



Using Independent Project Costs to Inform Work Programming

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Forecasting & Performance Office Updates

- New Director Chris Lewis
- Officially switching over from Program Management to Forecasting and Performance on websites and SharePoint sites
- Our goal is to elevate the importance of project cost and embrace project management as a profession in successfully delivering the work program, as well as delivering local program projects.



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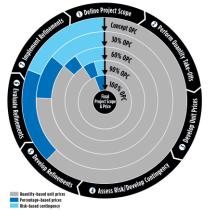
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Implementing the Philosophy Change

- Not just a terminology change...
- ...it's a philosophy change



 Expect to see more consistency in project cost projections from Scope Project Costs through Award.



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Cost Analysis

Traditional

- Parametric analysis using historical bid averages
- Engineers and District Estimators
- Projects less than \$100 million



Bottom Up

- Independent Project Cost
- Labor, Materials and Equipment
- IPC Consultants
- Projects over \$100 million



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New Handbooks Under Development



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New Design Deliverables

Engineer's Project Cost	Pay Items, Quantities, Unit Prices, and Extended Prices detail typical of an Engineer's Estimate.
Detailed Project Information	Plans, strip maps, reports, spreadsheets, etc. that convey the project scope and design.
Project Document Checklist	A fillable template that reports what documents are being provided and file names to help IPC teams orient to the project.
Design Confidence Report	Fillable template reporting confidence that project quantities have been captured in the in the Engineer's Project Cost.
Engineer's Risk Assessment	Identification of project risks and potential cost impacts within a provided Risk Register template.
Basis of Engineer's Cost	Memorandum that provides a project overview and places into appropriate context all of these deliverables.
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IPC Process – IPC Documents

- In order to develop an accurate project cost, it will require project teams to more fully document project components or assumptions that can serve as the basis of quantities.
- This doesn't mean more fully developed plans are needed. Just better documented assumptions and basis of quantities.



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Engineer's Project Cost

Detailed Project Information

Project Document Checklist

Design Confidence Report

Engineer's Risk Assessment

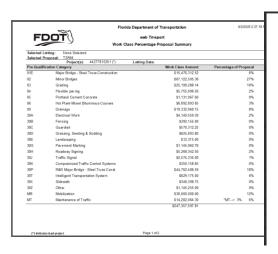
Basis of Engineer's Cost

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Engineer's Project Cost







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Engineer's Project Cost

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Detailed Project Information



Project Document Checklist

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Project Document Checklist

Pavement Design Package Project Map .kmz Files

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Quantitative Project Risk Register with dispositions

Environmental Permits, if available. If not, Environmental Permits Matrix
 Request for Proposal
 Utility SUE

Utility Work by Highway Contractor (UWHCA) plans (if applicable)

13 Studies (e.g. Noise Wall, Lighting, Signals, etc.) Technical Special Provisions Nearby Project Info (past/future)

Draft/Final Utility Work Schedules

checklist should accompany the information being provided. The EOR should include any pertinent documents that are not listed. Additional or missing information may be requested by the IPC team as needed. File Included Deliverable Link/Comments (Y/N) District Project Cost (XLSX format) Project drawings, schematic, sketches, plans etc. (PDF format) CAD files, including existing and proposed surface models (DGN, InRoads/OpenRoads, OpenBridge files) Quantity/backup calculations (Spreadsheets, CAD shapes, etc.) Basis of Engineer's Cost, incl. Design Confidence Report Project Reports (PD&E, Structural, Geotechnical, Drainage, etc.) Typical Section Package

Project Document Checklist The consultant designer will provide the following project documents and information to the Department for use by the IPC team. This

Project Document Checklist 12 Cost Schedule Risk Analysis (CSRA) Qualitative Spreadsheet

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Engineer's Project Cost

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Basis of Engineer's Cost

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Design Confidence Report



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Risk Register Supported Project Unknowns



- The approach can be scaled to the project and FDOT needs. Some approaches are:
 - IPC team develops Risk Register internally based on their review of the project and IPC Documents.
 - IPC team engages Central Office, District, and Designer in a collaborative process that involves some combination of these industry standard steps:
 - · Risk Identification
 - · Qualitative Risk Assessment
 - · Quantitative Risk Analysis

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Engineer's Project Cost

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Basis of Engineer's Cost

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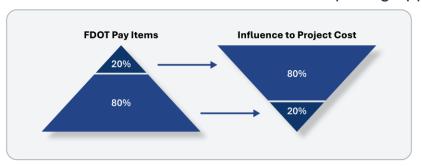
Basis of Engineer's Cost

- Source and criteria for unit price selection
- Any similar projects referenced
- Review basis of Lump Sum/Allowances
- Design influences on unit price selection (i.e. scheduling/phasing)
- Location of resources available
- Local Market conditions (impacts of recent project lettings)
- Any project-specific special conditions; geology, construction type, local constraints, etc.

