

Trimble GCEstimator Suite Selected by Two Premier North American Contractors

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Trimble announced today that two premier general contractors in North America, DPR Construction and Mortenson Construction, have selected Trimble® GCEstimator Suite as their standard cost estimating solution for commercial building construction projects.

Trimble GCEstimator is an integrated solution that speeds the process of creating estimates for complex, deadline-intensive construction projects. GCEstimator incorporates best-of-breed software from the Trimble Buildings portfolio of Design-Build-Operate (DBO) technologies, which enable general contractors and construction managers to increase efficiency and improve productivity on building construction projects.

Streamlining the construction estimating process is crucial for improving responsiveness and efficiency on large-scale building projects. Trimble GCEstimator Suite unifies Quantity Takeoff, Cost Estimating and Knowledge Management for contractors working with 2D plan sets, 3D BIM models or any combination of the two. The comprehensive approach to cost planning reduces administrative overhead and improves widespread adoption of company best practices in cost estimating.

DPR Construction, a forward-thinking national builder focused on technically complex and sustainable projects, understands that predictable cost analysis and data are critical for customers' timely decision making on projects. "The ability to seamlessly capture and leverage our project cost history goes a long way in enabling us to better serve our customers. Providing 'real-time' cost information and budgets in the concept phase is key to eliminating waste and driving greater efficiency on the delivery of projects," said Alan Watt, director of preconstruction technology of DPR Construction. www.dpr.com

Utilizing models for quantity takeoff streamlines the estimating process for Mortenson Construction, winner of the "Contractor of the Year Award" and "Top Overall Best Project Award" from Engineering News-Record in 2013. "Trimble's estimating products enable model-based estimating and continue to advance Mortenson as a leader in virtual design and construction," said Doug Heinrich, estimating director at Mortenson Construction. "With 80 estimators located across North America we needed a common software platform. Using GCEstimator we reduce the time spent on our estimates by simplifying the estimating process, allowing

our estimators to concentrate on value added activities."

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