

Construction Estimating Software Purchasing Checklist

1) How much does the software cost?

SOFTWARE COST		Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
QTY	Description			
Subtotal Software		\$	\$	\$

Enter the cost for the 1st license and then the cost of additional licenses, which should be at a reduced price.

2) What is the cost for Labor Databases?

LABOR DATABASE	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Industry Labor Units			
MCAA			
SMACNA			
PHCC			
Subtotal Software	\$	\$	\$

* Some labor databases are included if you are already a member of any of the above organizations.

3) How much does the Annual Maintenance & Technical Support Cost? Note the 1st year is usually included in software fee above, so this cost will most likely begin at the start of the 2nd year.

ANNUAL REOCCURRING COST		Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Qty	Description			
1	Maintenance & Tech Support			
Subtotal Maint. & Tech Support		\$	\$	\$

4) How much does the Annual Pricing Service Cost?

ANNUAL PRICING SERVICE COST		Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Qty	Description			
1	Pricing Service			
Subtotal Pricing Service		\$	\$	\$

5) What type of Training is Available & what is the Cost?

TRAINING COST & TYPE	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Description			
Online Training Available? Yes/No			
Online Video Quantity & Duration			
Onsite Training in Our Offices In-house			
*Cost for Onsite Training			
*Travel Expenses			
Days of Training Onsite			
Classroom Training at Vendors Facility			
Cost per Day or per Person			
Days of Training			
Subtotal Software – Training Online	\$	\$	\$
Subtotal Software – Training In-house			
Subtotal Software – Training Vendors			
Discounts	\$	\$	\$
GRAND TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

* There is usually a separate fee for expenses for trainer such as airfare, hotel & food.

6) What type of documentation comes with the software?

SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Description			
Books / Online Videos / ?			

7) Does the Construction Estimating Software Integrate with any Accounting Programs?

ACCOUNTING INTEGRATION	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Accounting Software			
1)			
2)			

8) Does the Construction Estimating Software Integrate with any Scheduling Programs?

SCHEDULING INTEGRATION	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Scheduling Software			
MS Project			

9) Does the Construction Estimating Software Integrate with any CAD/BIM Programs?

CAD / BIM INTEGRATION	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
CAD / BIM Software			

10) Does the Construction Estimating Software Integrate with any Shop Fabrication Programs?

FABRICATION SHOP INTEGRATION	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Shop Fabrication Software			
1)			
2)			

11) How many Pre-made Assemblies comes with the Software?

ASSEMBLIES	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Quantity of Pre-Made Assemblies			
How Many Pre-Made Assemblies			

12) What is available for Reports & Spreadsheets within the Program?

REPORTS & SPREADSHEET	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Description			
Reports			
Spreadsheet			
Exports in Excel Format			
Exports in XML			

13) What and How many systems come setup within each Trade?

SYSTEM SETUP – Construction Std.	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
*Construction Standards			

* (Sheet Metal – Rectangular, Round, Oval)(HVAC Piping – CHW, HHW, CDW) (Plumbing – DCW/DHW, W&V, Storm, Gas)

14) Does the Estimating Software Automatically generate Fittings, Joints & Hangers?

AUTO FITTINGS / JOINT / HANGERS	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Description			
Fittings			
Joints			
Hangers			

15) Does the Estimating Software have Onscreen Takeoff Capabilities?

ONSCREEN TAKEOFF	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Description			
Acceptable File Formats			
Color Marking of Systems			
Overlay Drawings for Comparison			

16) Can you swap out Specifications on a completed Takeoff?

SPECIFICATION SWAPPING	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Description			

17) Does the software have a mobile application that integrates with the main program?

MOBILE APPLICATIONS	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Applications			

18) Does the Estimating Software have the Ability to Compare Two drawings for Changes?

COMPARING DRAWINGS	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Description			

19) How long does it take to get the program implemented?

IMPLEMENTATION	Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Description			
How many weeks to implement?			



20.) Software Demonstration.

We recommend that you get a FREE demonstration of the various software programs so you can evaluate your needs against the available features and cost of the different construction estimating software programs. (See blank form on the next page)

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SOFTWARE COST		Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Item #	Description			
1	License Fee Subtotal			
2	Labor Database Subtotal			
3	Annual Reoccurring Cost			
4	Annual Pricing Service Fee			
5	Training Cost			
6	Misc.			
TOTAL COST				

FEATURES		Vendor #1	Vendor #2	Vendor #3
Item #	Description			
6	Software Documentation			
7	Accounting Integration			
8	Schedule Integration			
9	CAD/BIM Integration			
10	Fabrication Shop Integration			
11	Assemblies			
12	Reports & Spreadsheets			
13	System Setup			
14	Automatic Joint & Fittings			
15	On Screen Takeoff			
16	Specification Swapping			
17	Mobile Applications			
18	Comparing Drawings			
19	Implementation			
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