

CIVE 601

RS Means CostWorks

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RS Means CostWorks

Is the electronic version of the Metric/English Construction Cost Data price book.


Used To:

- Find items and the required associated data for each item.
 - Crews
 - Daily Output
 - Labour Hours
 - Material, labour, equipment costs

We will also learn:

- How to work with the data associated with items for estimating purposes.

1- Open the Online CostWorks

- Go to rsmeansonline.com
- Enter your E-mail address
and the Password
- Click on the 


Welcome to RSMeans Online!

RSMeans Online provides comprehensive, localized, and up-to-date construction costs to help you create reliable estimates in less time. You can change your preferences at any time using the Manage Accounts tab.

Please set your preferences below:

Cost Data Preferences


* Cost Data * Type * Format * Release

* Labor Type * Measurement System *  Location


Display Preferences

Display Cost Data Preferences at start-up

* Required



2- Accessing CostWorks Features



Search Data



Custom Cost Data


Manage Estimates


Square Foot Estimator


Manage Accounts


Reference Items


Search Data

To navigate through the RSMeans cost data included in your subscription.

To search for RSMeans construction cost information or any custom data entered by your company.


Custom Cost Data

To create and save your own custom cost databases.

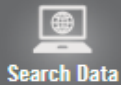
To create new estimates using RSMeans cost lines, your own custom cost lines, or both


Manage Estimates

To create, save, edit, access, and share construction estimates you develop.

Generate reports and choose export options to fit your specific needs.

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Square Foot Estimator



Manage Accounts



Reference Items



Square Foot Estimator

To create quick conceptual estimates.

To specify building type, square footage of the area and perimeter, number of stories and floor height, and any additional additives so as to calculate the project estimate.



Manage Accounts

Access to your cost estimate preferences, your password, and your personal information, such as user name and telephone number.

To edit cost data preferences: cost data type, release year, labor union type, measurement system, and location.

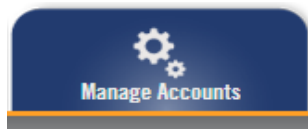


Reference Items

To access the estimate tools and resources that accompany the cost data.

3- Managing Account Information

1- Click the **Manage Accounts** tab to access the *User Information* menu:



2- Use the following table as a guide to editing the *User Information* menu.

3- Click **Save**. **Result:** A message verifying that your changes are made is displayed.

 A screenshot of a web form titled "User Information" with a dropdown arrow icon. The form contains several input fields:

- * User Name: aminah.robinson@ualberta.ca
- * First Name: Aminah
- * Last Name: Fayek
- * Phone: 7804925120, Ext: [empty]
- Fax: [empty]
- * Company Name: University of Alberta
- * User Type: CustomerAdmin (dropdown)
- * Status: Active (dropdown)
- Notes: [empty text area]

Field	Description
<i>User ID</i>	The e-mail address of the user.
<i>First Name</i>	The first name, last name, and telephone number of the user.
<i>Last Name</i>	
<i>Telephone</i>	
<i>User Type</i>	Either <i>Customer Administrator</i> or <i>User</i> . Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only company administrators can edit this setting. • Company administrators listed as <i>Primary</i> cannot change their status to <i>User</i>
<i>Status</i>	Either <i>Active</i> or <i>Suspended</i> . Only company administrators can change this setting.
<i>Notes</i>	Any notes about the account.
<i>Email Opt-Out</i>	Click the check box for if you want your personal information to not be used for marketing purposes.

4- Accessing Reference and Help Materials



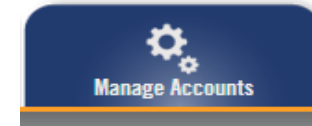
The following table contains a list and description of the information you can access using the icons on the **CostWorks** Reference Items menu bar.

An icon of a document with the word "abbr." written on it.	Abbreviations Click here to access an alphabetical list of abbreviations used throughout RSMeans cost data.
An icon of a multi-story building.	City Cost Index Click here to access the City Cost Indexes, useful for comparing costs from city to city and region to region.
An icon of two crossed wrenches.	Crews Click here to access the tradesperson groupings used throughout RSMeans cost data, including power equipment, when applicable.
An icon of a blue hard hat.	Labor Rates Click here to access the national average wage rates for union, open shop, repair and remodeling, and residential construction.
An icon of a calendar.	References Click here to access the additional estimating information that supplements many line items in the RSMeans cost database.
An icon of an open book with a magnifying glass over it.	Dictionary Click here to access definitions for the most commonly used terms in the construction industry.
An icon of a video player.	Video Tutorial Click here to access valuable "how to" video clips for help using RSMeans Online.
An icon of a graduation cap.	Student Edition Materials Click here to access the additional information and building plans that accompany the student version of RSMeans Cost Data.

