



Estimating Explorer

Timberline® Office Estimating Explorer offers you a better solution to efficiently organize, manage and analyze your estimates.

Tracking down a specific estimate in bid logs that often contain hundreds of estimates can be a nightmare. And managing your estimates grows more complex with every bid you create.

The key to estimate control is organization. Timberline Office Estimating Explorer eliminates time-intensive searches by automatically creating an up-to-date master list and description of every estimate in your system. Within seconds you can sort your estimates by estimator, bid date, estimate number or a variety of other criteria to locate an estimate. Once you do, you're just one click away from the estimate's spreadsheet.

Estimating Explorer's file management tools don't end there. The software's ability to compress finished estimates into a zip-compatible format lets you save disk space, so you can continue to store all estimates—both new and old—in a convenient location. You can even attach your database files to archived bids so you have all the details when you reopen the estimate at a later date.

Inside Estimating Explorer you'll also find a built-in calendar to help you keep track of your bid schedules. You can log important bid events, such as bid dates, pre-bid meetings, and site inspections. Then check your schedule at any time or let the calendar's alarm notify you of important events. Either way you'll keep on top of things.

Managing your estimates also means understanding the big picture. Estimating Explorer not only organizes your estimates, but gives you the tools to stand back and analyze your work. Need to know what your estimating volume is in certain markets? Or how your unit costs vary by project type? You can find these and many other answers using Estimating Explorer's management reports and graphs. Estimate information can also be linked directly to Microsoft® Excel or Access for further analysis via ODBC.

Whether you need to zero in on estimate details or summarize your bid results, Estimating Explorer makes estimate management simpler.

Product features

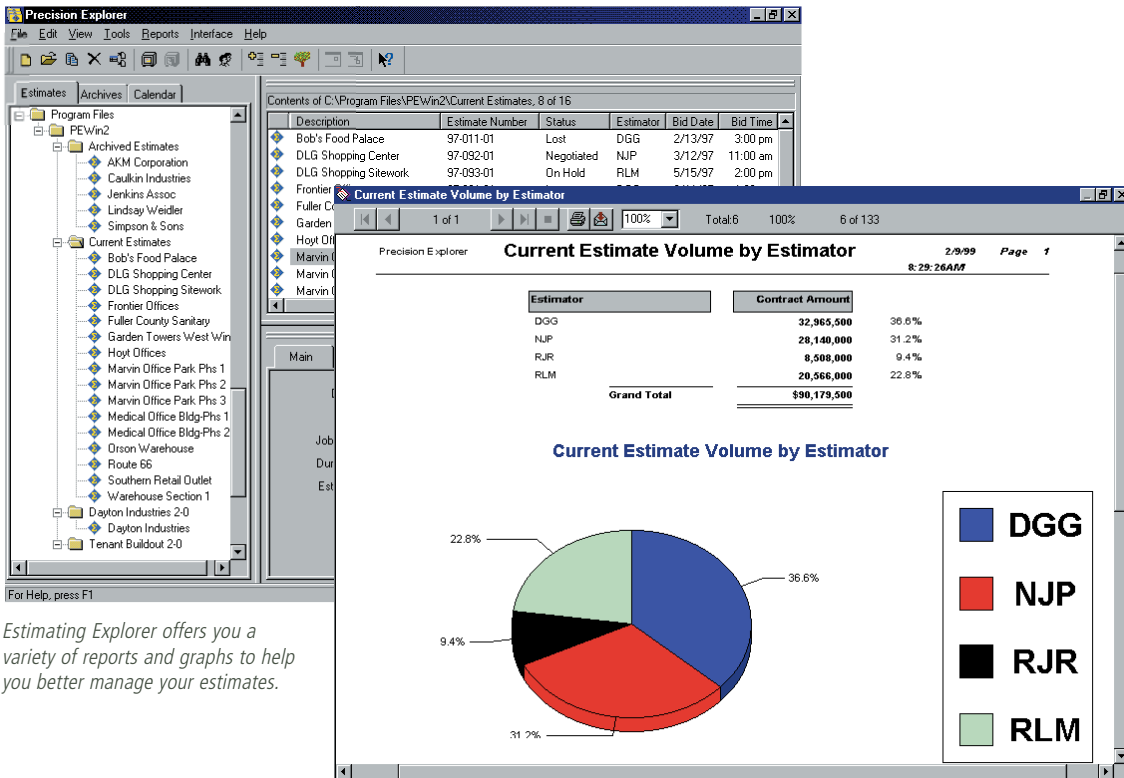
- Works with Timberline® Office Estimating Standard or Estimating Extended software.
- 32-bit software runs on Microsoft® Windows® operating systems.
- ODBC-compatible (Open Database Connectivity).
- Scans for all estimates and databases on your hard disk and server.
- Instantly locates any estimate or database in your system.
- Displays all estimate-related files, such as scheduling.
- Launches directly into the Timberline Office estimating spreadsheet.
- Finds and launches all Timberline Office estimating applications on your hard drive.

- Uses an industry-standard zip format to archive all estimate-related files.
- Copies, deletes, and archives estimates with a mouse click.
- Optional archiving of database files.
- Stores original file location for consistent un-archiving.
- Sorts all estimates by name, status, estimate number, estimator, contract amount, bid date and time, job size, and job unit.
- Tracks progress of jobs using status field (e.g., won, lost, bidding) and enables collection of competitive bid information such as names of bidders, amounts bid and bid winners.
- Contains monthly bid calendar with daily bid events and alarm.
- Allows entry of multiple user-defined bid events, such as bid due, pre-bid meeting, and site inspection.
- And more.

Reports

- Twelve built-in reports sort and summarize estimates by client, project type, estimator, status, and folder.
- Includes a Unit Cost report sorted by project type, showing average unit cost.
- Offers a contact list by type (e.g., architect, bidder, client, engineer).
- Provides summary bid volume graphs by project type, status, and estimator.
- Allows you to create user-defined reports using ODBC-compatible reporting software.

Estimating Explorer is a part of Timberline Office, fully integrated software created to streamline work and connect the people you depend on to build your business.



Estimating Explorer offers you a variety of reports and graphs to help you better manage your estimates.