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Getting Started

Introduction

AASHTOWare Project™ is the complete, enterprise-wide software solution developed by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) for managing an agency's construction program. It utilizes web-based information systems technology and is based on the experience and needs of AASHTO's member agencies. AASHTOWare Project capabilities encompass the full functionality of a construction contract management system. Beginning with cost estimation, AASHTOWare Project carries through with proposal preparation, bid-letting, construction and materials management, civil rights and labor compliance activities, and historical data collection and analysis. The system creates a consistent and integrated view of the construction contract process during each of the phases.

AASHTOWare Project Estimation™ is a web-based estimation application designed to deliver accurate, reliable cost estimates for your construction program. Cost estimates enable you to estimate the anticipated costs of an improvement as it progresses through different stages of planning, from a conceptual estimate when minimal scope exists, to a preliminary estimate when detail items can be determined for the project, and finally to a letting estimate associated with a proposal. Each concept, project, and proposal can be associated with multiple cost estimates, enabling you to evaluate different methodologies and pricing scenarios as needed.

AASHTOWare Project Preconstruction™ manages the project life cycle from project design, through producing an estimate, to preparing a proposal for prospective bidders, to contract award. It also manages notifying contractors, maintaining planholder information, managing bid lettings, analyzing bids, and producing letting summary reports.

AASHTOWare Project Construction & Materials™ is a web-based module that covers the complete construction and materials management process, managing contract information through the entire construction cycle, including contract status reporting, progress payments, DBE reporting, subcontractor authorization, funding participation allocation, laboratory information management functionality, and project finalization management.

For Use by the Designer's Cost Estimators in developing Construction Cost Estimates for NJDOT Capital Program Projects at Preliminary Engineering (PD). PD estimates are based on the project's type, length, pavement type, and types of bridges, and are used for the 5-year Program which involve the Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and the Transportation Improvement Program. The Cost Estimating Unit has been placed outside of the rest of the production units in order to provide independent estimates used in the financial programming.

This guide details the functionality of AASHTOWare Project Estimation™ and how to use the application for the creation of long-range estimates and detailed estimates according to NJDOT policy. This manual is not intended to provide estimating guidance but rather software guidance.

For estimating guidance refer to the Cost Estimating Guideline by the Program Management Office (CEG-PMO at https://www.state.nj.us/transportation/capital/pd/process_cost.shtm).

This guide provides detailed information about using AASHTOWare Project Estimation™ along with general information about the web-based AASHTOWare Project™ system.

Submittal

The PD Submission shall include preliminary plans, a preliminary design cost estimate and a transmittal letter with a date for review completion.

PD Preparation

- Determine which of the thirteen classifications from Table 1, Project/Job/Proposal Construction Classifications (pages 6-8) most nearly represents the type of work to be performed.
- Use the Contingencies and Escalation Calculations forms (see Attachment 1 of CEG-PMO) for that classification to estimate construction costs.
- For projects that do not fit into any of the seven classifications, the best results are usually obtained by searching out a previously completed project of a similar nature and adjusting its cost to reflect scope difference and price escalation.

Documents Generated

- Preliminary Design Engineer's Estimate
- Cost preparation sheets generated from Attachment 1 of CEG-PMO
- Non-Standard Item List and Calculations
- Standard Item List
- Attachment List
- Bid Tabulations
- Final Engineer's Estimate
- Fuel and Asphalt Price Indices
- Lump Sum Bid History Charts/Calculations
- Summary Sheet

Security

The Engineer's Estimate is a confidential document and is only to be given out to Department personnel on a need to know basis. The file drawers containing the Engineer's Estimates are locked.

Table 1. Project/Job/Proposal Construction Classifications

Type	Description
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<p>1. New Construction</p>	<p>New construction or major reconstruction of divided or undivided highways. Includes all major phases of construction site preparation, earthwork, drainage, structures, paving, etc. whether contracted separately or as a complete project. Minor items such as signing, landscaping and guiderail are included unless they are in separate specialty contracts. If Maintenance of Traffic will include two or more stages or if extensive Maintenance of Traffic equipment is needed, use Class 2.</p>
<p>2. Reconstruction, Widening and Dualization</p>	<p>The removal and replacement, rebuilding or upgrading of an existing facility, including intersections. There may be grade changes but normally the changes will not be significant. Includes all phases of construction. May include short utility relocations, placement and/or relocations of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) facilities. Includes widening equivalent to one lane width or wider. Includes structures when decks are replaced on existing substructures or decks are widened and substructures extended. Includes intersection improvements when roadway area is also rebuilt.</p>
<p>3. Widening and Resurfacing</p>	<p>Widening and resurfacing of existing highway facilities when the total added width is equivalent to less than one lane width in each direction and grades are not changed. Includes minor grading, extending culverts, curb and gutter, etc. Includes bridge deck widening possibly without substructure changes. May require relocations of ITS facilities.</p>

<p>4. Resurfacing</p>	<p>Overlaying existing highways, and surfacing or overlaying existing shoulders with asphaltic material. Includes joint repair, minor widening with asphaltic materials, some base corrections or asphaltic base, curb and gutter replacement, and adjustments at structures, drives and street returns. Does not include extensive reconstruction, pavement replacement or construction of new pavements, excavation, utility or sewer work. Projects with milling operations may involve reconstruction of ITS device pavement sensors.</p>
<p>5. Bridge Repair</p>	<p>Repair of bridges, includes repairs to decks, curbs, rails, beams and structures. If total deck removal and replacement is required, the contract should be classified as reconstruction. Bridge Repair also includes bridge painting, which consists of the removal of lead based paint and the application of a high performance coating system.</p>
<p>6. Intersection Improvements</p>	<p>Minor construction or reconstruction of street or highway intersections. Normally includes some removal, grading, drainage and paving. May include curb and sidewalk along with traffic signals installed at the intersection. If intersection pavement is to be rebuilt, the contract should be classified as reconstruction.</p>
<p>7. Electrical, Safety, and Traffic Control</p>	<p>Placement, replacement and betterment of guiderail, signs, striping, traffic signals, highway lighting, sign lighting, electrical signs, movable bridge electrical systems and other safety and traffic control devices, along streets and highways, when let on a specialty contract basis. If electrical, safety and traffic control devices are included as part of a major contract type, they should be included under the miscellaneous activities for that type.</p>

8. Miscellaneous	Construction activities, let on a specialty contract basis, not assignable to other work classes. Includes demolition of buildings, removal of asbestos, and railroad pavement painting.
9. Unique	Construction activities of a distinctive nature, which is let on a specialty contract basis. Includes wetland replacement and restoration.
10. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)	Construction of ITS devices and communication networks. Systems include computerized traffic signal control, dynamic message signs, closed circuit television, highway advisory radio, fiber optics and wireless technologies, traffic detection, weather station and data development traffic monitoring. Includes the integration of proposed devices with Traffic Operation Centers central control systems and interagency resource sharing through the regional and statewide ITS Architectures. If ITS systems are included as part of a major contract type, they should be included under the miscellaneous activities for that type.
11. Landscape	Design and installation of landscape architectural elements to enhance transportation facilities or to mitigate environmental and negative effects caused by transportation facility improvements. Work includes functional, aesthetic and safety plantings, reforestation, wetland mitigation, urban streetscapes, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and structures aesthetics. This work may be part of other contracts or as independent contracts.
12. Demolition	Advanced Demolition of Buildings - the demolition and removal of buildings and appurtenances within acquired ROW, in advance of the main construction contract. Clearing Site, Underground Storage Tank Removal, Sealing of Abandoned Wells, and Asbestos Remediation could be included in this type of project.
13. Drainage	Includes cleaning, inspecting, capacity restoration and in-kind repairs to highway drainage facilities.

Overview of Getting Started

The Getting Started section describes how to use features in web-based AASHTOWare Project to complete basic tasks. Carefully review these topics to make your first experiences with the software easier and more intuitive.

Setting Up Your Browser

Because web-based AASHTOWare Project is a web application, correct browser settings are an important part of making sure the application performs as it should. The information in this topic will help you to set your web browser options correctly.

Using the Correct Browser

Web-based AASHTOWare Project is designed to run on Google Chrome or Internet Explorer, versions 10 and 11 (IE10 and IE11). If you are using Internet Explorer, make sure you update your browser to one of these versions.

Setting the Browser Mode in Internet Explorer

If you are using Internet Explorer, you may need to alter your settings.



Instructions

To ensure the browser mode is properly set:

1. Open the **Internet Explorer** browser.
2. Press the **Alt** key to display the toolbar.
3. From the **Tools** menu, select **Compatibility View Settings**.

The browser opens a Compatibility View Settings dialog window.

4. In the Compatibility View Settings window, clear the **Display intranet sites in Compatibility View** check box.
5. Click the **Close** button.

Setting Internet Options in Internet Explorer

Set your internet options and enable your Data Object Model (DOM) storage.



Note: If the AASHTOWare Project website is hosted on a server outside of the agency's local intranet, ensure that the Internet Explorer option for Font Download is set to Enable for the Internet security zone. If enabling font downloads is undesirable or prohibited by group policy settings for the domain, add the AASHTOWare Project website to the list of Trusted Sites. This enables the system to properly display icons.



Instructions

To ensure the browser internet options are properly set and that the DOM storage is enabled:

1. Open the **Internet Explorer** browser.
2. Navigate to the **Tools** menu, and select **Internet Options**.

The browser displays the Internet Options dialog box.

3. Under **Browsing History**, click the **Settings** button.

The browser displays the Temporary Internet Files and History Settings dialog box.

4. For the **Check for newer versions of stored pages** setting, click the **Every time I visit the webpage** option.
5. Click the **OK** button.
6. In the **Internet Options** dialog box, click the **Advanced** tab.
7. In the **Settings** box, scroll down to the **Security** section, and ensure the **Enable DOM Storage** option is selected.
8. 8. Click the **OK** button.

Logging On

AASHTOWare Project is a web-based application. Start AASHTOWare Project by opening a web browser and entering the address of the program.



Note: You will receive your agency's website link and your username and password from your agency.



To log on to AASHTOWare Project:

1. In Internet Explorer, navigate to the **AASHTOWare Project** web address supplied by your agency.

An Internet Explorer web browser displays the AASHTOWare Project logon page.

2. In the **Username** field, type your username.
3. In the **Password** field, type your password.
4. In the **Domain** field, click the drop-down arrow and select the appropriate domain.
5. Click the **Log on** button.


Using Online Help

The AASHTOWare Project Help system provides a wealth of information immediately available to you while you work. Understanding how the Help system works makes it easier to find the information you need.

When you access the context sensitive Help, the system displays information for the current component, with no further searching needed.

Search

The Search pane provides a rapid full-text search of all the topics in the Help system.

 **Note:** If your search phrase includes words that can be mistaken for the operators *Or*, *And*, or *Not*, place your search terms in quotation marks. For example, if you want to search for information on the tab "*Bids Not On Proposal*", place the tab name in quotation marks. Otherwise the search will not return the desired results.



Instructions

To view the online help:

1. On the **Menu** bar, click the system **Help** button.
2. Click the **Search** button.
3. In the **Type in the word(s) to search for** field, type a search term.
4. Click the **GO** button.
5. Click on the appropriate link.
6. View the information.
7. Click the **Close** button to close the help window.
8. To access the context-sensitive help for any component, on the **Menu** bar click the **Help** button.
9. View the information in the help window.
10. Close the **Help** window.

Navigating in Web-Based AASHTOWare Project

Web-based AASHTOWare Project components and webpages include a variety of features to help you navigate more easily through the system. The features described in this section are standard throughout the system.

Dashboard	When you log on to the system, the software opens on the dashboard. You can also go to the dashboard at any time by clicking the Home button on the Menu bar. The dashboard contains one or more components. Each component is identified by a title set within a blue header bar. Each component provides access to the information and processes required for a specific area of your agency's work.
Menu bar	The system displays the Menu bar at the top of every webpage in the system. The buttons and menus on this bar help you to move quickly through the system to visit the pages and components you use most often.

Quick Links	Quick links are displayed in blue text below the Menu bar and above the webpage title. These links allow you to quickly jump to application pages related to the current page.
Hypertext Links	Hypertext links can be located anywhere on an application component or webpage and are identified by blue underlined text. When clicked, a link takes you to another component or page, usually one containing more detailed information than what is available in the current component.
Icons	Icons are small images throughout the system that either convey information or can be clicked to perform an action. For example, a red asterisk icon indicates a required field. An eraser icon in a Quick Find search box can be clicked to reset search criteria.
Alternate Paths	Keep in mind that all of the various navigational elements, such as hypertext links, quick links, recent pages, and Actions menus, can all provide different ways of accomplishing the same task. The same command might be accessible from an Actions menu or as a link.
Bookmarks	You can bookmark specific pages in the software just as you would for any other website.

Logging Off

You can log off the system at any time by clicking the Log off button on the Menu bar on any page in the application. When you log off, the system ends your session and takes you to the logon page.



Instructions

To log off AASHTOWare Project:

1. On the **Menu** bar, click the **Log off** button.

Understanding Your Role

A user role is a name associated with a collection of security access rights to the information contained in system components. Roles combine the permissions needed for several related tasks and allow you more efficient access to the parts of the system you need. Roles are

designed by your agency and assigned to you by your system administrator.

Depending on your agency options, you may have one or more roles. You can switch your role at any time while working in the application.

To view and change your active role:

1. From within AASHTOWare Project, on the **Home** button, click the drop-down arrow.
2. Select the appropriate role.

The system will update the functionality you have access to based on the selected role.

Viewing Recent Activity

The Previous Activity Overview component contains a list of the most recent pages and components you have visited in your currently active role.



[Instructions](#)

To view and maintain recent activity:

1. On the **Previous** button, click the drop-down arrow.
2. From the list of recent windows, select the entry for the appropriate window to which to navigate.

Viewing My Pages

The My Page Overview component contains a list of all the pages you have added to your My Pages list for your active role. This component functions similarly to a list of favorites in a browser.



[Instructions](#)

To view and maintain My Pages:

1. Click the **My Pages** button, and select the appropriate page.
2. To maintain My Pages, on the **My Pages** button, click the dropdown arrow.
3. Click **Remember this Page**.
4. Click the **Close** button in the **My Pages** pop-up window.

Using Components

The web-based AASHTOWare Project system displays information in application components. A component is a container for the information and business functions on an application webpage. Components are made up of elements such as fields, lists, and links. Some components contain a list of tabs along the left side, each of which corresponds to a subset of information related to the component entity.