5- Setting Estimate Preferences

To set your estimate preference settings,

1- Click the **Manage Accounts** tab to access the *Cost Data Preferences* menu:



Result: The *Cost Preferences* menu is displayed:

A screenshot of the "Cost Data Preferences" menu. It features several dropdown menus: "Cost Data" (Building Construction), "Type" (Unit), "Format" (MasterFormat 2010), "Release" (Year 2013), "Labor Type" (Standard Union), and "Measurement System" (English). There is also a "Location" button with a lightbulb icon and a "National Average" button.

Estimate Cost Data Preferences

A smaller screenshot of the "Cost Data Preferences" menu, showing the "Cost Data" dropdown menu set to "Building Construction".

Group	Subgroup
Commercial New Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assemblies• Building Construction• Concrete and Masonry• Electrical• Green Building• Heavy Construction• Interior• Mechanical• Plumbing• Site Work and Landscape

5- Setting Estimate Preferences

☐ Estimate Cost Data Preferences

Cost Data Preferences

* Cost Data:Building Construction * Type: Unit * Format: MasterFormat 2010 * Release: Year 2013

* Labor Type: Standard Union * Measurement System: English * Location: National Average

<i>Type</i>	<p>The data type setting determines how the cost estimate is computed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Unit Cost</i> - The actual costs of individual items or materials. • <i>Assembly</i> - The costs estimated by assemblies, which are made of units. 								
<i>Format</i>	<p>The numerical system of organization for construction-related information and data, based on a 16-division format. Select the MasterFormat you want to use:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Data type</th> <th>Format</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Unit</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MasterFormat™ 2010 • MasterFormat™ 1995 </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assembly</td> <td>UNIFORMATII</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Square Foot</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Data type	Format	Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MasterFormat™ 2010 • MasterFormat™ 1995 	Assembly	UNIFORMATII	Square Foot	
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Assembly	UNIFORMATII								
Square Foot									
<i>Release</i>	Select the year and quarter for the construction data for your estimates.								
<i>Measurement System</i>	Select either English or Metric .								
<i>Labor Type</i>	<p>Sets how the labor wages are computed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Shop • Standard Union 								
<i>Location</i>	Select the location for estimate. This is critical for making sure that the cost data used is relevant to the location of the construction project being estimated.								

