

COMMERCIAL CONTRACTING AUDIT

The \$45,000 Estimating Blindspot Most Crews Miss

Why traditional estimating spreadsheets fail under pressure:

- Under-calculating true labor burden (taxes, comp, mobilization)
- Material price volatility between bid walkthrough & start date
- Taking 4 days to return a proposal when clients want answers now

Where Bid Margins Bleed Out

The 3 unseen drains on every commercial subcontractor:

1. Unloaded Labor Burden

A \$35/hr journeyman actually costs \$54.20/hr when factoring workers comp, FICA, healthcare, and non-billable drive time.

2. Equipment & Mobilization Surcharges

Crane lifts, scissor rentals, and staging permits are often treated as afterthoughts rather than dedicated line items.

3. Bid-Response Latency

Commercial building managers award 68% of contracts to the first two qualified, professional estimates they receive.

The 60-Second Field Estimator

Calculate target gross profit load right from the truck:

STEP 1: Input Square Footage or Equipment Tonnage / Capacity

STEP 2: Select Material Grade & Automatic Real-Time Regional Markup

STEP 3: Load Labor Split (Base Rate + 38% Standard Burden Factor)

STEP 4: Set Target Profit Margin (e.g. 28% Net Commercial Load)

STEP 5: Instant Client-Facing PDF Estimate Generated On Site

The Compliance Defense Shield

Why top mechanical & general contractors maintain jobsite ledgers:

Warranty Enforcement

Single-ply roof and VRF HVAC manufacturers require documented semi-annual preventative logs to honor No Dollar Limit (NDL) warranty claims.

OSHA & Safety Audit Immunity

Daily tool-box talk sign-offs and lockout/tagout records insulate contractors from statutory citation penalties.

Change-Order Dispute Protection

Contemporaneous signed daily site logs are admissible evidence in resolving delay claims and liquidated damage assessments.

Engineered for Trade Operators

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