Note: To protect the information contained in your agency's system, components and webpages only display the information and action features for which your active role has been assigned access.

Component features include:

- Component header with Save, Actions, and Help button
- Vertical Scroll Bar
- Fields
- Lists
- Filters
- Actions menus
- Modal windows
- Tabs

Working with Fields

Fields are the most common element found on components. Information can be recorded in fields. You can move from one field to another by pressing the Tab key or moving your pointer to the field and clicking the left mouse button. The system has several different types of fields, as described below.

Text Boxes	Directly type or delete information.
Numeric Fields	Numeric fields allow only numeric characters.
AutocompleteFields	Auto-complete fields are similar to text boxes except that they automatically display a filtered list of field values based on the first few characters typed into the field.

Date Fields	Date fields include a calendar button next to the field. Click the calendar button to display a calendar and select a date to populate the field.
Drop-down List Boxes	Drop-down list boxes include a down arrow next to the field. Click the drop-down arrow to display a list of possible field values.
Non-editable Fields	Non-editable fields display information without a text box. The information cannot be changed.
Check Boxes	Check boxes are square boxes that can be selected or cleared by positioning the mouse pointer over them and clicking the left mouse button. Check boxes are used to turn an option on or off.
Agency Fields	Agency fields look and behave like any other field, but have been customized for purposes specific to an agency.

Entering Data in a Range of Fields

The Range Fill feature provides a quick way to copy the same value to the same field on multiple rows of a list. For example, if you are granting contract authority to a number of people on a contract, you can add each person and then use range fill to enter the same role or effective date for all of them at one time. Fields that allow range fill are determined by your agency and are identified by a gray down arrow beside the field's label.



Note: Rows with fields that are read-only are included in the count but skipped in the range fill.



Instructions

To use the range fill feature:

1. Navigate to the appropriate overview or summary window.
2. Select a row and field containing the value you want to copy to a range of fields.
3. Click the **Range Fill** button (gray down arrow) on the field containing the value you want to copy.

The system opens the Range Fill overlay. You can also open the Range Fill overlay by clicking in or tabbing to the field and then pressing ALT+I.

4. In the **Rows** field, type the number of rows you want in the range that will be filled.
5. If the range you want filled extends downward from the selected field, select the **Down** option, or if the range extends upward, select the **Up** option.
6. Alternatively, you can select a check box to copy the value to the field in all of the rows displayed in the component or all of the rows in the list.
7. Click the **Fill** button to fill the range of fields with the copied value.
8. To close the overlay without filling the range of fields, click the **Close** button.

The system copies the value to the specified range of fields and displays an Undo button beside each field populated with the range fill. Click the Undo button on any range filled field to revert to its previous value.

Working with Lists

Many system components contain lists of rows for a type of data, such as projects or proposals. You can browse list information using the scroll bar on the right side of the component. The system has several different types of lists, as described below.

Simple Lists	These are read-only lists of information. If the rows in a simple list contain enough information, they may be collapsed or expanded.
Rolling Lists	These typically contain only a few fields, and no more than two lines of information per row. Rolling lists are used for quick entry, maintenance, or view.
Accordion Lists	Used to manage rows that require input into more fields than allowed in a rolling list. A row in an accordion list can be expanded or collapsed by clicking the expand/collapse button.
Grouped Lists	Some components allow data in lists to be grouped relative to a field from that list.
Grouped Associations	Grouped associations are similar to grouped lists, except that the data is grouped according to an association between multiple entities, not a field contained in the list.

Selection Lists	To select a single data row, click anywhere inside the row. The system adds a green check mark beside each row you select and shades the row blue. To cancel a selection, click the selected row again.
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Sorting and Filtering Lists

System components with lists allow you to sort and filter the list to make it easier to find specific rows. You can create advanced sorts and filters that search on multiple criteria.

Using the Quick Find Search Box

A Quick Find search box is standard on each component that contains a list. It searches all rows in the list for a string of text and then displays only rows with fields containing that string.



Note: The Quick Find search is not case sensitive.



Note: The word Temporary appears next to the Quick Find search field when a sort or filter is applied to the results list.



Instructions

To use the Quick Find search box:

1. Navigate to the appropriate overview window.
2. In the **Quick Find** search box, type the appropriate search term.

Using Advanced Sorting and Filters

Every system component that contains a Quick Find search box provides an **Advanced** filter link that allows you to create and save custom sorts and filters that search on multiple criteria.

Filtering



Instructions

To create and save a filter using the Advanced Filter/Sort window:

1. Next to the **Quick Find** search box, click the drop-down arrow.
2. Scroll to and click the **Advanced** link.
3. In the **Filters** field, click the drop-down arrow to display a list of all the columns in the component (including hidden columns).
4. Select the column by which to filter.

The system displays a list of operators appropriate for the chosen column and a field for entering the value you want to match (depending on the column you are filtering, this may be a text box, a check box, or a tool for selecting a date).

5. Click the drop-down arrow and select the operator you want to use to narrow your filter.
6. Enter the value you are trying to match or want to use as a delimiter (if a text box, the filter is not case-sensitive).
7. In the **Apply Setting** section, in the **Save as** box, enter the name for which to save your search criteria for future use.
8. Click the **Save and Apply** button.

Note that to perform a search without saving the search criteria, simply click the Apply without saving button and do not enter a Save as name.

Sorting



Instructions

To create a sort:

1. Next to the **Quick Find** search box, click the drop-down arrow.
2. Scroll to and click the **Advanced** link.
3. In the **Sort** field, click the drop-down arrow to display a list of all the columns in the component (including hidden columns).
4. Select the column by which to sort.

The component information will sort in ascending order.

5. To sort the selected column in descending order, click in the **Sort descending** check box.
6. Click the **Apply without saving** button.

Note that to save your sort criteria, in the Save as field, enter a name for your sort and click the Save and Apply button.

Modifying Saved Settings

You can modify the filter and sort settings that you save.



Instructions

To modify a saved filter or sort setting:

1. Next to the **Quick Find** search box, click the drop-down arrow.
2. Scroll to and click the **Advanced** link.
3. In the **Editing** section, click the drop-down arrow and select the saved filter or sort to modify.
4. Change information in columns, operators, and values as needed.

Deleting Saved Settings

You can delete saved filter and sort settings.



Instructions

To delete a saved filter or sort setting:

1. Next to the **Quick Find** search box, click the drop-down arrow.
2. Scroll to and click the **Advanced** link.
3. In the **Editing** section, click the drop-down arrow and select the filter or sort to delete.
4. Click the **Delete this setting** link.
5. Click the **Close** button.

Using Operators with the Advanced Filter

The user's guide contains a table showing which operators can be used with the Advanced Filter to filter different kinds of data.

Using Actions Menus

Actions menus allow you to choose a function or process to perform on data. Actions menus are located throughout the application and are accessed by clicking an Actions button. The system has several different types of action menus, as described below.

System Action Menu	The Actions menu for system-level functions and processes is located on the Menu bar, a horizontal strip at the top of every system webpage. Clicking the Actions button opens the Actions menu.
Component Actions Menus	Component Actions menus contain functions and processes that can be performed on the component level, for example, adding or importing a new project.
List Actions Menus	List Actions menus contain functions and processes that can be performed on a list, for example, adding items to a project item list. The button for this type of Actions menu is located below the component header, directly above the list.
Row Actions Menus	Row Actions menus contain functions and processes that are performed on an individual data row in a list, for example, adding or deleting an item. The Actions button is located on the right side of each row. Row Actions menus on a worksheet list are different from those on other types of lists.

Reviewing Action Menus



Instructions

To review component and row actions:

1. Navigate to the appropriate window.
2. Click the component **Actions** button to view the available actions, tasks, or views for the component.
3. In the component **Actions** menu, click the **Close** button.
4. For any row in a list, click the row **Actions** button to view the available actions, tasks, or views for the row.
5. In the row **Actions** menu, click the **Close** button.

Duplicating and Inserting Rows

In rolling lists and accordion lists, when you click the **New** button, the system automatically adds the new row as the last row in the list, or you can insert a new row in a specific location within the list.

If you are adding a row that is similar to an existing row, you can save the time it would take to enter all the identical information by copying the existing row and assigning it a new identifier. You can then make any minor changes required for the new row.

Selecting Data in Modal Windows

A modal window is a secondary pop-up window associated with a component. While a modal window is open, you cannot work in the associated component, but you can reposition the modal window to view information behind it.

Modal windows are used when you add one or more rows of data to an entity, to select the records you want to add. Each modal window includes a Quick Find search box to help you find the data you want to add. To select data to add, click anywhere inside its row. The system adds a green check mark beside each row you select and shades the row blue. When you have selected all the data you want to add in a selection modal window, click the Add button.

Global Actions

Overview of Global Actions

The Global Actions section describes how to use features that are available in all business areas of the AASHTOWare Project system. You can access these features from any webpage in the system by clicking the Actions menu on the Menu bar.

Using Processes Executing

Processes

You can execute several different types of processes in the system, including importing and exporting information and running custom processes.



Instructions

To execute a process:

1. Click the global **Actions** button.
2. Click the **Execute Process** action.
3. Select the process to execute.

The system displays a list of all the data in the system that match your search criteria.

4. Select the data to include in the process, if applicable.
5. To schedule the process to run at a later time, in the **Settings** field on the component subheader, click the drop-down arrow and select **Schedule Process**.
6. To set parameters for the process, in the **Settings** field on the component subheader, click the drop-down arrow and select **Set Parameters**.
7. Click the **Execute** button.

Scheduling a Process

By scheduling a process, you can set the system to automatically execute that process on a daily, weekly, monthly or a one-time basis. You can create a schedule for any process in the system.



Instructions

To schedule a process:

1. From the **Execute Process** component, in the **Settings** field on the component subheader, click the drop-down arrow and select **Schedule Process**.
2. Click the **Enable Scheduling** check box.
3. In the **Schedule Frequency** field, click the drop-down arrow and select how often you want the process to run.

Note that the fields that appear will vary depending on the chosen frequency.

4. Enter values into the fields as appropriate for the chosen frequency.
5. Click the **Schedule** button to save the new process schedule and continue to define the process to execute.

Viewing Process History

The Process History Overview component allows you to check on the status of all processes you are running at any time, including system and scheduled processes.



Instructions

To view the status of a process:

1. Click the global **Actions** menu.
2. Select the **Open Process History** action.
3. In the **Quick Find** search box, search for and select the process to view.
4. View the process history.

Viewing System Process History

The System Process History tab on the Process History Overview component allows you to view the status and output of system processes (processes executed automatically by the system).



Instructions

To view the status of system processes:

1. Click the **Scheduled** tab.
2. View the scheduled process history.

Viewing and Saving Process Output Files



Instructions

To view and save an output file for a completed process:

1. Click the **Process History** tab.
2. For the appropriate process, click the **Output Files** link to view the output file.
3. Click the **Save** button. 4. Follow browser instructions to save the file.

Using Reports

The AASHTOWare Project applications contain a number of standard reports. For more information about how to generate reports, as well as information about the standard reports for this application, see page 78 this manual, Help and below.

The reports that were previously obtained via Citrix/Crystal Reports are now available within the AASHTOWare Project software. The following reports are now in this software:

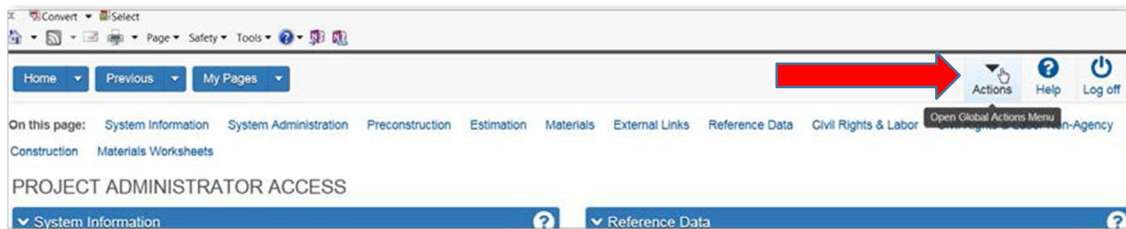
- Item List by Specification Year
- Job Estimate by Category with Alternate Items
- Job Estimate by Job ID and Category
- Obsolete Item List by Specification Year
- Ratable Category Report

Accessing and Running Reports

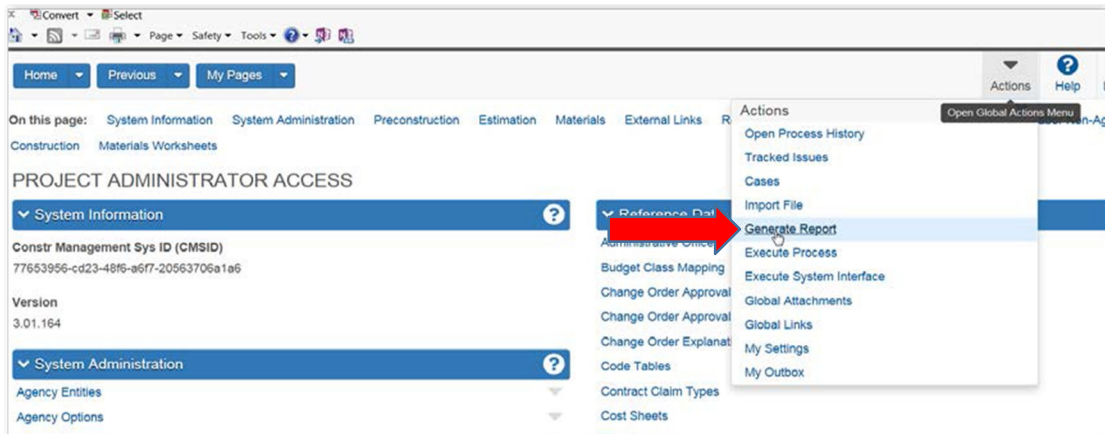


Instructions

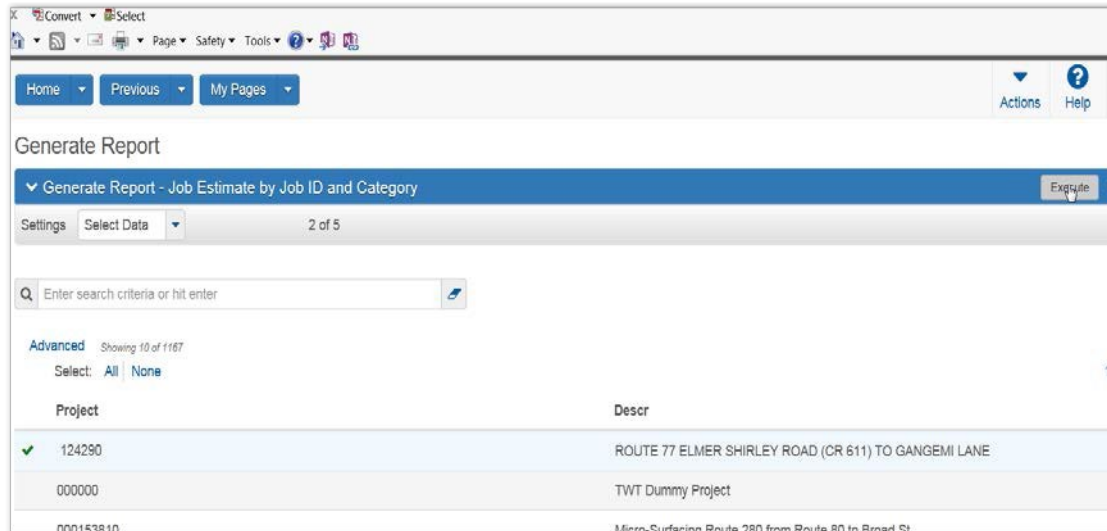
1. On the Home screen, select Actions.



