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Maximizing Efficiency with Construction Management Software

Now, more than ever, with economic uncertainties facing the construction industry it is imperative that contractors take steps to maximize efficiency and minimize time-consuming administrative activities.

Specialized construction management software, and virtual estimating, are extremely useful tools that contractors can use to maximize efficiency and productivity. This article gives examples of available software and virtual estimating services.

Construction Management Software

Builder Trend

Builder Trend is advertised as construction project planning, estimating, customer management, and subcontractor scheduling — all in one powerful software. Builder Trend seamlessly integrates Google Calendar, QuickBooks and time-tracking software to create one location for all bid requests, estimates and proposals, sales leads, email marketing, and integrations and partnerships.

Procore

Procore is designed to allow users to access all project related documents in one place, and is advertised as *one platform for everything*. Procore connects all your people, software, and data on one platform—so everyone on your project has access to everything they need. The platform gives you the freedom to connect with hundreds of integrations in the Procore App Marketplace. So even if Procore doesn't design the applications you use for invoicing or other tasks, you can integrate your invoicing application into Procore to connect the information.

Quick Base

With Quick Base's online construction management software, you can eliminate manual tasks and stay focused on what matters most. Use real-time insights to see any aspect of every project without making a call or sending an email. View projects at-a-glance or dive into the details. Make informed decisions and easily share data with a few clicks.

Quick Base has automated notifications, reminders, and reports that keep everyone and everything on track. Get a clear view of action items and milestones, and spot issues before they even occur. All this visibility helps you and your team stay on course to meet delivery deadlines and drive better outcomes. Quick Base also offers employee management functions that allow you to automate time records, and track and manage highly-regulated pay rates for laborers and skilled workers.

CoConstruct

CoConstruct is a project, financial, and client management system for custom home builders and remodelers. It is advertised as the only single-entry estimating system that allows each user to enter a piece of information once, and have that data flow directly from the estimate, specifications, selections, bids, change orders, budgets, and to and from QuickBooks – with no

double entry. Users can manage their projects from their tablet or desktop, in the field with the CoConstruct mobile app.

In addition to the fully integrated financial system, CoConstruct streamlines scheduling, communication, client and subcontractor portals, files, photos, to-dos, time clock, job log, warranty, and more.

Virtual Bidding Services

In addition to construction estimation software available from many companies like, [Heavy Bid](#), [B2W](#), and [STACK](#), other companies allow contractors to outsource estimating completely.

1Build

1Build advertises as a *seamless technology plus real people* service and offers a much simpler process for estimating. Just create an account and upload your plans to 1Build and they will read them using sophisticated software plus a team of expert estimators and advertise that they will give you a more accurate takeoff faster than anyone else. 1Build estimates offer: Detailed, unit-itemized quantity takeoffs you can bring directly to your materials suppliers; accurate cost estimates for materials, labor, and equipment in your area; personal consultations with an expert cost estimator who will lead you through the estimation and prep you for your bid; and, professional, organized, and accurate documents that put you ahead of the competition.

We Are Here to Help

The Green Law Group does not endorse any one particular software company or virtual estimating service. We encourage you to do your own product research and choose the software that best fits your company's need. If you have any questions or comments regarding this article please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the attorneys listed below with questions related to any of our practice areas, including construction, labor and employment, business formations and tax, insurance coverage disputes, and estate planning.

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