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Construction Estimator (PQS & Gold Seal Certified Estimator)

Strategic team leader with excellent interpersonal skills and extensive experience necessary to finalize projects from conceptual budgets to successful completion. Accumulated experience working on a variety of developments, with the in-depth knowledge required to accurately take-off quantities, estimate to within 1% of final budget (\$2,000 to \$21,000,000). Possesses strong communication skills leading to excellent working relationships with managers, sub-contractors and clients. Reputation as a resourceful team leader working with integrity and professionalism to earn respect, inspire cooperation and exceed business expectations.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a fully qualified Quantity Surveyor, Certified in Alberta as a Professional Quantity Surveyor (PQS) by the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors.

Gold Seal Certified Estimator (General Contracting) By the Canadian Construction Association.

Key Skills:

- Project Coordination & Management
- Material Calculation, Pricing & Purchasing
- Contracts & Negotiation (Scopes of Work)
- Strategic Planning & Scheduling
- Uniformat and Masterformat Estimates
- Windows, Word, Excel, Outlook, MS Project .
- Estimating & Taking off Quantities
- Trades & Sub-Contractor Supervision
- Preparing detail Budgets up to \$21,000,000
- Troubleshooting & Problem Solving
- On Screen Takeoff (Plan Swift)
- Excellent blueprint reading skills.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Estimator

2013 to 2018

Assured Communities Ltd.

Taking off Quantities from IFC drawings and using project specifications to determine an accurate construction budget. Monitoring monthly cost reports to ensure construction costs stay within budget to realize an acceptable profit margin.

- Taking off Quantities from drawings to compile a construction budget. Compiling accurate records of Quantities for all interior finishes and to control material delivery schedules. Negotiating all extras with subcontractors. Finalizing all construction accounts
- Liaison with Architects and consultants for change orders and pricing change orders. Submission of Shop Drawings and Cut sheets for approval. Tracking all change orders and trades back charges.
- Evaluating quotes and compiling Scope of work for contracts. Coordinating plant rental and material delivery. Arranging Gas Connection and Transformer installation on various sites.

Project Coordinator in Multi Family**Homes By Avi (Urban) Construction**, Calgary, AB

2011 to 2013

Compiling accurate budgets from DP drawings through to IFC drawings and specifications to determine an accurate construction budget for sales prices for units well before construction starts. Monitoring monthly cost reports to ensure construction costs stay within budget to realize an acceptable profit margin.

- Distributing shop drawings as well as change orders to ensure all changes to designs and finishes are carried out in a timeously manner during construction
- Realized additional savings by working with subcontractors to arrange competitive bid prices and negotiate cost-savings and building relationships with suppliers to source and order materials at best prices and to avoid any price increases that will impact sales.
- Ensured customer satisfaction and build strong company reputation through effective management of projects from start-up to completion; guaranteeing on-time, on-budget delivery of quality work.

Project Manager / Estimator**RWJ CONSTRUCTION**, Calgary, AB

2010 to 2011

Compiling and submitting bids on suitable projects, sourcing drawings and specs and calculating bids to be both competitive and profitable in order to provide steady source of revenue for company.

- Achieved accuracy rate within 1% of final contract price by performing highly accurate material and labour take-offs as well as providing cost comparisons for alternative finishes.
- Realized additional savings by working with subcontractors to arranging bid prices and negotiate cost-savings and building relationships with suppliers to source and order materials at best prices.

Technical Director of Quantity Surveying**AQUARIUS BUILDING CONSULTANTS**, Calgary, AB

2007 to 2010

Responsible for determining estimates for a wide range of projects including conceptual and pre-tender estimates and elemental and divisional format estimates as well as budgets for land servicing estimates.

- Facilitated acquisition of financing for multimillion dollar projects by developing detailed, reliable estimates to be used as cost plan when seeking funding from banks and investors.
- Demonstrated flexibility by working successfully with wide range of clients from governments to major private corporations on multimillion dollar industrial, commercial and financial projects.
- Guaranteed accuracy of estimates by developing and maintaining filing system for all project back-documents, historic data for current material / labour prices and by developing model cost sheets.

TSHWANE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, Pretoria, South Africa

1997 to 2007

Senior Lecturer (College Professor)

Responsible for teaching Quantity Surveying, Building Construction, Estimating & Pricing using classroom lectures and practical demonstrations and for drawing up Study manuals, setting test and exams moderating exams and assignments.

- Safeguarded student interests and ensured development of crucial skills by visiting students doing practical in-service training with employers to evaluate the level of training being delivered.
- Enhanced student preparedness by developing practical work centres, including budgeting and procurement of all needed materials; allowing completion of real-world tasks in learning environment.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Bachelor's Degree Quantity Surveying , (4 Years)	South Africa	1996
National Diploma & Higher Diploma Construction Supervision , (4 years)	South Africa	1992
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Bricklaying (Masonry) Trade Certification	South Africa	