



Estimator for Consultants

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Estimator for Consultants Program

- 23 states now using Estimator application
- 11 states now make Estimator available to their consultant communities:
 - ⇒ AL, CO, ID, IN, MD, NM, OK, TX, VT, WI, and WY
 - ⇒ 411 Consulting Firms now license



Benefits of Program

- Standardizes format for outside design work
- Reduces turn-around time at the DOT
- Eliminates data entry errors
- Facilitates timely file updates
- Bottom Line -- Cost effective approach for all parties



What are the Requirements?

- Agency must license Estimator application
- Outsource some design work
- Designate Estimator as the agency standard
- Establish point of contact within agency to answer questions about the program
- Provide initial training to consultants



What are the Steps to Get Going?

- Agency

- ⇒ Draft letter to all potential design consultants

- ✓ Notifying Estimator selected as the standard

- ✓ Indicating Info Tech will be contacting w/ details

- ⇒ Designate a state point of contact

- ⇒ Arrange for training site & select dates

- ⇒ Provide Info Tech with consultant list

- ⇒ Update Item List & Bid History files



What are the Steps to Get Going?

- Info Tech

- ⇒ Mail out follow-up letter to design consultants

- ✓ Specify training dates and sign-up procedures

- ✓ Include Estimator product sheet & order form

- ⇒ Register attendees for training seminars

- ⇒ Work w/agency on updating Items & Bid History

- ⇒ Develop tailored training for the agency

- ⇒ Ship software application to consultants



Cost Considerations

- Agency - one-time program initiation fee
 - ⇒ Covers mail-outs, sign-ups, custom design
 - ⇒ Two days of on-site training & materials
 - ⇒ All direct expenses (air fare/hotel/meals)
 - ⇒ Can use AASHTO Service Units
- Consultants - \$330/year
 - ⇒ License runs from July 1 - June 30



Implementation Packet Available

- Includes:
 - ⇒ Generic proposal outlining program
 - ⇒ Sample agency letter to consulting community
 - ⇒ Info Tech letter to authorized consultants
 - ⇒ Estimator product sheet
 - ⇒ Estimator order form



If Interested.....

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