estimating How to Estimate with RSMeans Data is the only instructional book on construction cost estimating that uses the most popular source of construction cost data, RS Means. This updated fifth edition includes new coverage on the role of Building Information Modeling (BIM) in the estimating process, and over 300 sample problems and exercises that show you how to apply cost data to your building project based on the RS Means 2015 Building Construction Cost Data. The

companion website provides access to RS Means CostWorks data, allowing you to use real-world numbers in your practice estimates, and the included Instructor's Manual provides step-by-step solutions to problems in the book. Focused on the practical aspects of estimating, this book emphasizes the application of estimating techniques—which are transferable to any estimating software—through problem solving and the ground-up creation of complete construction project estimates. Estimating skills are fundamental to the construction industry, and are applied by all parties at all levels throughout the industry. This book is a hands-on guide to the techniques and tools used to create a thorough estimate, with plenty of opportunities for practice. Apply cost data to all aspects of the building project Practice your skills on over 300 sample problems Construct a complete estimate using RSMeans Besides being an essential construction skill, learning estimating helps you become familiar with reading and understanding

construction blueprints and how construction assemblies are built. Mastery of these vital skills is important to your future career, and *How to Estimate with RSMeans Data* is your ideal guide to a solid foundation.

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Construction Cost Estimating Len Holm
2021-04-07 *Construction Cost Estimating* equips a new generation of students and early-career professionals with the skills they need to bid successfully on projects. From developing bid strategies to submitting a completed bid, this innovative textbook introduces the fundamentals of construction estimating through a real-life case study that unfolds across its 24 chapters. Exercises at the end of each chapter offer hands-on practice with core concepts such as quantity take-offs, pricing, and estimating for subcontractor work. Online resources provide instant access to examples of authentic

construction documents, including complete, detailed direct work estimates, subcontractor work estimates, general conditions estimates, markups, and summary schedules. Through its unique mix of real-world examples and classroom-tested insights, *Construction Cost Estimating* ensures that readers are familiar with the entire estimating process even before setting foot on the jobsite.

Estimating Building Costs for the Residential and Light Commercial Construction Professional

Wayne J. Del Pico
2023-10-17 A step-by-step guide to estimating building costs for contractors—updated to align with CSI MASTERFORMAT™ 2020 Few aspects of a construction project are more fundamental than the cost estimate, which can mean the difference between a professionally executed project and a financial and legal disaster. Properly handled, a construction cost estimate can protect both the contractor and the client from losing money on a project. The estimate is

the first step toward a successful project. For contractors, therefore, the knowledge required to construct an accurate price estimate is critical. *Estimating Building Costs for the Residential and Light Commercial Construction Professional* provides this knowledge in a thorough and comprehensive guide. It takes readers step-by-step through the process of constructing a cost estimate, and provides guidance for incorporating cost estimates into budgeting, scheduling, project management, and more. The result is a fundamental guide to this critical aspect of the construction industry. Readers of the third edition of *Estimating Building Costs for the Residential and Light Commercial Construction Professional* will also find: Fully updated text to reflect the new CSI MASTERFORMAT™ 2020 Analysis of cost considerations, quantity takeoff, pricing, and more Step-by-step guidance for developing a comprehensive cost estimate All-new sections covering scope of work, wage scales in the US,

and a project overhead checklist Considerations for adding profit and contingencies to an estimate Estimating Building Costs for the Residential and Light Commercial Construction Professional is an essential resource for contractors in residential and light commercial construction, as well as students studying construction management and construction estimating.

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Estimating and Bidding for Heavy Construction Stuart H. Bartholomew 2000 Disk

contains: CSUC, CHICO Cost-estimating program, LOAD-AND-HAUL programs for off-highway end-dump trucks and push-loaded scrapers, and an indirect cost computer spreadsheet template.

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Estimating Building Costs for the Residential and Light Commercial Construction Professional Wayne J. Del Pico 2012-04-30 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 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 CSIMasterFormat 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

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Estimating Building Costs Charles Francis Dingman 1923

Construction Cost Analysis and Estimating Phillip F. Ostwald 2001 This work provides principles & techniques for the evaluation of construction design, emphasizing the importance of strong analysis skills & exploring estimation. It aims to provide readers with a

balanced & cohesive overview of these two areas.

Building Construction Estimating George Henderson Cooper 1971

Construction Estimating and Bidding: Training Manual to Acquire Fundamental Knowledge in

Estimating Building Construction Costs Yvon Chabot 2019-03-05 The purpose of this manual is to enable students to gain fundamental knowledge of estimating the cost of building construction projects. The procedures used for estimating vary from company to company. On the other hand, the construction industry has become, over the years, more competitive which has made construction companies to do their best in order to offer the best possible service at the least price. To overcome this constraint, it is necessary to know precisely the cost of services. And it would be the role of an Estimator.

