

Chief Estimator

Job Scope

As the Chief Electrical Estimator, you will work closely with our project management, estimating, and sales teams to ensure the successful completion of complex and sizeable projects worth millions of dollars. Your primary role will involve analyzing project requirements, preparing accurate and detailed estimates, and managing cost projections throughout the project lifecycle. To succeed in this role, you should have a strong command of tools such as Excel, AccuBid, and Word, and be able to use them effectively to streamline the estimation process. Additionally, you should possess excellent interpersonal skills to build strong relationships with clients, vendors, and other stakeholders. Your ability to communicate complex technical information in a clear and concise manner will be a key asset in this role, as will your attention to detail and ability to work under tight deadlines.

Responsibilities

• Take off projects, enter estimates, and write proposals for both mid to large-size construction projects with minimal supervision

Review estimates and lead bid review process with management personnel to ensure that bids/estimates are completed on time and with a high degree of quality

Assign and coordinate estimating requirements to estimating staff for each project based on schedule and project needs

Drive estimating reviews to ensure that all project plans, specifications, and scopes are fully covered by the estimating staff

Consults with project managers, clients, vendors, and other stakeholders as required to discuss and formulate estimates and resolve issues

Provide guidance, direction, and support to the estimating team to help resolve complex issues Responsible for the accuracy of estimates and guides estimators daily

Supervise, direct, train, and mentor estimating staff to ensure company, team, and individual processes and goals are met

Manage day-to-day operations of a staff (up to 15 people), including operating budgets, staffing, performance reviews, and work assignments

Provide conceptual budgeting advice to clients and project managers based on historical data, past experience, and parametric estimating ratios; effectively communicate thought process

Ability to assess project risks and requirements to provide support ranking and selecting bid opportunities; provide strategic input to ensure competitive pricing

Develop and maintain a positive relationship with key stakeholders, including general contractors, clients, vendors, company personnel, and estimating staff

Track information regarding material types and costs, labor productivity issues, historical data, and current construction trends to incorporate this knowledge into estimates

Manage the flow of information within the department to ensure it is timely and aids in accurate estimates

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Manage the accuracy and quality of the estimating database Meet with general contractors and participate in bid interviews as required Provide management updates and analysis of department KPIs Develop scope letters and assist with proposal preparation Other duties as assigned

Requirements

• Strong executive presence with an ability to build and manage effective relationships and department functions in a professional manner

Excellent communicator to effectively lead the team and provide clear direction

Ability and desire to train and mentor estimators and PM development candidates ranging from senior estimators to trainees.

Team player with the ability to collaborate with a wide variety of personnel, both internal and external

Ability to work with tight deadlines and thrive under pressure while maintaining a calm demeanor

Expert knowledge of electrical estimating with the ability to anticipate pricing issues and the ability to provide value engineering guidance

Thorough knowledge of the electrical industry with general knowledge of mechanical, civil, and other specialty trades

Ability to incorporate the National Electrical Code, building codes, and OSHA requirements into estimates

Desire to build relationships with key stakeholders involved with the estimating process and actively participate in industry, client, and community relations

Strong conceptual estimating skills

Ability to identify process improvement opportunities and lead initiatives to implement change Detail-oriented with the ability to communicate clearly and concisely

BS Degree in engineering, construction management, or related field preferred but not required 10+ years of electrical contracting or construction experience

8+ years of electrical estimating experience

3+ years of senior management or executive-level experience

Knowledge of Microsoft Office applications

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