6- Managing your Folders

Accessing folders

Creating folders

Renaming and deleting folders

Accessing folders

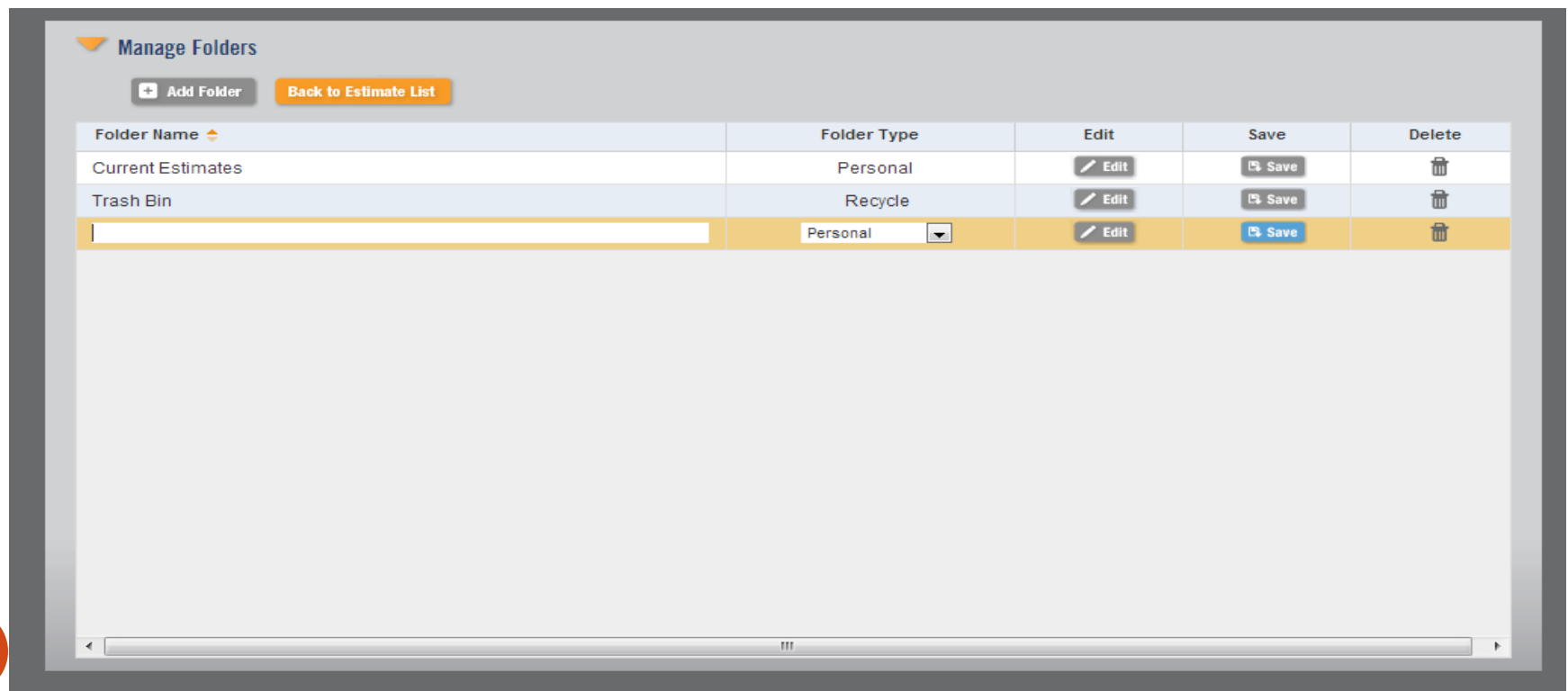
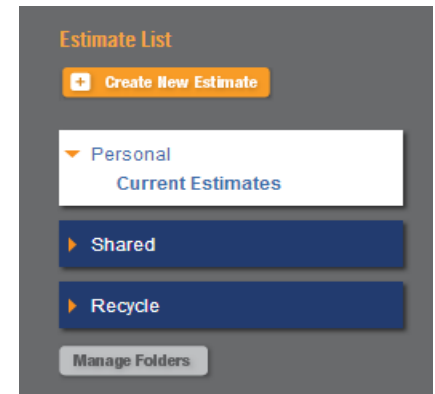
The screenshot displays a software interface for managing estimates. On the left, a sidebar titled 'Estimate List' contains a 'Create New Estimate' button and a folder tree with 'Personal' (expanded) and 'Current Estimates' (selected), along with 'Shared' and 'Recycle' folders, and a 'Manage Folders' button. The main area shows a table titled 'Personal : Current Estimates' with columns for Name, Type, Client, Current Value, Created By, Last Update, City, and State. The table lists three estimates: 'Estimate 2' (\$5,523.00), 'Estimate 1' (\$1,058.10), and 'CIVE 601, CostWorks Lab Exceris' (\$4,886.07). Navigation controls at the top right include 'Select From List', 'Select Folder', and a 'GO' button. Page navigation shows 'Page 1 of 1' and 'View 1 - 3 of 3'.

	Name	Type	Client	Current Value	Created By	Last Update	City	State
<input type="checkbox"/>	Estimate 2	Unit		\$5,523.00	Aminah Fayek	07/02/2013	Calgary	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Estimate 1	Unit		\$1,058.10	Aminah Fayek	07/02/2013	Edmonton	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CIVE 601, CostWorks Lab Exceris	Unit		\$4,886.07	Aminah Fayek	10/19/2012	Edmonton	Alberta

6- Managing your Folders

Creating folders

- 1- From the *Manage Folders* window, Click **Add Folder**
- 2- Type the name of the folder in the line.
- 3- Select the folder type from the list: Personal, Shared
- 4- Click Save