2. From the drop-down, select Generate Report.




3. Scroll through the list of reports and select the report to generate.
4. Enter UPC or DP# in the search box.
5. Click Execute.




Managing Tracked Issues

Issues can be used to track many different workflows and processes. Each tracked issue is based on a reference issue, which defines the steps, actions, and events that occur in order to resolve the issue. A tracked issue progresses from one step to the next as a result of manual or automatic triggers set up in the associated reference issue.

Creating a Tracked Issue

 **Note:** To create a new tracked issue for a Reference Issue that is associated with an Entity, you must first navigate to a record within the appropriate Entity.

 **Note:** The system will automatically create a unique Issue ID using the format YYMMDD followed by a sequential number. For example, the first tracked issue for May 1, 2013 will be labeled 130501-01; the second tracked issue for the same date will be labeled 130501-02, and so on.



Instructions

To create a new tracked issue for a reference item:

1. Navigate to a component for which your agency has created a reference issue and click the global **Actions** button.
2. Select the **Tracked Issues** action.
3. In the Tracked Issue Overview component, click the component **Actions** button.

4. Click the **Create Tracked Issue** action.
5. In the **Quick-Find** search box, type criteria to locate the reference issue you want to use as a basis for the tracked issue.
6. Click the row for the appropriate reference issue.
7. Click the **Create Tracked Issue** button.

Maintaining a Tracked Issue

The Tracked Issue Summary contains all the information recorded for the tracked issue.



Instructions

1. Click the **Issue ID** for the issue.

The system displays the Tracked Issue Summary component.

2. On the **General** tab, modify the information as necessary.
3. Click the **Save** button.

Maintaining Tracked Issue Communication

The Tracked Issue Communication Summary enables you to record a log of communication activities related to the tracked issue.



Instructions

To maintain tracked issue communication:

1. Click the **Communication** quick link.
2. In the **Remarks** section, modify the information as necessary.
3. In the **Journal** section, modify the information as necessary.
4. In the **Email** section, modify the information as necessary.
5. In the **Phone** section, modify the information as necessary.
6. Click the **Save** button.

Maintaining Tracked Issue Owners

By default, the owners of a new tracked issue are the owners specified on the associated reference issue.



Instructions

To view tracked issue owners:

1. Click the **Tracked Issue** quick link.
2. Click the **Owners** tab.
3. View the information in the **Current Step Owners** and **Issue Owners** sections.

Maintaining Tracked Issue Messages

The Messages tab is displayed on the Tracked Issue Summary component only when the current user account is the issue manager or the primary owner of the tracked issue. The tab is not available to other users. The Messages tab lists error messages that occurred during events performed by the system as part of the tracked issue. This log enables you to review error messages and delete them as needed.



Instructions

To view tracked issue messages:

1. Click the **Messages** tab.
2. View the messages.

Maintaining Tracked Issue Steps

The Tracked Issue Steps component provides you with access to information recorded about each step in the tracked issue. At the top of the Tracked Issue Steps component, a diagram provides a visual representation of each step in the process. When you click a step in the diagram, the system shades the step in blue, and the component is updated to display information about the selected step. You can continue clicking different steps in the diagram to view information about that step in the tracked issue.



Instructions

To view the Tracked Issue Steps component.

1. Click the **Tracked Issue Steps** quick link.
2. View the information within the **Actions, Remarks, Attachments, and Links** sections.

Using Cases

A case is a collection of tracked issues. Each tracked issue is based on a reference issue, which determines the actions, events, and steps that are performed in order to resolve the issue.



Instructions

To view a case:

1. Click the global **Actions** button.
2. Select the **Cases** action.
3. In the **Quick Find** search box, search for and select the appropriate case.
4. View the tracked issues associated to the case.

Adding a Case

The Add Case component enables you to enter a name and description for a new case.



Instructions To add a new case:

1. Click the **Overview** quick link.
2. Click the component **Actions** button and select the **Add** action.
3. In the **Name** field, type the name of the case to add.
4. In the **Description** field, type the description of the case.
5. Click the **Save** button.

Note that the system opens the Case Summary window.

Adding Tracked Issues to a Case



Instructions

To add a tracked issue to a case:

1. In the **Case Summary** component, click the **Select Tracked Issues** button.
2. Search for and select the row for each tracked issue to add. 3. Click the **Add to Case and Save** button.

Working with Attachments

Attachments provide an easy way to integrate outside information of various kinds into your project, proposal or any other system entity. Examples of the types of files you might attach include Microsoft® Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, PDFs, URLs, digital photographs and other types of graphic files.

Attachments are accessed on any component by clicking the Actions button on a row or component header.

The Attachments Overview component contains a list of rows for all the files that have been attached to the entity by you or another user with your active role.

Attaching a File to a Row



Instructions

To add an attachment:

1. Navigate to the component that contains the row to which you want to attach the file.
2. Click the component or row **Actions** button and select the **Attachments** view.
3. Click the **Select File** button.
4. In the **Choose File to Upload** window, navigate to the directory where the file is located and click the file to attach.
5. Click the **Open** button.

6. In the **Description** field, type a description for the attachment.
7. Click the **Save** button.

Granting Security Access to an Attached File

You can allow users with other roles to have access to attachments.



Instructions

To grant users with other roles access to the attachment:

1. On the attachment's row, click the row **Actions** button and click **Select Roles**.
2. In the **Quick Find** search box, search for and select the roles to add.
3. Click the **Add to Attachment** button.
4. Click the **Save** button.

Removing Security Access to an Attached File



Instructions

To remove access to the attachment for users with a specific role:

1. Click the expand arrow for the attachment from which to remove a role.

The system displays a list of the roles that are assigned access to the attachment.

2. Select the role to remove.
3. Click the **Mark for Deletion** button.
4. Click the **Save** button.

Using Global Attachments

The Global Attachments Overview component allows you to view and change two types of global attachments:

- Attachments are attached files that you have permission to view, but are attached to entities you do not have permission to access.

System Attachments are files not attached to a specific entity.

You can access the Global Attachments Overview from any page in the application. For the system attachments that you create, you can also grant and remove security access to roles, as shown in the sections above.



Instructions

To view global attachments:

1. On the **Menu** bar, click the system **Actions** button.
2. Click the **Global Attachments** action.

The Attachments tab lists any attached files that you have permission to view, but that are attached to entities you do not have permission to access.

3. Click the attachments name link to open the attachment in the attached file's application.
4. Close the attached file's application when you have finished reviewing the attachment.
5. Click the **System Attachments** tab.

The System Attachments tab lists any attached files that you have permission to view that are not attached to a specific entity.

6. Click the attachments name link to open the attachment in the attached file's application.
7. Close the attached file to return application when you have finished reviewing the attachment.

Working with Links

You can attach a link to an outside website address (also known as a *URL*) to your project, proposal, or any other entity in the system. Any user with your active role who has permission to access the entity will be able to access the attached link. You can also give users whose role does not allow them access to the entity permission to access the attached link.

You can access links on any component by clicking the Actions menu on a row or component header, and then clicking the link you want to follow.

Use caution when granting role access rights that allow users to create links (Assign Role Access Rights component, Resources tab, URLAttachments) and assign access to those links (Assign Role Access Rights component, Resources tab, URLAttachmentRoles). Users granted access to creating links could potentially create a link to malware or a malicious resource. If that occurred, any user with authority to access the link could click it, which may lead to undesired consequences.

Attaching a Link to an Entity



Instructions

To attach a link to an entity:

1. Navigate to the component to which to add the link.
2. From the component or row **Actions** menu, click the **Links** view.
3. In the **Links Overview** component, click the **New** button.
4. In the **URL** field, type the URL for the link.
5. In the **Link Name** field, type a name for the link.
6. Click the **Save** button.

Granting Security Access to a Link

You can attach a link to an outside web address (also known as a URL) to an entity in the system. Any user with the same active role as the person who attached the link, who has permission to access the entity will be able to access the attached link. You can also give users whose role does not allow them access to the entity permission to access the attached link.



Instructions

To allow users with other roles to access a link:

1. On the link's row, click the row **Actions** button and click **Select Roles**.
2. In the **Quick Find** search box, search for and select the roles to add.
3. Click the **Add to Link** button.
4. Click the **Save** button.

Removing Security Access to a Link

You can remove role security access only from links that you created.



Instructions

To remove security access from a link for a role:

1. Click the expand arrow for the link from which to remove a role.

The system displays a list of the roles that are assigned access to the link.

2. Click the **Mark for Deletion** button at the end of each row from which you want to remove access.
3. Click the **Save** button.

Using Global Links

Links provide a convenient way to access an outside website while working in the system. The Global Links Overview component allows you to view and change two types of global links:

- Links are links that you have permission to access, regardless of whether you have permission to access the entities associated with the links.
- System Links are links that are not attached to a specific entity.

You can access the Global Links Overview from any page in the application. You can also grant and remove security access to roles, as shown in the sections above.



Instructions

To view system links:

1. On the **Menu** bar, click the global **Actions** button.
2. Click the **Global Links** action.

The Links tab lists the links that you have permission to access, but that are linked to entities you do not have permission to access.

3. Click the **Link** name to open the web page.
4. Close the web browser when you have finished reviewing the link.
5. Click the **System Links** tab.

The System Links tab lists any links that you have permission to view that are not attached to a specific entity.

6. Click the **Link** name to open the web page.
7. Close the web browser when you have finished reviewing the link.

Managing My Settings

The My Settings component contains information about your user account and your email address. For new users, agencies may choose to set the New User Help option to open to the Role-Based Workflows help topic when you click the Help button on the Menu Bar.



To view information on the User Information tab and clear the New User Help check box:

1. On the **Menu** bar, click the system **Actions** button.
2. Click the **My Settings** action.
3. Review your user information.
4. Click the **New User Help** check box to check or clear the check box.
5. Click the **Save** button.

Changing Your Email Address

The Email tab on the My Settings component contains the email address currently recorded for your user account, and allows the address to be changed when needed.



Note: If an email address has been entered for your user account, the Email tab is displayed. If the Email tab is not displayed and you want to enter your email address, contact your system administrator. After your system administrator has granted you permission to enter your email address, the next time you log on to the system, you will be prompted to enter and confirm your current email address.



To view the Email tab:

1. Click the **Email** tab.
2. Review your current email address.
3. In the **New Email Address** field, enter your new email address.
4. In the **Confirm Email Address** field, enter your new email address again. 5. Click the **Save** button.

Managing My Outbox

Working with Email Messages

The Outbox Overview component enables you to view and delete email messages sent within the system from the current user account. It also enables you to send new messages to other system users. In order to send a message, an email address must be recorded in the system for both the sender and the recipient user accounts.



Instructions

To view the Outbox Overview component:

1. On the **Menu** bar, click the global **Actions** button.
2. Click the **My Outbox** action.

A list of email messages you sent from within the system is displayed.

Creating an Email Message

You may send an email message to another user in the system. In order to send a message, an email address must be recorded in the system for both the sender and the recipient user accounts.



Instructions

To create a new message:

1. Click the **Create Message** button.
2. To select an individual email address, in the **Recipient** field, begin typing an email address or click in the field and press the **Enter** key to see all email addresses.
3. Click on the appropriate email address from the list.
4. To select multiple email addresses, click the list **Actions** button next to the New button.
5. Click the **Select Recipients** action.
6. In the **Quick Find** search box, type the name of the recipient or click in the field and press the **Enter** key to see all email addresses.
7. Click the rows for the recipients to add to the email.
8. Click the **Add to Message** button.
9. In the **Subject** field, type a subject for the email.

10. In the **Message Text** field, type a message.

11. Click the **Send** button.

Creating Dynamic Mailing Groups

A mailing group is a collection of names and email addresses that can be selected as the recipient of an email message. A mailing group can include email addresses for a person, vendor, administrative office, or other entity that has an email address entered in the system.



Instructions

To create a new dynamic mailing group:

1. Click the **Dynamic Mailing Groups** quick link.
2. Click the **New** button.
3. In the **Name** field, enter a descriptive name for the mailing group.
4. In the **Filter** section, click the drop-down arrow and select the appropriate filter criteria.

Note that additional criteria fields are now available. Depending on the filter criteria selected, different options are available in the additional fields.

5. In the middle field, click the drop-down arrow and select the operator for the filter.
6. In the third criteria field, select or enter the values by which to filter.
7. You may select additional filter criteria in the second Filter row.
8. Click the **Test Filter Results** button.

This allows you to preview the user names and email addresses that will be included in the mailing group as a result of the filter criteria statement.

Click the **Save** button.

Working with Concepts and Estimates

Adding a Concept

Frequently, highway construction projects and contracts are classified into general classifications such as new construction, rehabilitation, widening, preventative maintenance, etc. While these improvement type classifications are important for program budgeting and reporting purposes, they are limited for the purpose of classifying contracts based on task functionality. For example, some widening jobs are heavy on asphalt items while others are heavy on earthwork, drainage and/or concrete items. Better functional classification of contracts allows more accurate market determination, which will improve the State's ability to examine competition and bidding issues using the AASHTOWare Project BAMS/DSS system. From an estimating perspective, work type (and major item) classifications can be used effectively to improve project cost estimation using AASHTOWare Project Estimation.

