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Cost Estimator

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SUMMARY

Cost estimator with 5 years in commercial construction and mechanical subcontracting, working in On-Screen Takeoff, Bluebeam and Sage Estimating. Built the bid that won a $9.2M office retrofit and finished 2024 with estimates averaging 2.8% off final project cost. Known for catching scope gaps before they become change orders.

EXPERIENCE

Cost Estimator — Palmetto Ridge Construction

Charlotte, NC · Feb 2023 – Present

- Prepared the full takeoff and bid package for a $9.2M office retrofit using On-Screen Takeoff, winning the project against 5 competing bids.
- Tracked 38 completed estimates against final job costs over 2024, holding the variance to an average of 2.8% by tightening labor productivity rates.
- Caught a missing fire-sprinkler scope on a $1.4M renovation bid during review, avoiding a change order that would have erased the project's margin.
- Built a reusable Excel cost database of unit prices from 60 past projects, cutting the time to turn around a preliminary budget from 3 days to 1.

Junior Estimator — Ironclad Mechanical Services

Charlotte, NC · Aug 2020 – Jan 2023

- Quantified ductwork, piping and equipment for HVAC bids averaging $600K, using Bluebeam markups checked against vendor quotes.
- Assembled subcontractor and supplier pricing for 45 bids a year, flagging quotes that fell outside historical ranges for review.
- Updated labor and material cost indices quarterly, keeping the estimating database aligned with current market pricing.

SKILLS

Estimating: On-Screen Takeoff, Bluebeam Revu, Sage Estimating, PlanSwift

Cost control: Unit pricing, labor productivity rates, change order analysis, value engineering

Documents: CSI MasterFormat, blueprint and spec reading, RFI tracking

Business: Bid strategy, vendor negotiation, risk contingency planning

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Professional Estimator (CPE), 2022

EDUCATION

B.S. Construction Management, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2020

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