6- Managing your Folders

Editing and Deleting folders

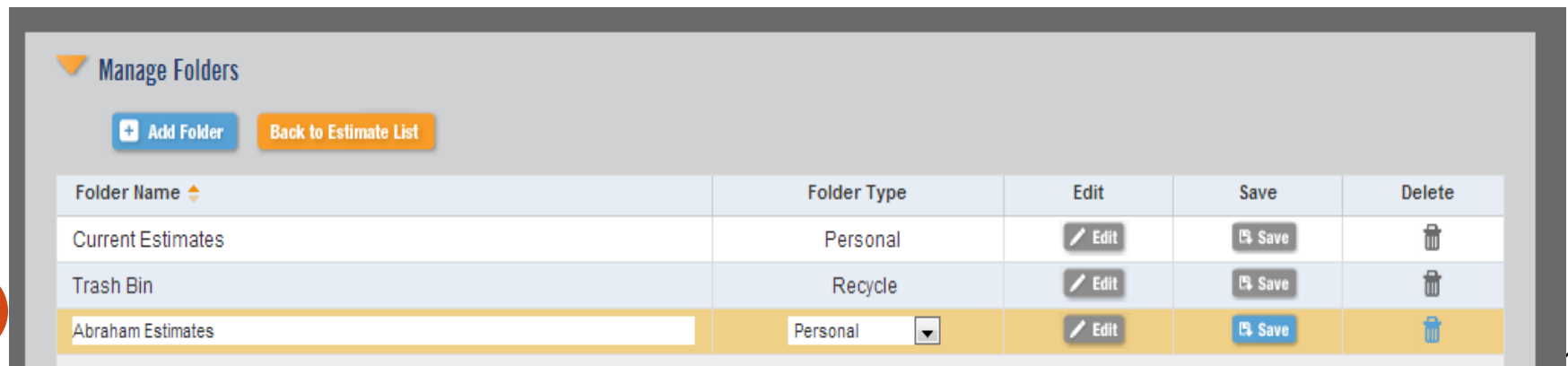
You can edit a folder in the personal folder category. You can also delete folders you no longer need.

To edit folders:

- 1-From the *Manage Folders* window, click on the line for the folder that you want to edit and click **Edit**.
- 2-To edit estimate name, type new name for the estimate.
- 3-To edit the folder type, select either **Shared** or **Personal**.

To delete folders:

- 1-From the *Manage Folders* window, click on the line for the folder that you want to delete and click the trash icon.
- 2-Click **OK**.



7- Creating a New Estimate



Creating New Estimate

http://www.reedconstructiondata.com/images/application_help/RSMOnlineVideos.htm

Estimate Header Information

*Estimate Name Client Name *Folder

Estimate Address City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Notes

300 characters max

Cost Data Preferences

* Cost Data * Type * Format * Release

* Labor Type * Measurement System

* Location

5- Setting Estimate Preferences

1-The *Preferences* menu is divided into sections

- Estimate Header Information*
- Cost Data Preferences*

▼ Estimate Header Information

*Estimate Name Client Name *Folder

Estimate Address City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Field	Description
<i>Estimate Name</i>	The name of the estimate, which can be up to 100 alphanumeric characters in length. You can use most special characters <i>except</i> the < > characters. Note: This is a required entry.
<i>Client Name</i>	The name of the client for the estimate.
<i>Folder Location</i>	The folder where you want to store the estimate, either <i>Personal</i> or <i>Shared</i> . Use <i>Shared</i> if you are the Company Administrator and you want other users in your company to have access to the estimate. Note: This is a required entry.
<i>Estimate Address</i>	The physical address of the project location for the estimate.
<i>City</i>	
<i>State/Province</i>	
<i>Zip/Postal Code</i>	

5- Setting Estimate Preferences

☐ Cost Data Preferences.

Cost Data Preferences

* Cost Data * Type * Format * Release

* Labor Type * Measurement System *

Field	Description
<i>Cost Data</i>	The cost data category to use. These categories are used for both assembly and unit estimates.
<i>Type</i>	Either <i>Assembly</i> or <i>Unit</i> .
<i>Format</i>	The data format for the estimate,
<i>Release</i>	The data release year and quarter for the estimate, depending on the cost data selected.
<i>Labor Type</i>	Select the labor type for the estimate, depending on the cost data selected.
<i>Measurement System</i>	Select either English or Metric , depending on the cost data selected.
<i>Location</i>	The physical location for the estimate. This is automatically set to your default location. Click to change the location just for this estimate.