A recommended list of contract work types is provided in the following table. Using these functional work types allows for better identification and grouping of like contracts for the purpose of determining and analyzing the markets where like contractors interact for various contracting functions (e.g. asphalt, earthwork, structures). Also, since AASHTOWare Project BAMS/DSS is the source for historical bid prices, consistent use of work type and item classifications across all AASHTOWare Project modules facilitates enhanced bid-based pricing for cost estimating.

The Job Work Type variable in AASHTOWare Project Estimation, which corresponds to the Contract Work Type variable in BAMS/DSS, can be used to store the functional classification.

The general construction classifications (new construction, widening and resurfacing, etc.) should also be entered for each project. For example, the Job Type variable Estimation can be used to store these improvement type classifications.

To a large extent, the functional classification of contracts is a subjective process that requires the exercise of judgment. Generally, we can classify the contracts according to what functions are likely to control the award of the job as measured by the major item dollar percentages.

Absent special circumstances, such as a high degree of specialty work or lump sum items, a major item concentration of *35 percent or greater* is usually considered as determinative of work type classification. Many contracts will not fall neatly into any particular category, with the dollars evenly divided across more than one major item. In such cases, a General Construction work type code may be appropriate.

In practice, contract work types initially assigned in Estimation can be reviewed and revised later when the detailed line items have been fully specified for the project. For example, when the data is finally passed to BAMS/DSS, work type coding can be re-evaluated for data analysis purposes using the Contract Profile Ad Hoc program that summarizes the contract dollar percentages by item classification.

Table 2. NJDOT Project and Contract Work Types

Work Type	Work Type Classification Description	Examples
ASPH	Primarily asphalt work. Typically over 35 percent asphalt item dollars.	NEW CONSTRUCTION RESURFACING RECONSTRUCTION BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT
BRPT	Bridge painting and cleaning	BRIDGE PAINTING BRIDGE CLEANING
CONC	Primarily Portland cement concrete work	CONCRETE PAVEMENT
CURB	Curbs, sidewalks, and gutters	CURB & GUTTER
DRNG	Drainage work and Erosion control Drainage projects are those involving primarily the non-incidenta l improvement to drainage or erosion control. Drainage projects may include the installation/rebuilding of box culverts, ditches, inlets, gutters, and/or piping structures. Erosion control may include the installation of rip rap, wire mesh netting, construction of sediment ponds, slope stabilization, retaining walls, etc.	CULVERTSDITCHES DRAINAGE EROSION CONTROL
ERTH	Earthwork	EARTHWORK EXCAVATIO N GRADING
FENC	Fencing	FENCES GATES
GDRL	Guiderail Guiderail refers to the non-incidenta l installation of guiderail/guardrail upon an existing facility. Installation of guiderail/guardrail should be the primary activity related to contracts of this classification	GUIDERAIL/GUARDRAIL MEDIAN CROSSOVER PROTECTION

GENC	<p>General construction</p> <p>Typically 20 percent or more individually allocated to paving (asphalt or concrete), earthwork (and/or drainage), and structures.</p>	
INTC	<p>Interchange</p> <p>Interchange work includes new interchange construction and the reconstruction or widening of an existing interchange. New interchange projects involve the construction of a new facility or structure that allows the junction of highways, usually on different levels – thereby permitting traffic to move from one to another without crossing traffic streams. The facility construction includes the connected entrance and exit ramps. Interchange projects will be of varying complexity and widely varying cost depending on the nature and location of the conjoining roadways and the nature of the improvement. Typical interchange projects include improvements made to “diamond” and “at-grade” interchanges, while complex interchange projects include improvements made to cloverleaf interchanges and interchanges at the junction of two interstate highways, and the like.</p>	INTERCHANGE
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems	<p>ITS FACILITIES</p> <p>CCTV TRAFFIC MONITORING</p>
JNTS	Joints	<p>PAVEMENT CRACK SEAL</p> <p>JOINT REPAIR</p>
LAND	Landscaping	<p>LANDSCAPING</p> <p>MOWING</p>
LTNG	Lighting	LIGHTING, RELAMPING
MISC	<p>Miscellaneous</p> <p>Includes non-incident specialty work in separate contracts not covered by another work type classification.</p>	<p>EMERGENCY STANDBY</p> <p>MACHINE SWEEPING</p> <p>NOISE BARRIERS</p> <p>PAVEMENT CLEANING</p> <p>REST AREAS</p>
PVMK	Pavement marking	PAVEMENT MARKING

RMVL	Removal of buildings	DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS
SGNL	Signals Non-incidenta l improvements to signalization at intersections.	TRAFFIC SIGNALS
SIGN	Signs Non-incidenta l improvements to signing.	SIGNING
SRFP	Surface prep	MILLING RUMBLE STRIPS
STRL	Structures – large Typically over \$500,000, but more importantly bid	BRIDGE REPAIR/REHAB BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION
STRS	Structures – small Typically under \$500,000, but more importantly bid on by small structures contractors.	BRIDGE REPAIR/REHAB
UTIL	Utility work Includes potable water, gas mains, telephone and electric utility work.	UTILITIES

A highway type should be specified on every job estimate. Highway types may be any combination of the values defined in the table below by combing a value from Column A with a value from Column B.

Exceptions to this are: **Various**, which should be specified when a project encompasses multiple highway types; **Planning and Statewide Projects, Enhance**, which should be used for Maintenance jobs; and **Not Applicable**, which should only be used when the work does not fall into one of the pre-defined highway types.

Table 3. NJDOT Highway Types

Column A	Column B
<p>Expressway A divided multi-lane arterial highway for through traffic with full or partial control of access and generally with grade separations at major intersections. On rare occasions expressways may also include two lane roadways.</p>	<p>Principal Arterial Forms an interconnected network of continuous routes serving corridor movements having the highest traffic volumes and the longest trip lengths including substantial statewide or interstate travel.</p>
<p>Freeway An expressway with full control of access and grade separations at all intersections.</p>	<p>Minor Arterial Interconnect with and augment the principal highway system. Service trips of moderate length at somewhat lower level of travel mobility. Provide relatively high overall travel speeds with minimum interference to through</p>

	movements.
Divided A highway, street or road with opposing directions of traffic separated by a median.	Major Collector Serve important intra-county traffic corridors and provide service to major county traffic generators.
Undivided A highway, street or road with opposing directions of traffic.	Minor Collector Serve smaller places and towns and connect locally important traffic generators.
	Local All roads not included in the higher classifications. These streets and roads provide direct access to abutting land and permit access to the roads of higher classification. They offer the lowest mobility.

****Prior to creating the Cost Estimate a Concept must first be added to Estimation.**



Navigation: Estimation > Concepts

To add a new concepts:

1. Open component actions and click Add.
2. Fill in the General Tab:
 - a. Concept ID
 - b. Concept Description
 - c. Spec Book
 - d. Vendor Access (zero for in-house)
 - e. Unit System
 - f. Primary County ID
 - g. Primary District ID (1 is CPM, 4 is M&O)
 - h. Highway Type (See Table 3)
 - i. Season
 - j. Terrain
 - k. Urban/Rural
 - l. Work Type
 - m. Save

▼ Concept: 123456 - Project For NJDOT Save ?

General
Locations
Cost Estimates

Concept ID *
123456

Concept Description *
Project For NJDOT

Spec Book
07

Unit System *
English

Scope Definition

Budget Class

Grouping Code

Primary County ID
C011
MERCER

Primary District ID
C1
C1

Status Indicator

Construction Year

Letting Date

Highway Type
2 - STATE

Improvement Type

Season
SPRING - SPRING

Terrain
Level - Level

Urban/Rural
U - URBAN

Work Type
ASPH - PRIMARILY ASPHALT WORK

Vendor Access
0
NJDOT Internal User

Copied Project Name

Transition To Project

Transition To Project Date

3. Locations:

- a. New
- b. Type – Midpoint
- c. Latitude (D:M:S)
- d. Longitude (D:M:S)
- e. Description
- f. Save

Concept Summary

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General
Locations
Cost Estimates

🔍 Type search criteria or press Enter Advanced Showing 1 of 1

New 0 added | 0 marked for deletion | 0 changed

▼ Midpoint

Type * ▼ Midpoint	Latitude * ▼ -8:04:47.00
Description * ▼ Midpoint of Project 🔍	Longitude * ▼ 0:59:20.00

Creating a Cost Estimate

The cost estimate must first be created by adding a cost estimate to the concept, and then adding Items and Categories. Once the Items and Categories are assigned the Items must be priced.



Instructions

Navigation: From the concept you created in the previous section, click the quick link for Cost Estimate.

1. Cost Estimate Tab:
 - a. Add
 - b. Cost Estimate Name
 - c. Cost Estimate Description
 - d. Vendor Access (zero for in-house)
 - e. Save

Add Cost Estimate

Cost Estimate: 123456 - Project For NJDOT Save ?

General Parent Attributes

Entity 123456	Vendor Access * <input type="text" value="Q Begin typing to search or press Enter"/>
Entity Description Project For NJDOT	Unit System English
Spec Book 07	Work Type ASPH - PRIMARILY ASPHALT WORK
	Improvement Type

Estimate Information

Cost Estimate Name * <input type="text" value="123456"/>	Design Build <input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Estimate Descr <input type="text" value="Project For NJDOT"/> <input type="button" value="Q"/>	Profile No
Estimate Phase <input type="text"/>	Vendor Access * <input type="text" value="Q Begin typing to search or press Enter"/>
Estimated By <input type="text" value="Q Begin typing to search or press Enter"/>	Lanemiles <input type="text"/>
Cost Estimate Total 0.00	Estimate Type <input type="text"/>

After saving click your Estimate and open.

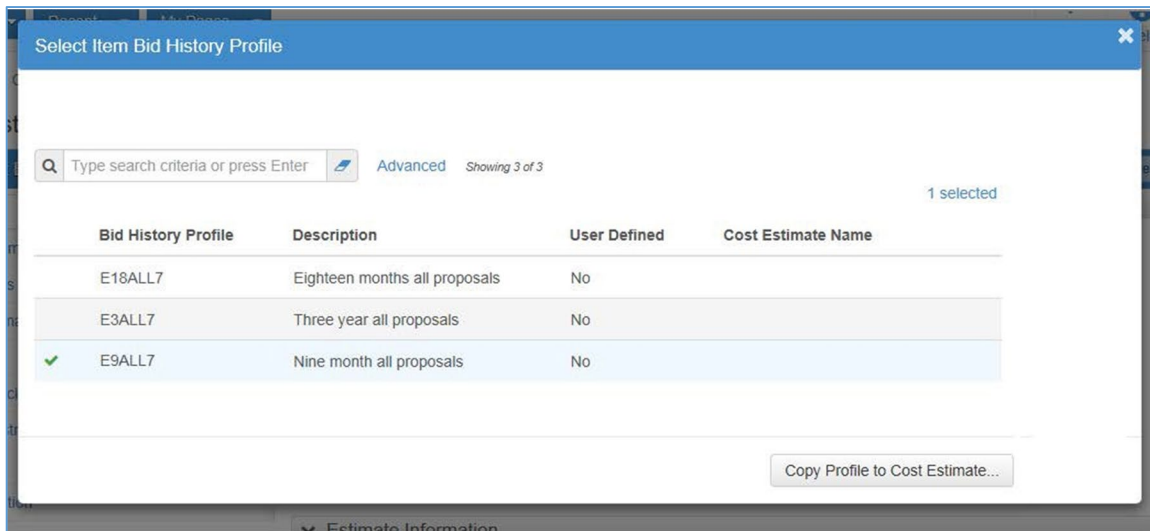
f. This opens the Cost Estimate Summary Screen

The screenshot shows the 'Cost Estimate Summary' interface. At the top, there is a header bar with the text 'Cost Estimate: EstA_TPJRUF2 - Estimate A for use in training class' and a 'Save' button. Below the header is a sidebar menu with options: General, Cost Summary, Categories, Cost Estimate Items, Variables, Adhoc Pricing, Non-Construction Costs, Markups, and Annualization. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Parent Attributes' (with fields for Associated Type: Project, Unit System: English, Entity: ProjA_TPJRUF2, Improvement Type: INTERCHANGE - Upgrading an interchange, Entity Description: Project A for use in training class, Work Type: GENC - GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, and Spec Book: 07) and 'Estimate Information' (with fields for Cost Estimate Name: EstA_TPJRUF2, Cost Estimate Descr: Estimate A for use in training class, Vendor Access: TRAIN01, Estimate Phase: 04 - PS&E, Estimated By: TPJRUF2, Design Build: No, Profile: No, Budget Class, Lanemiles, Estimate Type: NONAGENCY - Non-Agency (consultant) Estimate, and Snapshot Tracking Percentage).

2. From component level actions, choose “Select Item Bid History Profile”

This screenshot shows the same 'Cost Estimate Summary' interface as above, but with an 'Actions' menu open over the 'Estimate Information' section. The menu items are: Select Item Bid History Profile... (highlighted), Tasks, Item Bid History Criteria, Transition Cost Estimate to Detail Items, Views, Attachments, Default Bid History Profiles, Issues, Links, Parent Project, Pricing Worksheet, and Snapshots. The background fields are partially visible, showing Unit System: English, Improvement Type: INTERCHANGE - Upgrading an interchange, Work Type: GENC - GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, Design Build: No, Profile: No, and Budget Class.

3. Select E9ALL7 and click “Copy Profile to Cost Estimate” (Choose the Profile that you want to use, this can be changed at a later date)



Maintaining Categories for a Cost Estimate

Categories are used to separate items of work into specific funding sources or functional work classifications.

Federal Categories – NJDOT Policy

For both, Federal and State Projects, regardless of funding type, the following General Detail Categories shall be used. Reason being that funding types may change during the authorization process. Not all of the categories below may be required on every project; however, the order in which they are listed shall be followed. Categories shall be numbered sequentially.