Unfortunately, there are no specific rules, as it accounts, for obtaining a good estimate, even among individuals within a company. Because of

contracting method currently employed (like fast track or PPP) construction companies need precision in their estimates; in addition, as estimators are increasingly consulted at conceptual design stage, we will talk about conceptual estimate in chapter one and then focus on detailed estimations and its process in upcoming chapters. We all know that a good estimator needs to have a good knowledge about construction techniques and factors that influence the realization of a project. We also know that an individual who possesses a high level of experience in his/her field but also could be a poor estimator in the absence of reliable method. So, in this manual we will focus more on estimations' method rather than techniques of construction. A detailed estimate (Bid Estimate) can be analyzed in terms of the SIX principal stages of the process: 1. Quantity Takeoff 2. Recap Quantities 3. Pricing the Recap 4. Pricing Subcontractor's work 5. Pricing General Expenses 6. Summary and Bid To decode these six

steps into an effective and accurate estimation method, the manual is divided into three modules. Each module is divided into chapters. The first module addresses the preparation of an estimate for construction and describes the entire submission process. The second module deals with the methods of measurement of the constructive systems then, in the third module, establish the prices of the elements, the expenses of the general conditions and finally, close the submission.

The New Building Estimator William Arthur
2015-08-05 Excerpt from The New Building Estimator: A Practical Guide to Estimating the Cost of Labor and Material in Building Construction, From Excavation to Finish; With Various Practical Examples of Work Presented in Detail, and With Labor Figured Chiefly in Hours and Quantities; A Handbook for Archite "The Building Estimator," of which the present book is an outgrowth, had only 150 pages, and an Index of two; this edition contains 732 pages and an

Index of seventeen. In such a large work as this now is. a good Index is of great value, and it is suggested that it be frequently consulted. The belief is that the increase in value has more than kept pace with the bulk. An endeavor to keep down the thickness has been made by using a thinner paper than In former editions. The field of building is always expanding, and the author and publishers try to keep the "New Building Estimator" abreast of every progressive development. Therefore, in addition to the main part of the book dealing with the standard construction, there are detailed figures on reinforced concrete, and many chapters on Square, Cubic Foot, and Comparative Costs, on Physical Valuation, and Depreciation that serve alike for architects, contractors, insurance and other appraisers, and railroad engineers. Many states have already valued their railroads, and the same work has been recommended by high authority for the nation at large, while all the buildings of great cities like Philadelphia,

Cleveland, St. Paul, Denver, etc., have been assessed on a square foot basis. The figures are here put in compact form for the use of all. The ordinary tabulated matter is given, but there are also special tables for quick calculation, including a series for estimating plaster. An hourly Wage Table has been prepared for this edition in order to save weekly calculations. The ordinary wage table is of no use to builders who pay by the hour only. The book has from the first been received with favor by the trade press, by architects, railroad engineers, contractors, appraisers, assessors, students, and others. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a

blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

Estimating Building Costs William Arthur 1917

Estimating and Tendering for Construction Work Martin Brook 2016-12-08 Estimators need to understand the consequences of entering into a contract, often defined by complex conditions and documents, as well as to appreciate the technical requirements of the project. *Estimating and Tendering for Construction Work*, 5th edition, explains the job of the estimator through every stage, from early cost studies to the creation of budgets for successful tenders. This new edition reflects recent developments in the field and covers: new tendering and procurement methods the move from basic estimating to cost-planning and the greater emphasis placed on partnering and

collaborative working the New Rules of Measurement (NRM1 and 2), and examines ways in which practicing estimators are implementing the guidance emerging technologies such as BIM (Building Information Modelling) and estimating systems which can interact with 3D design models. With the majority of projects procured using design-and-build contracts, this edition explains the contractor's role in setting costs, and design statements, to inform and control the development of a project's design. Clearly-written and illustrated with examples, notes and technical documentation, this book is ideal for students on construction-related courses at HNC/HND and Degree levels. It is also an important source for associated professions and estimators at the outset of their careers.