8- Locating Line Items

**Line Number
or Words**

Search Data Custom Cost Data Manage Estimates Square Foot Estimator Manage Accounts Reference Items

Cost Data:Residential New Construction | Type: Unit | Labor Type: Residential | Location: EDMONTON(C32) | Release: Year 2013

Include my Custom Data

MasterFormat 2010

- ▶ 1 General Requirements
- ▶ 2 Existing Conditions
- ▶ 3 Concrete
- ▶ 4 Masonry
- ▶ 5 Metals

1 General Requirements

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Line Number	Description	Unit	Crew	Daily Output	Labor Hour
<input type="checkbox"/> 01110000000	Summary of Work				
<input type="checkbox"/> 01110500000	Models & Renderings				
<input type="checkbox"/> 01113100000	Professional Consultants				
<input type="checkbox"/> 011131100010	ARCHITECTURAL FEES				
<input type="checkbox"/> 011131100020	For new construction				
<input type="checkbox"/> 011131100060	Minimum	Project			
<input type="checkbox"/> 011131100090	Maximum	Project			
<input type="checkbox"/> 011131100100	For alteration work, to \$500,000, add to new construction fee	Project			
<input type="checkbox"/> 011131100150	Over \$500,000, add to new construction fee	Project			

Search and Select

Advanced Search

Line Number (full/partial) Line Number 012030 or 1135 or 11356890

All of these words Type the important words: wood door partition

Any of these words Type OR between all the words you want: wood OR plastic

This exact phrase Put exact words in quotes: "wood door"

9- Inserting Line Items

1 General Requirements Page 1 of 17 Lines 1 - 50 of 829

	Line Number		Description	Unit	Crew	Daily Output	Labor Hour
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	011100000000		Summary of Work				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	011105000000		Models & Renderings				
<input type="checkbox"/>	011131000000		Professional Consultants				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	011131100010		ARCHITECTURAL FEES				
<input type="checkbox"/>	011131100020		For new construction				
<input type="checkbox"/>	011131100060		Minimum	Project			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	011131100090		Maximum	Project			
<input type="checkbox"/>	011131100100		For alteration work, to \$500,000, add to new construction fee	Project			
<input type="checkbox"/>	011131100150		Over \$500,000, add to new construction fee	Project			

Add to estimate Insert custom line Remove from estimate Save estimate Estimate Action Select From List View Basic

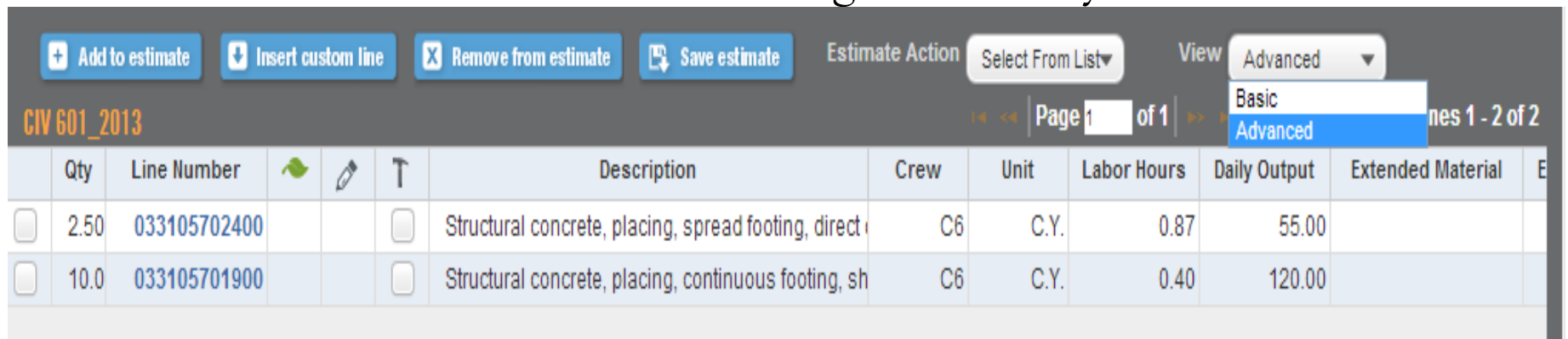
Add to estimate Insert custom line Remove from estimate Save estimate