Table 4. Categories for Federal Projects

Category	Category Examples
Roadway	Category for roadway items not assigned in one of the other listed categories
Construction Engineering	Curing & Storing Items Field Office Items Materials Lab Items Nuclear Density Gauge

Non-Participating (Roadway)	Clean Existing Drainage Structure Clean Existing Pipe Railroad Protective Liability Insurance Pollution Liability Insurance Proprietary Items not approved by FHWA Mowing Selective Trimming Selective Clearing Maintenance Items
Erosion Control	Construction Driveway Dewatering Basins Embankment, Temporary Erosion Control Floating Turbidity Barrier Geotextile Haybale Items Inlet Filters Inlet Sediment Traps Roadway Excavation, Temporary Erosion Control Silt Fence Items Temporary Riprap Temporary Slope Drain Temporary Stone Check Dam Temp. Stone Outlet Sediment Traps Concrete Washout System Oil Only Emergency Spill Kit Type F Fertilizing & Seeding
General Landscape	Any non-Latin or Wildflower landscape item
Latin Landscape	Any landscape item with a Latin name
Wildflowers	Wildflower seeding
Third Party	Separate category for each party
Utility Betterments	Separate category for each company
Bridge	Separate category for each structure

Non-Participating (Federal) Item Details

Pollution Liability Insurance – 152015P

Use 5 percent of the cost of the cleanup items. Some of the cleanup items are as follows:

Standard Pay Item No.	Description
201012P	Clearing Site, Tank Removal
201003M	Disposing of Contaminated Soil
201015M	Recycling of Contaminated Soil
201021M	Post Excavation Soil Sampling and Analyses
201024M	Composite Soil Sampling and Analyses
201027M	Ground Water Sampling and Analyses
201028M	Roadway Excavation, Regulated Waste
202028M	Off-Site Management of Regulated Waste

Approach slabs – 507051P with any of the following conditions:

- If one-way traffic loading is less than 500 80-kN equivalent single axle load applications per day; posted speed limit is less than 35 MPH;
- The abutments are not supported on pile foundations.

Maintenance Operations such as cleaning existing pipes, drainage structures, ditches, repairing impact attenuators, mowing etc. FHWA sometimes participates in this work. Contact the Project Manager for guidance. All projects that include cleaning of existing pipe shall utilize pay items for this work based on a range of pipe sizes. Cleaning of existing pipe will be measured and payment made by the linear foot or meter based on a range of 2 foot (600 mm) increments in diameter, up to 8 feet (2 400 mm) and then on individual sizes beyond that. Some of the items to be used for this work are as follows:

Standard Pay Item No.	Description
601668M	Clean Existing Pipe, 10” diameter
601670M	Clean Existing Pipe, 12”to 24” diameter
601672M	Clean Existing Pipe, over 24” to 48” diameter
601674M	Clean Existing Pipe, over 48” to 72” diameter
601676M	Clean Existing Pipe, over 72” to 96” diameter
601678M	Clean Existing Pipe, 102” diameter
602216M	Cleaning Existing Drainage Structures

White Concrete Curbing, Barrier Curb, and Island, but could be participating for 100 feet or less to match existing white material.

BR/BH funds for **approach work** past the touchdown points for new / rehabilitated structures.

Fishing piers (or bridges) and pedestrian walkways for recreational access.

Maintenance dredging if the dredged material is not used as a fill.

Items of work paid for by **other** agencies or private developers.

Type II **Noise Barriers**

Waterway openings and net fill requirements mandated by NJDEP when they differ from FHWA requirements.

Structures less than 20 feet in span if BR/BH funds are being utilized for the project.

Greater than 2:1 **mitigation** of wetland sites. FHWA sometimes participates in greater than 2:1 replacement if FHWA considers the impact significant. Contact the Project Manager for guidance.

Sometimes the use of **liners** for Wetland Mitigation Sites as they do not permit ground water recharge. Contact the Project Manager for guidance.

Sidewalks on bridges when there are no sidewalks on the approaches for pedestrians. Contact Project Manager for guidance.

Sometimes Memorial and/or Vanity **Plaques** on structures.

Proprietary items not approved by FHWA. Complete the “Request for Approval of Patented/Proprietary Items on Federally Funded Projects” form.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Categories tab

To add a category to a cost estimate:

1. Click the **Categories** tab.
2. Click the **New** button.
3. In the **Category** field, enter the category number for the cost estimate, typically a numeric value such as 0001.
4. In the **Category Descr** field, enter a description for the category.
5. Click the **Save** button.

NJDOT Policies and Procedures

When adding items to the detailed estimate, NJDOT policies and procedures noted below should be followed.

The best use of the Bid Price Report is to find projects listed in the Report which are similar in work type, location and quantities to the project being estimated. If such projects are found, the prices for these projects will be indicators of what to use in the estimate. When “not too similar” projects are the best that can be found in the Report, the prices for those projects can still be utilized if the following “rules of thumb” are taken into account:

- Quantity – the larger the quantity the lower the cost except very large quantities may not cost less. Very small quantities are usually disproportionately expensive.
- Restrictions on the Contractor:
- Working hours – most construction workers get paid for an 8-hour day even if they work less. Therefore, costs will be more on a project that requires the work to be carried out in less than 8- hour shifts.
- Access to the work site – the more access is restricted, the higher the cost of doing the work.
- Stage Construction – the more complicated the construction staging the higher the cost.
- Maintenance of Traffic – working in close proximity to traffic costs more. The closer the proximity and the higher the traffic volume, the higher the cost.

- Night Work – work done at night usually costs about 30% more than the same work done during the day.
- Completion Date. Costs will be higher if a contractor must work overtime in order to meet the completion date. Work done on overtime costs about 30% extra. In lieu of overtime a contractor may increase his prices to cover anticipated liquidated damages.
- Some materials require significant lead times for fabrication or manufacture. Costs will be higher if the completion date does not allow sufficient lead time for such items since the contractor will have to pay a premium for getting early delivery or may increase his prices to cover anticipated liquidated damages.
- Availability of some materials is seasonal and requiring work to be done “out of season” will significantly increase the cost. For example, hot mix asphalt is not readily available in the winter because most plants are shut down.
- Location – work in urban areas costs more than work in rural areas.
- When adding items to the detailed estimate, NJDOT policies and procedures noted below should be followed along with those mentioned in the Cost Estimating Guideline by the PMO.

Line Item Numbering

NJDOT policy is that line items be numbered in increments of one. Items that need to be inserted into the estimate should be added using the next incremental line number in the estimate and assigned to the appropriate item category. The Distribution of Quantities Sheet in the plan set must match the Engineer’s Estimate sequentially. (Also, see ‘No Item’ below.)

Rounding off Pricing

NJDOT policy requires that in preparing an Engineer’s Estimate, average weighted prices are rounded off to logical and reasonable amounts using the “Ad Hoc” feature of the software. Estimators need to formulate pricing calculations with the assumption that the contractor does not own the equipment or has surplus material from other projects.

‘No Item’ Item

With the implementation of CES and now AASHTOWare Project Estimation, the item 99Z99 – ‘No Item’ **will no longer be used.**

Non-Bid Items

Non-bid items, items that are not to be included in the proposal, shall be grouped in a category of their own called “NON-BID ITEMS,” and should be flagged as “State Furnished.” An example is Utilities Work.

Alternate Items

Different items can be alternates for each other and a bidder can choose to bid on either item but not both. Numbering of alternates will be the same as in the past, the alternate must contain 2 letter and 1

number. For further explanation, from the Alt. Code column header, choose **Help**.

Alternate Groups of Items are groups of items that are bid together (regardless of how many are in each group). These groups will carry the SAME first two letters for the entire group with one number while the second group of items will carry the SAME two letters as the first group with a different number. As an example, if group number 1 has 6 items they will all carry the designation AA1, and the second group of items that is an alternate to bidding the first group actually has 7 items it will carry the designation AA2 (even though the number of items to be bid is different, the entire group of items must be bid so the same letter designation will force the system to choose all of the items).

Fixed Price Items

Fuel Price Adjustment <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/aashtoware/PriceIndex.shtm> section 160.03.01 and Asphalt Price Adjustment ([same site](#)) section 160.03.02 are not negotiated items and should be marked as “Fixed Price” (i.e. Carry Items).

Newly Assigned standard Items (previously called Non-Standard)

Every item, including non-standard items, requires a unique Item Number on the plans and on the Construction Cost Estimate. Newly Assigned Standard Items are now included in the Master Item List. If an Item Number for a Newly Assigned Standard Item is not on the Master Item list, complete the *New Item Number Request Form* (Appendix C) and submit it to the Trns*port Team at aashtoware.support@dot.nj.gov along with the required specification and, if needed, a detail.

For Newly Assigned Standard Pay Items, the Estimator should contact suppliers, manufacturers and other agencies that may have used the item or similar items. Include all backup information on how the price was calculated with the submission. If an in-place cost is not available, develop it assuming that the in-place cost is comprised of 30% labor, 20% equipment, 25% materials and 25% overhead and profit.

DOLL Items

DOLL items include Performance and Payment Bond, Construction Layout, Progress Schedule, Railroad Protective Liability Insurance, Fuel Price Adjustment and Asphalt Price Adjustment.

If the consultant determines that special project require adjustment to the suggested amount, they may price accordingly, with an explanation attached to the job in AASHTOWare Project Estimation.

Lump Sum or Dollar items including Performance & Payment Bond, Progress Schedule, Mobilization, Construction Layout, Final Cleanup, Clearing Site shall be priced according to the tables below. Mobilization is calculated using the percentages in Table 5-4 as shown below.

Table 5-1. Performance and Payment Bond - 151006M

Project Costs (Mil.)	Class 1, 2, 6		Class 3, 4, 7		Class 5	
	North	South	North	South	North	South
Less Than 1.0	8,000	7,000	10,000	10,000	6,000	6,500
1.0 to 5.0	30,000	25,000	25,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
5.0 to 10.0	55,000	50,000	45,000	40,000	25,000	30,000
10.0 to 20.0	110,000	80,000	75,000	70,000		40,000
20.0 to 30.0	160,000	125,000	200,000			
30.0 to 40.0	200,000	200,000	300,000			
40.0+	500,000	400,000	275,000			

Table 5-2. Progress Schedule – 153003P

Project Costs (Mil.)	Class 1, 2, 6		Class 3, 4, 7		Class 5	
	North	South	North	South	North	South
Less Than 1.0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
1.0 to 2.0	7,000	7,000	6,500	6,500	6,000	6,000
2.0 to 5.0	15,000	15,000	8,000	8,000	7,000	7,000
5.0 to 10.0	25,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	8,000	8,000

10.0 to 20.0	35,000	35,000	15,000	15,000	12,000	12,000
20.0 to 30.0	60,000	60,000	20,000	20,000	15,000	15,000
30.0 to 40.0	70,000	70,000	30,000	30,000	25,000	25,000
40.0+	100,000	100,000	60,000	60,000	50,000	50,000

Table 5-3. Mobilization – 154003P (Percentage)

Project Costs (Mil.)	Class 1, 2, 6		Class 3, 4, 7		Class 5	
	North	South	North	South	North	South
Less Than 1.0	10	10	10	10	10	10
1.0 to 5.0	11	11	11	11	11	11
5.0 to 10.0	11	11	11	11	11	11
10.0 to 20.0	14	14	14	14	15	15
20.0 to 30.0	15	15	15	15	15	15
30.0 to 40.0	16	16	16	16	16	16
40.0+	17	17	17	17	17	17

Table 5-4. Construction Layout – 157004M

Project Costs (Mil.)	Class 1, 2, 6		Class 3, 4, 7		Class 5	
	North	South	North	South	North	South
Less Than 1.0	30,000	25,000	30,000	25,000	25,000	20,000
1.0 to 2.0	60,000	50,000	50,000	40,000	30,000	25,000

2.0 to 5.0	85,000	75,000	70,000	65,000	35,000	30,000
5.0 to 10.0	185,000	175,000	110,000	75,000	40,000	35,000
10.0 to 20.0	325,000	325,000	175,000	100,000	50,000	40,000
20.0 to 30.0	500,000	500,000	600,000			
30.0 to 40.0	600,000	600,000	700,000			
40.0+	850,000	850,000	850,000			

Table 5-5. Final Cleanup - 161003P

Project Costs (Mil.)	Class 1, 2, 6		Class 3, 4, 7		Class 5	
	North	South	North	South	North	South
Less Than 1.0	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
1.0 to 5.0	10,000	10,000	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
5.0 to 10.0	20,000	20,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000
10.0 to 20.0	25,000	25,000	18,000	18,000	12,000	12,000
20.0 to 30.0	25,000	25,000	20,000	20,000		
30.0 to 40.0	27,000	27,000	20,000	20,000		
40.0+	50,000	50,000	30,000	30,000		

Table 5-6. Clearing Site - 201003P

Project Costs (Mil.)	Class 1, 2, 6		Class 3, 4, 7		Class 5	
	North	South	North	South	North	South
Less Than 1.0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	15,000	15,000

1.0 to 5.0	50,000	50,000	40,000	40,000	20,000	20,000
5.0 to 10.0	150,000	150,000	60,000	85,000	30,000	30,000
10.0 to 20.0	275,000	275,000	75,000	100,000	50,000	50,000
20.0 to 30.0	325,000	300,000	200,000	200,000		
30.0 to 40.0	350,000	325,000	300,000	300,000		
40.0+	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000		

The following items should be calculated with the following information in mind:

Field Office-Add 1 month to project duration; If project cost is over \$25 million add 2 months to duration.

Field Office Maintenance-Add 3 months to project duration per 2007 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Section 155.03.03.

Materials Field Laboratory-Add 1 month to project duration. Curing and Storage facility-

Add 1 month to project duration. Trainees-1000 hours/\$1 million at a rate of \$1.00/hr.

Railroad Protective Liability Insurance-Use only if specified by the Special Provisions, per section 152.03.02 of the 2007 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Use one-half of one percent of the total project cost and paid as a DOLL Item.

Pollution Liability Insurance-This is required for ALL projects as specified under section 152.3.3 of the 2007 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

For Construction Engineering (CE) Amount , Contingencies and Escalation Amount, and Change Order Contingencies, refer to Spreadsheet Calculation Packages by Construction Classification in Attachment 1 of CEG-PMO.

[Maintenance and Operations Only Items](#)

Certain items are designated for use by Maintenance and Operations only. This includes all item numbers beginning with "MM;" for example, MME001M.

These items will not be in the spec book, but are considered to be standard items.

They require specifications in the bid proposal, but do not require an entry in the Item Supplemental Description field.

Adding Items to a Cost Estimate

Detail items are added to a cost estimate in the same way. A cost estimate can include a combination of parametric and detailed items, depending on how much information you have when working on the estimate.