Building Material Estimates and Rates

Build Up Moremi Mareka 2009-05-29 The script is entitled Building Estimates and Rates Build Up .and aims at empowering Technical

educators, Technical, Brigades and Community colleges students, Apprentices and individuals in the building profession with the necessary skill and knowledge. As an experienced professional in the building industry, quantity surveyor(building material estimator) and a former lecturer for technical colleges, I have realized that there is need to come up with a book that will help students, apprentices and individual builders to easily understand the subject of estimating and rates build up to enable them to apply the skill whenever they have projects. Currently, individual builders, apprentices, and students find it difficult to correctly and accurately estimate the quantities of materials required for proposed projects .Pricing is also a difficult task for most of them as they do not have an idea of how to build up rates. Presently our brigades and technical colleges do not have a relevant book to deal with Estimates. Building Estimates and Rates build up provides a solution to such a problem. The book provides a solution

in that it brings together pure mathematics and practical estimation, to avoid a situation whereby students end up failing to realize that the same formulas that are used in Mathematics (math) are applicable in the estimates. I strongly believe that the book will be able to even penetrate the international market.

Estimating Building Costs Wayne J. DelPico 2004-08-02 "Means catalog no. 67343"--P. [4] of cover.

Estimating in Building Construction Frank R. Dagostino 2008 Everything needed for a course in Estimating is provided in this proven text, which combines coverage of principles with step-by-step procedures. Ideal for construction, architecture, and engineering students, it reflects the popular approach of tracing a complete project's progress. The use of computers as a key estimating tool is incorporated throughout.

Building Construction Estimating Stephen D. Schuette 1994 Building Construction Estimating

furnishes readers with specific details on how a general building contractor derives the cost of a project before it begins, and how the estimate fits into the total construction process. The book provides coverage of such areas as determining labor productivity and wages, selecting equipment and assigning productivity rates and costs, acquiring specialty contractor prices, and assigning overhead costs and profit. The material is presented from the point of view of a general contractor working on a competitively bid stipulated-sum (lump-sum) contract. However, other contract methods and the effects they have on the estimating process are also discussed. Furthermore, the principles of estimating for the specialty trades are discussed from the reference of a general building contractor, and how the subcontractor's bid will affect the total project cost is presented. Of special note is the book's introduction and utilization of computers in the estimating process - enabling readers to utilize new

technology in an effective and efficient manner. The book is organized in a way that first teaches the reader to perform many of the estimating activities manually, then guides them in developing a computer spreadsheet. The use of spreadsheets empowers the reader to go beyond the manual calculations and develop new and more proficient solutions to estimating problems.

Industrial Construction Estimating Manual

Kenneth Storm 2020-05-27 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.

Estimating and Project Management for Building Contractors Michael Kitchens 1996-01-01 "A useful overview for both beginners and seasoned professionals, this book provides insight and practical guidelines on the day-to-day processes of construction estimating and project management. Kitchens reviews the varied tasks of the estimator, project manager, and project superintendent, from the decision to bid to completing paperwork and managing project risks. He draws from his years of professional experience, as well as case histories, to examine estimate preparation, procedures to follow on bid day, job site safety, quality assurance, financial considerations, cost control, and much more. Ethics in construction, errors in estimating and project management, and information regarding training key personnel are also addressed."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary

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Estimating Home Construction Costs Jerry Householder 2006 Make your construction process more efficient by developing complete and accurate estimates. This revised edition reviews types of estimates and when to use them, how to integrate estimating into other management functions, and the benefits of computer estimating. Includes house plans, work sheets, and checklists.

Estimating in Building Construction Frank R. Dagostino 2004

How to Estimate Building Losses and Construction Costs Paul I. Thomas 1983

Estimating Construction Costs Robert Leroy Peurifoy 2001-12-01 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 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.

Means Mechanical Estimating Methods: Takeoff & Pricing for HVAC & Plumbing, Updated 4th Edition Melville Mossman 2007-08-23 An easy-to-use tool for estimating heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems, with up-to-date cost data and estimating examples. This all-in-one reference gives you the accepted standards and procedures for takeoff and pricing HVAC systems, as well as piping, plumbing, and fire

protection. Includes all of the major mechanical systems in new building construction. The book will show you how to: Evaluate mechanical plans and specs so you can estimate all cost components Measure, quantify, and perform takeoffs for materials, labor, and equipment Identify and correctly apply direct and indirect costs, including overhead and profit Use forms to improve accuracy and efficiency - with electronic forms now available on the book's own website Compare materials and methods and select the most cost-effective way to get the job done Train new estimators with clear instructions for estimating the mechanical trades Make the best use of RSMMeans Mechanical Cost Data and RSMMeans Plumbing Cost Data Organized for easy reference, the book gives you quick access to whatever aspect of mechanical estimating you need. It includes a glossary of mechanical terms and definitions - plus symbols used on mechanical plans, useful formulas, checklists, and conversion tables.

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