10- Generating Reports

Views:

Basic and Advanced

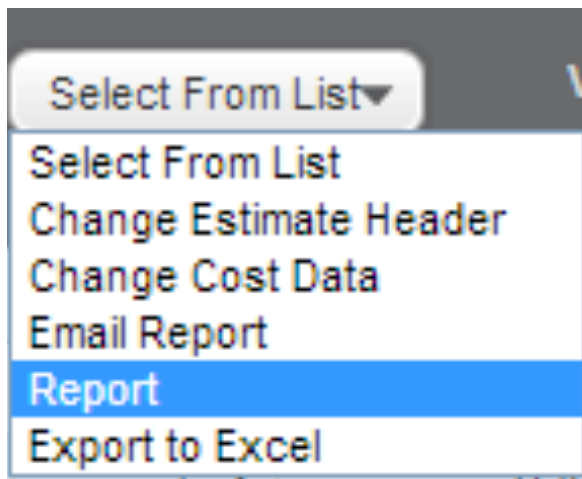
<http://www.reedconstructiondata.com/help/rsmeanonline/creating-an-assembly-or-unit-estimate/>



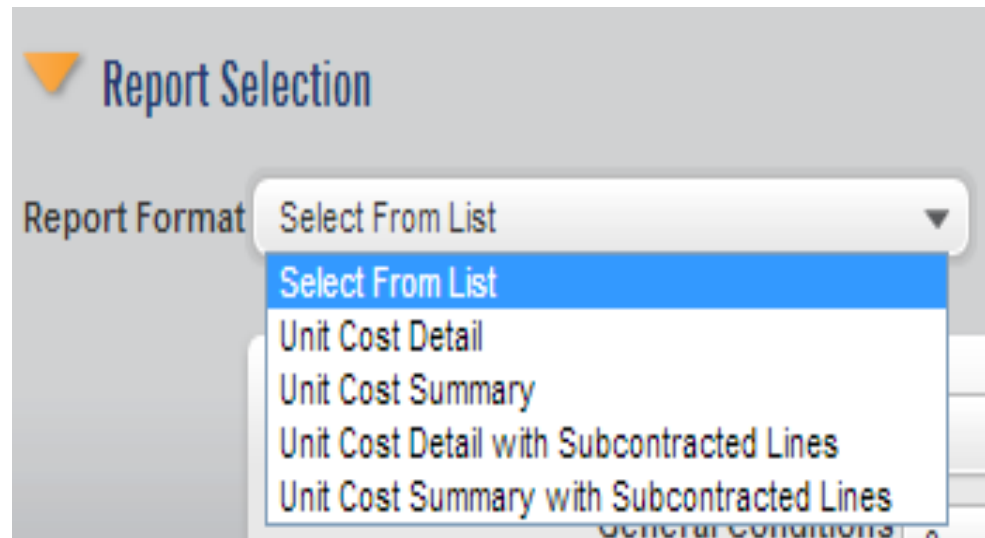
The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with buttons: '+ Add to estimate', 'Insert custom line', 'Remove from estimate', and 'Save estimate'. The 'Estimate Action' dropdown is set to 'Select From List'. The 'View' dropdown is open, showing 'Advanced' (selected), 'Basic', and 'Advanced'. Below the navigation bar, the text 'CIV 601_2013' is visible. The table below has the following data:

Qty	Line Number	Description	Crew	Unit	Labor Hours	Daily Output	Extended Material
2.50	033105702400	Structural concrete, placing, spread footing, direct	C6	C.Y.	0.87	55.00	
10.0	033105701900	Structural concrete, placing, continuous footing, sh	C6	C.Y.	0.40	120.00	

Report Generation:



Report Format:



10- Generating Reports

Estimate Default Markup Percentage.