There are a few different ways to add items to a cost estimate. The most efficient is by means of the Item Pricing Worksheet.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary Click the quick link to Item Pricing Worksheet

To add an item to a cost estimate:

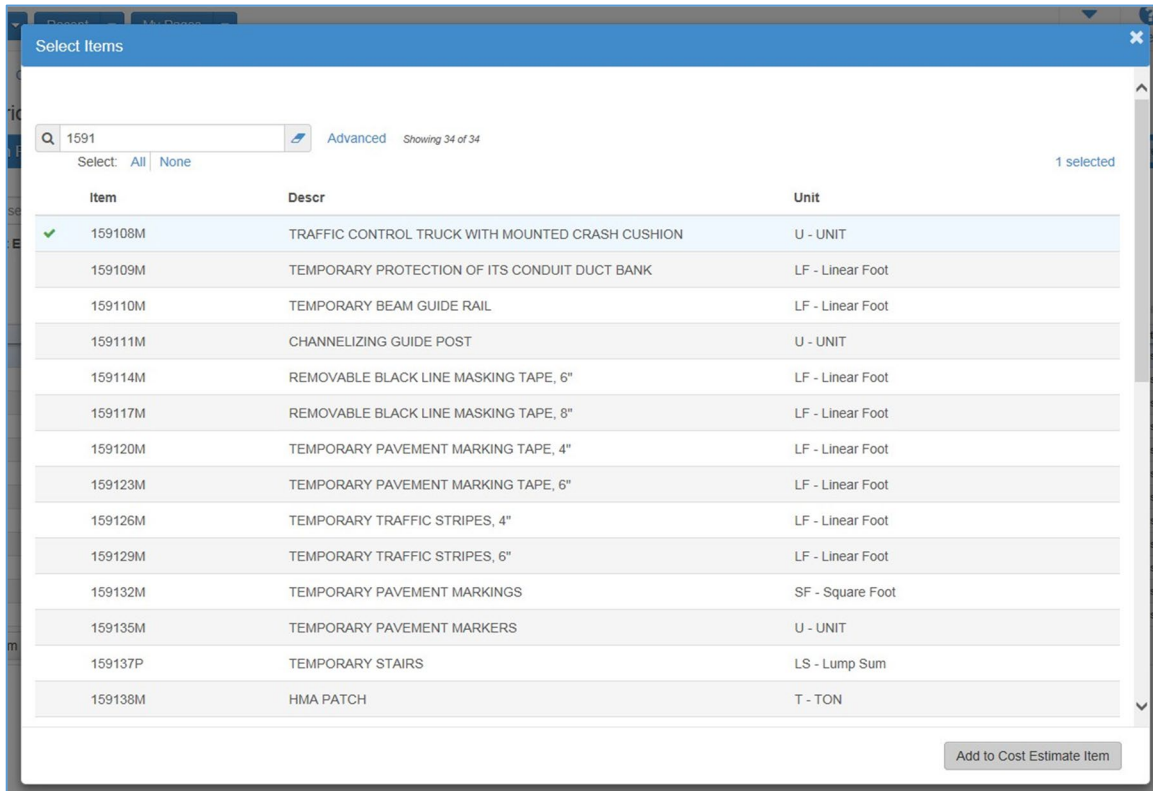
1. In the **Estimation** component, click the **Cost Estimates** link.
2. Search for and select the cost estimate.
3. Click the Item Pricing Worksheet quicklink.
4. Click the Select Items button.

A screenshot of the 'Cost Estimate Summary' web application interface. The title bar reads 'Cost Estimate Summary'. Below it, a blue header bar contains a dropdown menu with the text 'Cost Estimate: EstA_TPJRUF2 - Estimate A for use in training class'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with four menu items: 'General', 'Cost Summary', 'Categories', and 'Cost Estimate Items'. The 'Cost Estimate Items' item is currently selected. On the right side, there is a section titled 'Total Cost Estimate Items' with a value of '0.00'. Below this, there is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Type search criteria or press Enter' and an 'Advanced' link. A 'New' button with a dropdown arrow is also present. An 'Actions' menu is open, showing four options: 'Calculate Bid Based Prices', 'Pricing Worksheet', 'Select Items for Transition...', and 'Select Items...'. The 'Select Items...' option is highlighted in blue. The text 'List has n' is partially visible at the bottom left of the main content area.

5. On the Select Items modal, use the filter to find the items you want to add to a category.

You can filter repeatedly and select without losing the selections you made previously.

- a Enter only items at this point, and quantities will be added later.
 - b To see what items you have selected so far, click the *n selected* link.
6. Once you have all of the category items selected, click “Add to Cost Estimate Item” button on the modal component.



7. Save
8. Enter the category field for the first item in the list.
9. Use range-fill to fill the remaining x rows with items with the same value and save.
10. Repeat for all categories.
11. In the **Supplemental Description** field, enter an additional description for the item, if appropriate.
12. The remaining fields discussed in this section are not accessible via the Item Pricing Worksheet. Navigate to the Cost Estimate Items tab via the quick link on the worksheet called “Cost Estimate Items”.
13. Items have the **Contribute to Total Construction Cost** check box checked by default. If there are items that will not contribute to total construction, you will need to uncheck that box on the cost estimate summary, cost estimate items tab.

14. Click the **Exclude from Reference Price Calculation** check box if the item's unit price will be excluded from price calculations based upon the percentage of total estimate.
15. Do not use the **Nonbid** check box for NJDOT estimates.
16. Click the **Preliminary Engineering** check box if the item is related to preliminary engineering efforts.
17. In the **Budget Class** field, click the drop-down arrow and select the budget grouping to which the item belongs, if appropriate.
18. In the **Prequalification Work Type** field, click the drop-down arrow and select the type of work for the item for calculating prequalification requirements.
19. In the **Item Alternate Set** field, enter the alternate set for the item, if appropriate.
20. In the **Type** field, click the drop-down arrow and select the type of remark to enter, if appropriate.
21. In the **Remarks** field, enter a remark for the record, if appropriate.
22. Click the **Save** button.

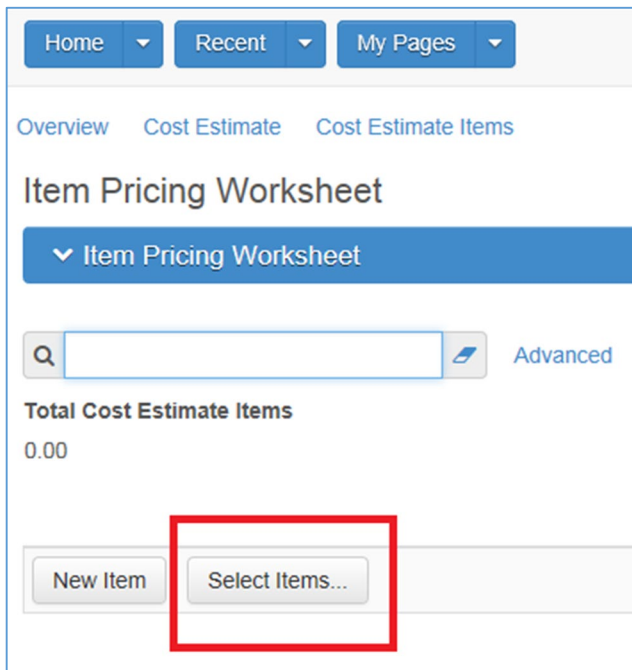


Instructions

Alternative method to add items: Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Items tab

To select one or more items to add to a cost estimate:

1. Click the list **Actions** button, and choose the **Select Items** action.



2. Search for a list of items.
3. Click on each item you wish to add, then click the **Add to Cost Estimate Item** button.
4. Enter values as shown in the previous instructions.
5. Click the **Save** button.

Alternative method to add items: Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Items tab

1. Click the “New” Button.
2. Populate appropriate fields and save.

Maintaining Items for a Cost Estimate

The Cost Estimate Items tab contains an accordion list of items recorded for the estimate. The Cost Estimate Total is displayed at the top of the list.

If the estimate is associated with a project or proposal, you can only modify prices on the cost estimate items.

Cost Estimate Item Pricing Worksheet

To enter quantities and/or prices for multiple items at one time, you may use the Cost Estimate Item Pricing Worksheet, which brings up the list of items in a grid view. Refer to the lists above for the quantities to be added to your cost estimate items.

Each field in a row is displayed in a read-only format until it is activated. You can focus on a field by clicking on it, tabbing to it, or using the arrow keys, then click again to activate it.

From the worksheet you can also add or select items in the same way as on the Cost Estimate Items tab, using the buttons at the bottom of the page.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Item Pricing Worksheet link

To change information for an item on the Cost Estimate Item Pricing Worksheet:

1. Click the **Cost Estimate Item Pricing Worksheet** quick link.
2. Double-click in the **Quantity** field for an item to change a value.
3. Double-click in the **Unit Price** field for an item to change a value.
4. Use the down arrow key to access the **Unit Price** field for the next item.

5. Click the **Details** button in the **Unit Price** field to access the price tasks.
6. To sort the rows by Cost Estimate Category, Line Number, Item, Description, Unit, Quantity, Unit Price, Extended Amount, Supplemental Description, or Active status, click the column header drop-down arrow and click the **Ascending** or **Descending** button.
7. Click the Save button.
8. To reorder the columns, click the “Advanced” link next to the standard filter box.
9. To move Supplemental Description adjacent to Description, place 4.1 in the Supp Des box.
10. For other columns, give them a number to represent something in between the two columns where you wish it to display.
11. Determine if you want to save these settings, and if so give it a name. Otherwise, click “Apply without saving”.

Calculating Bid Based Prices for Cost Estimate Items

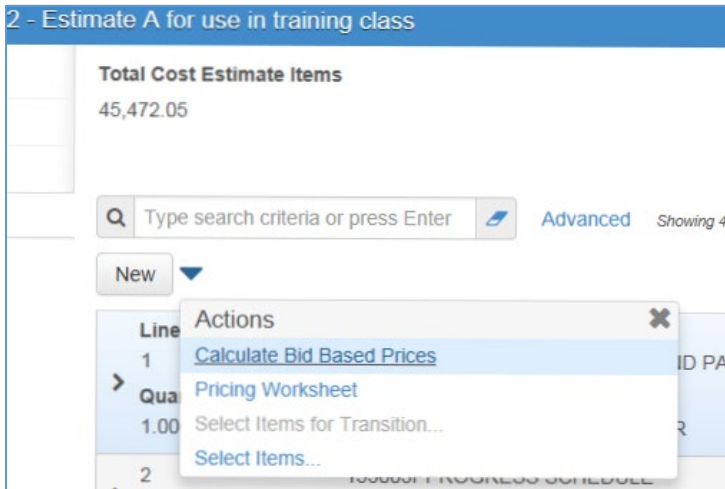
Many of the items in the item list have a default bid-based task associated in reference item. Your agency has done this in order for you to quickly calculate bid based pricing on eligible items concurrently. Bid based pricing requires a bid history profile be associated to the cost estimate, which you did previously.



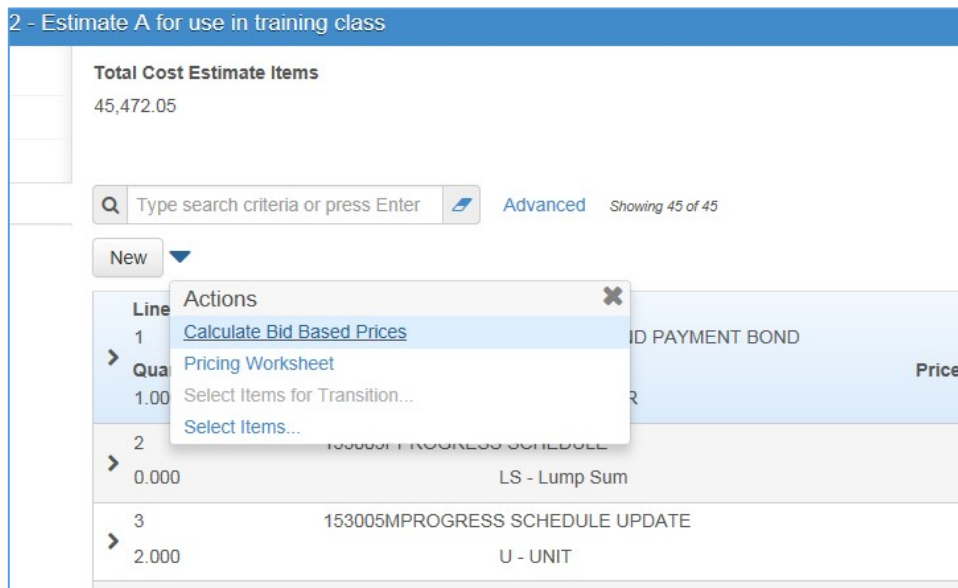
Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Items tab

1. Select List Level Actions menu.
2. Select “Calculate Bid Based Prices” from the menu. Note, this is an asynchronous process and will result with a banner “Calculated Bid-Based Prices” Process.



- From the Global Actions menu, select “Open Process History”. When the process completes, open the error log to view results. The log will list any items which are eligible to have a bid based price but there was insufficient data to calculate the price.



- Use the Previous drop down to navigate back to the Cost Estimate Item Pricing worksheet.
- Using the drop down arrow adjacent to the Ext Amt column, display the Quick Sort dialog box and select “Descending” from the list. The result will be that items that did not get a bid based price will be sorted to the top.
- Enter the unit price for these items and Save.

Preliminary Estimates

An estimate may be designated a preliminary estimate, also referred to as a design estimate, after all transitions are complete and the scope is solidified. A cost estimate can be transitioned from a concept to a project, and all of its parametric items and typical sections transitioned to detail items in the estimate.

Project items are then built for the transitioned cost estimate. Control of all aspects of item editing except pricing is then shifted to the project in AASHTOWare Project Preconstruction. Prices continue to be maintained within the estimate, and the system automatically applies prices to the project items.

Alternately, agencies may choose to initiate their AASHTOWare Project cost estimates in a project, instead of beginning with a concept and transitioning to a project. You can create a new cost estimate based on the items in a new project or a project imported into AASHTOWare Project Preconstruction from another system.

Please note that depending on the policies, system configurations, and roles at your agency, you may not have access to all of the AASHTOWare Project Estimation functionality shown in this training guide.

Building Project Items

Because items originate in the cost estimate, the project does not physically contain items until you build the list of project items from associated cost estimate items. The system copies all items, categories, alternate sets and members, and pricing tasks to the project. This function is performed when the plans are 100% complete and the package is ready for submittal to the agency.

After you build project items, you can only add or change items on the project in AASHTOWare Project Preconstruction. Any changes to project items and categories are automatically applied to the associated cost estimate. If you have more than one cost estimate associated to the project, only one will be active, with the Price Control check box populated; this will be the only cost estimate to have items and categories updated by the system. After you build project items, you can no longer change the price control from one cost estimate to another.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary

To build project items from a cost estimate:

1. In the **Estimation** component, click the **Cost Estimates** link.
2. Search for the cost estimate from which to build project items, and click the **Cost Estimate Name** link.
3. Click the component **Actions** button, and select the **Build Project Items** task.