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What is an Independent Project Cost

- Developed by estimators with self-perform construction experience
- Utilizes cost-based, bottom-up approach for 80% +/- of the project cost
- Remainder of IPC uses bid-based, historical pricing approach

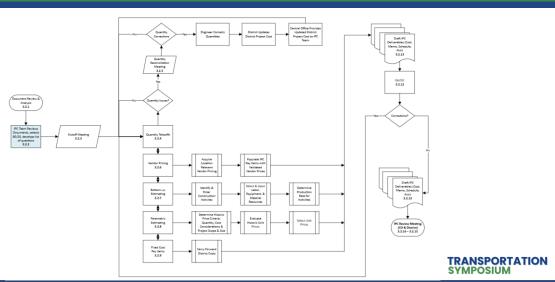


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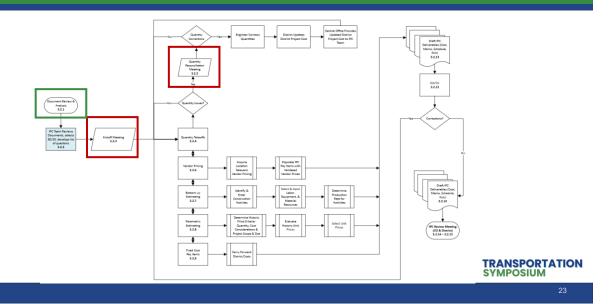
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IPC Process



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IPC Process - Kick-off Meeting

- Confirms IPC teams understanding of the project scope and design documents
- Allows collaboration between design and IPC teams
- IPC teams solicit additional input from the design team so the IPC is best on the design team's best estimate of what final the final design of the project may involve.

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IPC Process - Quantity Validation Meeting

- The IPC team performs a quantity takeoff on all the pay items that will be part of the bottoms-up approach.
- A Quantity Reconciliation Meeting is scheduled after the IPC team has their quantities.
- Not a "we're right, you're wrong" meeting!
- Goal is to confirm both the design team and IPC team are aligned on the scope (pay items and quantities) of the project. (Again, think garbage in, garbage out.)

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Bottom-up estimating explained

 To develop a bottom-up estimate, you must break down each FDOT Pay Item in a set of Activities that each require Resources to complete.



Bottom-up estimating explained

 Example of Activities used to develop the price for Concrete Class IV, Mass, Substructure:



- FOOTINGS
 - 4 10 Materials/Subs
 - 4 20 Unload/Reload Steel Forms
 - 30 Assemble Steel Forms
 - 35 Re-Assemble Forms
 - 40 Set/Strip Forms
 - 🚸 50 Install Cooling Pipes
 - 60 Grout Cooling Pipes
 - → 70 Setup/Place Concrete
 - 4 80 Wet Finish Concrete
 - 90 CJ Prep Footings
 - 92 Cure Footings
 - 96 Point and Patch Footings

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Bottom-up estimating explained

 Example of Activities used to develop the price for Concrete Class IV, Mass, Substructure:

CONCRETE CLASS IV, MASS, SUBSTRUCTURE

FOOTINGS

- 10 Materials/Subs
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Bottom-up estimating explained

• Example of Resources for two of the 11 Activities:



4PUMPCONC - Pump Truck Sub



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Bottom-up estimating explained

• Example of Resources for two of the 11 Activities:



APUMPCONC - Pump Truck Sub

◆ 40 - Set/Strip Forms

354000 - Sm Tools - General

8CRC150-150 Ton Crawler Crane

8TKPU - Pickup Truck

8ZWLD - Welding Maching (400 AMP)

CPFM - Carpenter Foreman

CPJ - Carpenter Journeyman

LS-Labor, Skilled

OPC - Operator, Crane

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IPC Process - Activity-based Quantities

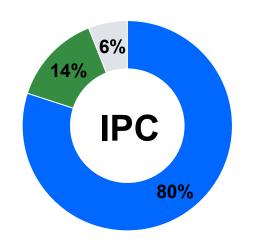
- Why do IPC teams need more information than just the quantities?
 - IPC teams must develop activity-based quantities, not just the quantities for a pay item.

QUANTITY EST	IMATE								Sheet:	1 of 1	Estimator:		Item#:	400-4-25
Burns & McDonnell								Plan Sheet:		Bid Quantity:	288.00	CY		
Project:	BID DATE				Footings				Spec. Ref:	400 Conc. Struct.	Take Off Quantity:	288.00	CY	
Detail L				Concrete	Formwork	CJ Prep	Wet Finish	P.P.	Cure	Cooling Tubes	Cooling Tube Grout			
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Pier 2	12.00	18.00	6.00	2.00	96.00	720.00	37.55	178.45	720.00	936.00	288.00	1.57		
Pier 3	12.00	18.00	6.00	2.00	96.00	720.00	37.55	178.45	720.00	936.00	288.00	1.57		
Pier 4	12.00	18.00	6.00	2.00	96.00	720.00	37.55	178.45	720.00	936.00	288.00	1.57		
					288.00	2160.00	112.65	535.35	2160.00	2808.00	864.00	4.71		

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IPC Process – Putting it all together



Estimating Approach by Dollar Value

- Bottom-up
- Parametric
- Carry-forward

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IPC Process - Validation of Allowances

 IPCs typically apply percentages to those items that are typically percentages in a District Estimate as well.

Maintenance of Traffic Mobilization

Design-Build Project Unknowns

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Benefits seen to date

- Validate budget prior to letting
- Validate quantities prior to letting
- Bottom-up pricing fills a need when relevant historical price data is limited or not available
- IPC process promotes a more fully assessed design that considers constructability
- Leads to more reliable project cost projections from engineers, districts, and IPC teams

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