Report Selection

Report Format: Unit Cost Detail

General Contractor's Markup on Subs 0-100: 3.00 %

General Conditions 0-100: 3.00 %

General Contractor's Overhead & Profit 0-100: 3.00 %

Cancel Preview

General Contractor's Markup on Subs	Select the percentages for each value.
General Conditions	
General Contractor's Overhead & Profit	



Report:

Cost Estimate Report
RSMeanOnline

9502-116 Street

Date: 02-Jul-13

CIV 601_2013
Year 2013
Unit Detail Report

Prepared By:
Aminah Fayek
University of Alberta

LineNumber	Description	Quantity	Unit	Total Incl. O&P	Ext. Total Incl. O&P
Division 03 Concrete					
033105701900	Structural concrete, placing, continuous footing, shallow, direct chute, includes leveling (strike off) & consolidation, excludes material	10.00	C.Y.	\$18.40	\$184.00
033105702400	Structural concrete, placing, spread footing, direct chute, under 1 C.Y., includes leveling (strike off) & consolidation, excludes material	2.50	C.Y.	\$39.95	\$99.88
Division 03 Concrete Subtotal					\$283.88

How To Find Required Information

In the developed MExcel® File

Quantity	LineNumber	Description	Crew	Daily Output	Labor Hours	Unit
1	311313101080	Selective tree and shrub removal, selective clearing brush mowing, heavy density, tractor with rotary mower, excludes removal offsite	B84	0.4	19.768	Hectare
1	312316462420	Excavating, bulk, dozer, open site, bank measure, common earth, 60 kW dozer, 90 m haul	B10L	76.46	0.157	Bm3

Crew Components
e.g. B-84

Units of measure
e.g. Hectare

Daily Crew Output (including units)
e.g. 0.4 Hec./day

How To Find Required Information

To determine the Daily Crew Output

<input type="checkbox"/>	312316462410		Bm3	B10L	87.93
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316462420		Bm3	B10L	76.46
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316462440		Bm3	B10L	49.70
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316463000		Bm3	B10W	535.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316463010		Bm3	B10W	520.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316463020		Bm3	B10W	466.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316463030		Bm3	B10W	466.00

Line Number: 312316462420
Description: Excavating, bulk, dozer, open site, bank measure, common earth, 60 kW dozer, 90 m haul
Crew: Crew B10L
Graphic: NA
Link: 312316 40 Excavating

Crews

Crew No.	Bare Costs	Incl. Subs O&P	Cost Per Labor-Hour	Crew No.	Bare Costs	Incl. Subs O&P	Cost Per Labor-Hour
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Crew B-10L	Hr.	Daily	Hr.	Daily	Bare Costs	Incl. O&P
1 Equip. Oper. (med.)	\$45.35	\$362.80	\$67.75	\$542.00	\$41.68	\$62.73
.5 Laborer	34.35	137.40	52.70	210.80		
1 Dozer, 80 H.P.		412.60		453.86	34.38	37.82
12 L.H., Daily Totals		\$912.80		\$1206.66	\$76.07	\$100.56

B-10L

Total Daily Crew Labour Hours e.g. 12

How To Find Required Information

To determine the Associated RS Means Reference

<input type="checkbox"/>	312316462410		Bm3	B10L	87.93
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316462420		Bm3	B10L	76.46
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316462440		Bm3	B10L	49.70
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316463000		Bm3	B10W	535.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316463010		Bm3	B10W	520.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316463020		Bm3	B10W	466.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	312316463040		Bm3	B10W	204.00

Line Number: 312316462420
Description: Excavating, bulk, dozer, open site, bank measure, common earth, 60 kW dozer, 90 m haul
Crew: Crew B10L
Graphic: NA
Link: [312316 40 Excavating](#)

RS Means Reference
e.g. 312316 40 Excavating

Calculating unit labour hours (for each item)

Number of Labour Hours consumed per unit of item.

$$\text{Unit labour hours} = \frac{\text{Crew labour hours}}{\text{Daily output}}$$

Example:

$$\frac{8 \text{ LH/day}}{0.4 \text{ Hec./day}} = 20 \text{ LH/Hec.}$$

Calculating the **duration** of an activity in (a) **days**, and (b) **labour hours (for each item)**

(a) Duration (days) = Quantity (units) / Daily output (units/day)

Example:

$$\frac{750 \text{ Hec}}{0.4 \text{ Hec./day}} = 1875 \text{ days}$$

**(b) Duration (labour hours) =
Quantity (units) × Unit Labour Hours (labour hours/unit)**

Example:

$$750 \text{ Hec.} \times 20 \text{ LH/ Hec.} = 15,000 \text{ LH}$$

Thank you