Maintaining Cost Estimates for a Project

The Cost Estimates tab on the Project Cost Estimate Summary lists all of the cost estimates associated with the project.

After you have built project items, or edited items or categories in a project with cost estimates, you can only maintain prices for the active cost estimate. If you have inactive cost estimates, at this stage they are for informational or archival purposes only.

For more information, see the chapters *Cost Estimate Features* and *Pricing Items* in this guide.



Note: If a cost estimate has been added to a proposal associated with the project, all cost estimates for the project are automatically set to inactive.



Instructions

Navigation: Preconstruction > Projects > Project Summary > Cost Estimate quick link > Cost Estimates tab

To review cost estimates or update prices for a project:

1. Click the **Show All** check box to control whether inactive estimates are displayed.

Note that the cost estimate with the Price Control check box selected has an Active value of Yes; and any cost estimates where the Price Control check box is empty will have an Active value of No.

Cost Estimate Features

This chapter includes information about features of the cost estimate that are available throughout the life cycle of the estimate.

Maintaining a Cost Estimate

The Cost Estimate Summary includes the settings, pricing, and cost information recorded for the selected cost estimate. The Cost Estimate Summary opens on the **General** tab, which includes three collapsible sections. The **Parent Attributes** section contains view-only information about the associated project. In the **Estimate Information** section, you can enter various attributes and descriptors for the current estimate. If project items exist, only pricing fields are editable. In the **Additional Information** area, you can enter Bid Based information.

Please note that depending on the policies, system configurations, and roles at your agency, you may not have access to all of the AASHTOWare Project Estimation functionality shown in this training guide.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary To

view general information for a cost estimate:

1. In the **Estimation** component, click the **Cost Estimates** link.
2. Search for and select a cost estimate.
3. In the **Parent Attributes** section of the **General** tab, view the read-only information about the concept, project, or proposal to which the cost estimate is associated.

In the **Estimate Information** section, view the information about this cost estimate.

Adding a Bid History Profile to a Cost Estimate

Note this was addressed in the previous section about adding a cost estimate.

A Bid History Profile is a collection of settings used to gather historical bid data for cost estimation purposes. A bid history profile can be associated to a cost estimate for pricing items.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary To

add a bid history profile to a cost estimate:

1. In the **Cost Estimate Summary** component, click the component **Actions** button.
2. Click the **Select Item Bid History Profile** action.
3. Search for and select an appropriate bid history profile.
4. Click the **Copy Profile to Cost Estimate** button.

Selecting Data for a User Bid History Profile

To view the contents of the Bid History Profile associated to your estimate, click on the name link in the Additional Information panel for the Bid History Profile.

The Data Selection tab on the User Bid History Profile Summary enables you to select the types of contract and item data included in the profile calculations. At the top of the tab you can view or change values corresponding to date range and proposal status.

It is recommended that you do not utilize filters for improvement types, work types and spec books as they will restrict the available observations in the pool of data for calculating pricing, and result in many items which will not have sufficient data from which to generate a bid-based price.

The bid history profiles have been set up specifically for your agency based upon analysis of the data and past practices, and therefore these should not be modified unless extenuating circumstances exist.



Note: It is best to carefully consider whether adding selectors adds value to your pricing strategy, as more selectors will narrow down the number of bids that are included in the analysis.

Required field is:

- Use only

There is a conditional requirement for either a date range (Start Letting Date and End Letting Date); or a rolling date range using the “Number of Months” fields. Using “Number of Months” counts backwards from today and will capture the most recent available bid data for the calculations.



Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > General tab > Additional Information > Bid-Based > Bid History Profile link > Data Selection tab

Note: Not all users will have access to edit the bid history profile, dependent upon the assigned rights to this area. Changes made to the bid history profile described herein relate only to the bid history profile that is associated to your cost estimate, and do not impact the reference (i.e., “Standard”) bid history profile records setup and maintained by the system administrators. Users without edit privileges can still view the settings and criteria in the bid history profile that is associated to their cost estimate.

To make changes to user bid history profile data selections:

1. In the **Cost Estimate Summary** component Additional Information Bid-Based section, click the **Bid History Profile** link.
2. Click the **Data Selection** tab.
3. Change the values in the **Start Letting Date** and **End Letting Date** fields to represent an appropriate time period for data selection for bid-based price calculations for cost estimate items.
4. Alternately, if you leave the **Start Letting Date** and **End Letting Date** fields blank, you can enter a value in the **Number of Months** field so the bid history profile will always include that number of months’ history prior to the current date.
5. If you wish to limit the type of proposals for inclusion in the bid history profile, in the **Use only** field, click the drop-down arrow and select a different value.
6. If you wish to further limit the number of proposals for inclusion in the bid history profile, in the **Improvement Type** field, click the drop-down arrow to select a new or different code.
7. If you wish to further limit the number of proposals for inclusion in the bid history profile, in the **Work Type** field, click the dropdown arrow to select a new or different code.
8. If you wish to further limit the number of proposals for inclusion in the bid history profile, in the **Spec Book** field, click the drop-down arrow to indicate which Spec Year proposals should be included.
9. Click the **Save** button.

Setting Basic Parameters for a User Bid History Profile

The Basic Parameters tab on the User Bid History Profile Summary enables you to specify parameters that are used to gather historical bid data.

 **Note:** In order to use Item Group Sets or to Convert Opposite Units, reference data must be set up in advance.

Required fields are:

- Source of Item Prices
- Date to Use for item prices
- Letting Date Adjustment
- Date Rule when date is not available
- If the Source of Item Prices is set to Exclude High/Low Bids, then the Minimum Number of Bids before Excluding is required. Because this field is conditionally required, it is not marked with a red asterisk.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > General tab > Additional Information > Bid-Based > Bid History Profile link > Basic Parameters tab

To make changes to user bid history profile basic parameters:

1. Click the **Basic Parameters** tab.
2. In the **Source of Item Prices** field, click the drop-down arrow to change the price source, if appropriate.
3. If the Source of Item Prices is set to Low Bids, in the **Number of Low Bidders per Proposal** field, enter or change the number of low bidders on each proposal to be included in the analysis.
4. If you wish to limit the number of proposals for inclusion in the bid history profile by area, in the **Market Area** field, click the drop-down arrow to select a code.
5. In the **Date to Use for Item Prices** field, click the drop-down arrow to change the type of date, if appropriate.
6. In the **Letting Date Adjustment** field, change the value for the number of days to be added to letting date, if appropriate.
7. If the Source of Item Prices is set to Exclude High/Low Bids, in the **Minimum Number of Bids before Excluding** field, enter or change the number of bids required before


excluding bids from the analysis.

8. If the Source of Item Prices is set to Select Bidder, in the **Vendor Number** field, enter or change the vendor whose bids should be included in the analysis.
9. In the **Item Group Set** field, search for and select the profile to analyze groups of items collectively for pricing, if appropriate.
10. Click the **Convert Opposite Units** check box to convert between English and metric units, if appropriate.
11. In the **Date Rule when date is not available** field, click the dropdown arrow to change the type of rule, if appropriate.
12. Click the **Save** button.

Setting Advanced Parameters for a User Bid History Profile

The Advanced Parameters tab on the User Bid History Profile Summary enables you to specify additional parameters, such as whether to generate averages and regressions, and which variables to include in the price calculation.

Note that selecting more than 2 or 3 variables to include in the analysis can severely limit the number of observations available to the pricing engine. It is recommended that you consider the 2 most important variables that impact price at your agency and only select those for inclusion in the analysis.

 **Note:** It is best to carefully consider whether adding variables to include in analysis will add value to your pricing strategy, as more variables will narrow down the number of bids that are included.

Required fields if Generate Averages is selected are:

- Minimum Number of Observations
- Percent of Date Range to Select
- Percent of Quantity Outliers to exclude
- Percent of Price Outliers to exclude

Required fields if Generate Regressions is selected are:

- Minimum Number of Observations
- Percent of Regression Model Outliers to exclude

Level of Improvement to Add Required fields for Date Parameters are:

- Minimum month range of history needed
- Minimum Number of Observations

- Maximum inflation/deflation rate allowed



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > General tab > Additional Information > Bid-Based > Bid History Profile link > Advanced Parameters tab

To make changes to user bid history profile advanced parameters:

1. Click the **Advanced Parameters** tab.
2. In the **Variables to include in analysis** section, click appropriate check boxes to include only proposals with the selected attribute, including **Market Area, Season, Work Type, Improvement Type, Urban/Rural, Terrain, and Highway Type**.
3. In the **Averages** section, click the **Generate Averages** check box to indicate whether to calculate average bid prices.
4. In the **Minimum Number of Observations** field, enter the minimum number of bids required to calculate an average price.
5. In the **Percent of Date Range to select** field, enter a number less than 100 if you wish the date range for averages to be less than the date range for regressions.
6. In the **Percent of Quantity Outliers to exclude** field, enter a number indicating the percent of quantity outliers to exclude from price calculations.
7. In the **Percent of Price Outliers to exclude** field, enter a number indicating the percent of price outliers to exclude from price calculations.
8. In the **Regressions** section, click the **Generate Regressions** check box to indicate whether to calculate regression bid prices.
9. In the **Minimum Number of Observations** field, enter the minimum number of bids required to calculate a regression price.
10. Click the **Exclude models that are out of range compared to the average** check box to exclude those models, if appropriate.
11. Click the **Include Date variable in analysis** check box to consider date parameters when generating the regression, if appropriate.
12. In the **Percent of Regression Model Outliers to exclude** field, enter a number indicating the percent of model outliers to exclude from regression calculations.
13. In the **Level of Improvement to add** field, enter a number indicating the level of improvement required to add a regression parameter to the model.
14. Click the **Exclude regression with positive quantity coefficients** check box to exclude models with an inverse relationship between quantity and price, if appropriate.

15. In the **Date Parameters** section, in the **Minimum month range of history needed** check box, enter the minimum number of months required to consider the date range variable in the regression price calculation.
16. In the **Minimum Number of Observations** field, enter the minimum number of bids required to utilize the date parameters in regression calculations.
17. In the **Maximum inflation/deflation rate allowed** field, enter a number indicating the maximum rate allowed in order to include the date parameter in the regression analysis.
18. Click the **Save** button.

Setting Advanced Filters for a User Bid History Profile

The Advanced Filters tab on the User Bid History Profile Summary enables you to create filter statements that narrow the historical bid data included in analysis for cost estimation.

It is recommended that you not create advanced filters unless extraneous circumstances exist. This can result in dilution of the data pool used to calculating pricing.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > General tab > Additional Information > Bid-Based > Bid History Profile link > Advanced Filters tab

To add a user bid history profile advanced filter:

1. Click the **Advanced Filters** tab.
2. In the blank filter row at the bottom of the list, click in the first field, and select **And** or **Or** to indicate how the new statement will be joined to existing statements. This field is not available for the first filter row.
3. Click in the next field, and select the proposal field that will be used to narrow the data.
4. Click in the next field, and select an operator to determine how the system compares the data in the field to the specified value.
5. Click in the next field, and type or select a value.
6. Click the **Save** button.

Viewing Cost Summary Information

The Cost Summary tab on the Cost Estimate Summary displays totals calculated for the estimate. When you change information on any of the tabs in the Cost Estimate Summary, the system updates the totals on the Cost Summary tab.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Summary tab

To view cost summary information for a cost estimate:

1. In the **Estimation** component, click the **Cost Estimates** link.
2. Search for and select a cost estimate.
3. Click the **Cost Summary** tab.
4. Notice the **Cost Estimate Total** at the top.
5. View the subtotals displayed in three sections: **Base Cost Estimate**, **Other Costs**, and **Cost Category Breakdown**.

Using the Expression Builder

The Expression Builder enables you to calculate a numeric field value by using a formula. The Expression Builder is available in any field that includes a Formula button (Σ). When a field includes a formula that was created and saved with the Expression Builder, an asterisk is displayed next to the Formula button. The system recalculates the formula and displays an updated value in the field each time the underlying data is changed and saved.

At your agency, a lead estimator or other user may create pre-defined reference formulas for you to use. If creating formulas from scratch, there are examples of the syntax required in the on-line help.

Required fields are:

- Expression



Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Items tab To use the expression builder in a cost estimate:

1. In the **Estimation** component, click the **Cost Estimates** link.
2. Search for and select a cost estimate.
3. Click the **Cost Estimate Items** tab.
4. Click the Expand/Collapse arrow to expand an item.
5. Click the **Formula** button (Σ) to the right of the **Price** field.
6. In the Expression Builder window, click the **Predefined Formulas** field and press the **Enter** key to display reference formulas.
7. Click a predefined formula to display in the Expression field.
8. Click the **Evaluate** button to check the syntax.
9. View the product of the calculation in the **Result** field.
10. Click the **Save** button.
11. View the formula result in the item **Price** field.

Alternative Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Item Pricing Worksheet quicklink

1. Click into the Unit Price field for the Mobilization item, then click to active edit.
2. Click the Formula button (Σ) to the right of the field.
3. In the Expression Builder window, click the **Predefined Formulas** field and press the **Enter** key to display reference formulas.
4. Select a predefined formula to display in the Expression field.
5. Click the **Evaluate** button to check the syntax.
6. View the product of the calculation in the **Result** field.
7. Click the **Save** button
8. View the formula result in the item **Price** field.

Working with Reports

There are a number of reports you can run regarding cost estimates and other estimation information. You can generate reports from the global-level Actions menu on any page in the system. You can also generate reports from the row-level Actions menu on Overview components and component-level Actions on Summary component headers for reports. See pages 26 and 27 this guide for NJ specific reports.

Cost Estimate Summary Report

The Cost Estimate Summary Report lists all of the information included in the selected estimate, including construction and non-construction costs, adjustments, markups, contingencies, and remarks.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimate Overview > Cost Estimate Summary

To run the Cost Estimate Summary report:

1. In the **Cost Estimate Summary**, click the component **Actions** button, and select the **Cost Estimate Summary** report.
2. From the **Settings** field, click the drop-down arrow select **Output Options** and review the choices.
3. Click the **Execute** button.
4. When the report displays, move your mouse over the bottom to display a menu from which you could save, print or view the report.
5. Close the browser tab to close the report.

Creating a Snapshot of a Cost Estimate

Snapshots enable you to save a read-only copy of a cost estimate at any point in time to allow for later review. Each cost estimate can have multiple snapshots taken at different stages of the estimation process. The system can automatically create snapshots as a result of system events and agency option settings, and you can manually create a snapshot at any time.

