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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



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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

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scope changes to the contract, variations in costs of the project cost, total project cost, feedback for scheduling etc. Construction cost estimating is the process of identifying and compiling the many items of cost that will enter into a construction project. This is a procedure that requires very detailed study of the project during the different construction stages, combined with an intimate knowledge of the

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availability, characteristics and cost of materials, equipment & labor.

Construction cost estimates becomes useful for different activities during the construction of the project such as: 1. Procurement - the selection and purchase of materials, equipment & labor for individual work items during construction of the project. 2. Change orders during construction due to alterations in the original contract, delays in the construction due to

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unavoidable reasons or any other problems occurring between the Owner and Contractor. Estimating is used to determine the increase or decrease in the amount of the original contract or involve no change. 3. Back charges - charges for materials, equipment & labor or other costs furnished to the Contractor by the Owner, to the Contractor by the Architect / Engineer, or to a Sub-contractor / Vendor by the Contractor due to defective/incomplete

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or unsatisfactory work during construction. This requires the preparation of an estimated cost of the back charge work so that the Owner or Contractor can have information regarding the dollar amount of back charges. 4. Use of Construction cost estimating becomes helpful in determining the financial position of the project by determining the total cost of work items completed to date, the cost of work required to complete



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and projected final costs so that one can determine whether there will be a project underrun or overrun. Also it becomes useful to determine the payment to be made to the Contractor by the Owner for the executed work so that, he has sufficient information concerning the cashflow for the entire project. This also provides relative information to scheduling systems for manpower, planning and resource evaluation. Estimating also plays an important role

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in providing information for the cost control of the project. Estimating and cost control are the two most important tasks a Contractor performs to develop equipment & labor production rates for each and every work item of the project during construction and for the selection of labor and equipment. Also estimating becomes useful to keep the cost of an on-going project within the established budget.

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