A snapshot includes all of the information contained in a cost estimate, including all of its associated child records.

Required fields are:

- Description



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimate Overview > Cost Estimate Summary To

create a snapshot of a cost estimate:

1. In the **Estimation** component, click the **Cost Estimates** link.
2. Search for and select a cost estimate.
3. Click the component **Actions** button, and select the **Create Snapshot** task.
4. In the **Description** field, enter text describing the snapshot.
5. In the **Snapshot Reason** field, click the drop-down arrow and select the reason for the snapshot.
6. In the **Remarks** section, in the **Type** field, click the drop-down arrow and select the type of remark, if appropriate.
7. In the **Remark** field, enter remarks, if appropriate.
8. Click the **Save** button.

Importing a Snapshot

If you wish to return to a previous iteration of a cost estimate, you can import the saved cost estimate information from a snapshot into the current cost estimate. When you import a snapshot, all of the existing information for the cost estimate and its associated child records is overwritten by the imported snapshot



Note: You cannot import a snapshot to a cost estimate profile, a cost estimate associated with a proposal, or a cost estimate associated with a project that has project items.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary To import a snapshot to return to a previous iteration of a cost estimate:

1. In the **Estimation** component, click the **Cost Estimates** link.
2. Search for and select a cost estimate.
3. Click the component **Actions** button, and select the **Import Snapshot** task.
4. On the **Import to Cost Estimate** modal window, search for and select the row for the snapshot to import.
5. Click the **Import to Cost Estimate** button.

Pricing Items

As described in previous chapters of this guide, there are various ways of adding items to a cost estimate, transitioning items from parametric items or typical sections, and building items in a project. Once a cost estimate is associated with a project and the build project items process has been executed, items and quantities must be maintained within the project.

Items in a cost estimate can be priced regardless of whether the estimate is associated with a concept, project or proposal. You can enter an ad hoc price just by typing a value in an estimate item's unit price field, but most of the time, items will be priced using price tasks. A price task is a method of calculating the price of an item.

For convenience and consistency, your agency may have associated default price tasks with commonly used reference items. In these cases, the price task is automatically associated to the cost estimate item. You can also attach price tasks to items manually. Any price task can be set to inactive status if you wish to retain the pricing information but do not wish to use the price in the estimate.

Please note that depending on the policies, system configurations, and roles at your agency, you may not have access to all of the AASHTOWare Project Estimation functionality shown in this users guide.

Viewing Item Price Details

On the Cost Estimate Items tab of the Cost Estimate Summary, you can expand any item to see more information. You can drill down to see detailed price task information. You can also access the price task details from the Item Pricing Worksheet component.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Items tab To access item price details on a cost estimate:

1. In the **Estimation** component, click the **Cost Estimates** link.
2. Search for and select a cost estimate.
3. Click the **Cost Estimate Items** tab.
4. Click the **Expand/Collapse** arrow to expand an item.
5. Click the **Details** button to the right of the **Price** field.

6. Note whether any of the price tasks are activated. If a task is active, you can de-activate

it by clicking to remove the check box in the “active” field. In order to activate a task, you must drill in one level by selecting the price task and clicking the “Active” check box.

7. Click the **Save** button.

Bid-Based Pricing

Bid-based pricing utilizes prepared or user-edited bid history profiles to determine an estimated price for an item. In a previous chapter of this guide on Cost Estimate Features, you learned how to associate a bid history profile with the cost estimate, and how to edit the bid history if appropriate.

Adding a Bid-Based Task

If no default pricing task is attached to an item in your cost estimate, you may wish to add one. Keep in mind that items that are not used repeatedly may not have enough bid history to produce a bid-based price. If there is a similar item that may have more bid occurrences, you can base the price on that item.

It is also not advisable to attempt to generate a bid-based price on lump sum items, as the scope of the item can vary greatly based on job conditions.



Note: An item must have a quantity to produce a bid-based price.



Note: If the task is active and you modify values in the **Task Bid History Profile**, **Alternate Item**, **Rolled Up Quantity**, or **Alternate Quantity** fields, the system does not display a value in the **Task Price** field until you calculate the price.



Note: If you modify values in the **Task Bid History Profile**, **Alternate Item**, **Rolled Up Quantity**, or **Alternate Quantity** fields for an active task and you save the changes without calculating the price, the system automatically recalculates the price for you. The price is also automatically recalculated if you set a task to active and save the changes without calculating the price. As a result, the save process might require additional time to complete.

Required fields are:

- Task Description



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Items tab > Cost Estimate Item

To add a bid-based task to a cost estimate item:

1. On the **Cost Estimate Items** tab, click the **Expand/Collapse** arrow to expand an item.
2. Click the **Details** button to the right of the **Price** field.
3. Click the **Bid-Based** link in the Details window.
4. Click the component **Actions** button, and select the **Add** action.
5. In the **Task Description** field, enter a brief description for the bidbased task.
6. In the **Alternate Item** field, enter a value if you would like to base the price on the bid history of a different item.
7. In the **Task Group ID** field, search for and select the name of the task group to which the bid-based task belongs.
8. Click the **Active** check box to include this price in the estimate total, if appropriate.
9. Click the **Rolled Up Quantity** check box if you would like to base the price on the total quantity of all occurrences of this item in the cost estimate.
10. In the **Alternate Quantity** field, enter a value if you would like to base the price on the bid history for a different quantity.
11. Click the **Save** button.
12. Click the link for the **Task** you just added.
13. Click the component **Actions** button and select the **Calculate Price** action.
14. The system will assign a price to the item, or generate a warning that there is insufficient data to calculate a bid-based price.

Fine-Tuning the Bid-Based Task

As noted in the previous instruction, if you have insufficient bid data you can base your bid-based task on a different item, and/or a different quantity. You can also associate a different bid history profile for a particular item; for example, if you wanted to include bids from a greater length of time, or focus on bids from proposals with a particular work type code.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Items tab > Cost Estimate Item

To associate a bid history profile to a cost estimate item:

1. Click the **Expand/Collapse** arrow to expand an item.
2. Click the **Details** button.
3. In the Details window, click the **Bid-Based** link.
4. Click the **Task** link.
5. Click the component **Actions** button and choose the **Select Task Bid History Profile** action.
6. Search for and select a **Bid History Profile**.
7. Click the **Copy Profile to Cost Estimate Item Bid Based Task** button.

Reference Price Tasks

Your agency may have associated default reference price tasks with certain reference items; for example, lump sum items where bid-based pricing cannot be used. You can also add a reference price task to an item in a cost estimate, either by choosing an existing task or by creating a new one.

Reference price tasks may use an ad hoc price, a formula, a specified percent of the total estimate, a percent on top of the estimate, or a pre-set historical price from the reference item.

Required fields are:

- Reference Price
- Description
- Amount, or Percent of, or Percent on Top

Reference Price Task Using an Ad Hoc Price or Formula

You may price an item by entering a price or calculating a price using a formula.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Items tab > Cost Estimate Item

To add a reference price task to a cost estimate item using an ad hoc price or formula:

1. Click the **Expand/Collapse** arrow to expand an item.
2. Click the **Details** button.
3. In the Details window, click the **Reference** link.
4. Click the **New** button.
5. In the **Reference Price** field, enter a name for the task.
6. In the **Description** field, enter a brief description for the bid-based task.
7. In the **Cost Estimate Task Group Id** field, search for and select a task group number if you wish to associate this task with a task group.
8. The **Use Historical Price** check box would be populated by the system if there is a default historical price associated with the item.
9. In the **Amount** field, enter the dollar amount of the price; or click the Expression Builder button to select a Predefined Formula or create a new expression to calculate the value.
10. Click the **Active** check box to include this price in the estimate total, if appropriate.
11. Click the **Save** button.
12. View the Task Unit Price calculated by the system.

Reference Price Task Using a Percent of the Total

You may price an item by using a percent of the total estimate.



Note: You can only use a percent field if the item quantity equals 1.



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Items tab > Cost Estimate Item

To add a reference price task to a cost estimate item using a percent of the total estimate:

1. Click the **New** button.
2. In the **Reference Price** field, enter a name for the task.
3. In the **Description** field, enter a brief description for the reference price task.
4. In the **Cost Estimate Task Group Id** field, search for and select a task group number if you wish to associate this task with a task group.
5. The **Use Historical Price** check box would be populated by the system if there is a default historical price associated with the item.
6. In the **Percent of** field, enter a number representing the percent of the total estimate that the system will use to calculate the item price.
7. Click the **Active** check box to include this price in the estimate total, if appropriate.
8. Click the **Save** button.
9. View the Task Unit Price calculated by the system.

[Reference Price Task Using a Percent on Top](#)

You may price an item by using a percent of a portion of an estimate.

 **Note:** You can only use a percent field if the item quantity equals 1.



Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Items tab > Cost Estimate Item

To add a reference price task to a cost estimate item using a percent of a portion of the estimate:

1. Click the **New** button.
2. In the **Reference Price** field you may optionally enter a name for the task.
3. In the **Description** field, enter a brief description for the reference price task.
4. In the **Cost Estimate Task Group Id** field, search for and select a task group number if you wish to associate this task with a task group.
5. The **Use Historical Price** check box would be populated by the system if there is a default historical price associated with the item.
6. In the **Percent on Top** field, enter a number representing the percent of a portion of the total estimate that the system will use to calculate the item price.
7. Click the **Active** check box to include this price in the estimate total, if appropriate.
8. Click the **Save** button. 9. View the Task Unit Price calculated by the system.

Cost Estimate Item Pricing Worksheet

If you wish to enter prices for multiple items in a grid view, you can use the Cost Estimate Item Pricing Worksheet.

Each field in a row is displayed in a read-only format until it is activated. You can focus on a field by clicking on it, tabbing to it, or using the arrow keys, then click again to activate it.



Navigation: Estimation > Cost Estimates > Cost Estimate Summary > Cost Estimate Item Pricing Worksheet quick link

To add or change a price for an item on the Cost Estimate Item Pricing Worksheet:

1. In the **Estimation** component, click the **Cost Estimates** link.
2. Search for and select a cost estimate.
3. Click the **Cost Estimate Item Pricing Worksheet** quick link.

4. Double-click in the **Unit Price** field for an item to change a value.
5. Use the down arrow key to access the **Unit Price** field for the next item.
6. Click the **Details** button in the **Unit Price** field to access the price tasks.
7. To sort the rows by Cost Estimate Category, Line, Item, Description, Unit, Quantity, Unit Price, Extended Amount, Supplemental Description, or Active status, click the column header drop-down arrow and click the **Ascending** or **Descending** button.
8. Click the **Save** button.


Item Bid History


The Item Bid History Summary enables you to calculate a bid-based price for an individual reference item separate from a cost estimate. You can also lists rows of historical bid data for the reference item and bid history profile, and view the data on an interactive scatter plot.

Please note that depending on the policies, system configurations, and roles at your agency, you may not have access to all of the AASHTOWare Project Estimation functionality shown in this training guide.

Calculating an Item Bid History

From the Item Bid History Summary you can select the bid history profile to use, select additional parameters for the price calculation as needed, and then calculate the item price. The calculated price is displayed for your information only and is not retained in the system.

 **Note:** It is best to carefully consider adding selectors unless they add value to your pricing strategy, as more selectors will narrow down the number of bids that are included in the calculation.

 **Note:** When you access the Item Bid History component from the **Previous** menu, the data you entered previously is cleared.

Required fields are:

- Item
- Quantity
- Bid History Profile



[Instructions](#)

Navigation: Estimation > Item Bid History

To calculate a price on the Item Bid History Summary:

1. In the **Estimation** component, click the **Item Bid History** link.
2. On the Item Bid History Summary **Criteria** window, search for and select an Item Number in the **Item** field.
3. In the **Quantity** field, enter a numeric value.
4. In the **Bid History Profile** field, search for and select a bid history profile.
5. In the **Let Date** field, enter the anticipated letting date for the estimated work, if appropriate.

6. If you wish to limit the number of proposals for inclusion in the bid history profile, in the **Work Type** field, click the drop-down arrow to select a code.
7. If you wish to further limit the number of proposals for inclusion in the bid history profile, in the **Improvement Type** field, click the drop-down arrow to select a code.
8. If you wish to further limit the number of proposals for inclusion in the bid history profile, in the **Terrain** field, click the drop-down arrow to select a code.
9. If you wish to further limit the number of proposals for inclusion in the bid history profile, in the **Urban/Rural** field, click the dropdown arrow to select a code.
10. If you wish to further limit the number of proposals for inclusion in the bid history profile, in the **Highway Type** field, click the dropdown arrow to select a code.
11. If you wish to further limit the number of proposals for inclusion in field.
12. Click the **Calculate Price** button.
13. You can modify the criteria if you wish, and click the **Calculate Price** button again to re-evaluate the item price.

Viewing Source Data for an Item Bid History

The Item Bid History Source Data component lists rows of historical bid data for the reference item and bid history profile selected on the Item Bid History Summary. You can use this information to compare and analyze the cost of the item at different quantities and variable conditions.

Each row can be expanded to view information about the source of the item bid price, including variables for the item, and information about the proposal and vendor.



Note: The Source Data component is not available from the **Previous** menu.



Navigation: Estimation > Item Bid History > Bid History Summary > Source Data quick link To view source data for the Item Bid History price you just calculated:

1. On the **Bid History Summary** component, click the **Source Data** quick link.
2. Click the **Expand/Collapse** arrow for a bid to view additional information.
3. In the **Include/Exclude** field, click the drop-down arrow to change which items are displayed on the list.

Viewing Item Price Details

When you click the **Details** button to the right of the **Price** field, the system displays an overlay with different prices for the cost estimate item. Each row displays the method used to calculate the price, the price amount, and a check box indicating whether one or more price tasks for that method are active. Each method name is a link to the component where settings are established for the calculation method.

Links, prices, and **Active** check boxes are displayed for these calculation methods:

- Bid Based
- Reference

The **Active** check box is selected for a calculation method by default if any price tasks for that method that are associated with the item are marked active. If you clear the **Active** check box in the details overlay, the system changes the status of the associated price tasks for that method to inactive.

If the cost estimate item is set to inactive so that its price is not included in the cost estimate, the **Active** settings in the details overlay and the price tasks associated with the cost estimate item are still retained. This enables you to choose whether or not to include the item in the cost estimate without losing the saved information about associated task groups and price tasks.

Price Versus Quantity Analysis

Analyzing Price Versus Quantity

The Price Versus Quantity analysis tool enables you to compare prices for an item at different quantities based on an item bid history as defined by a bid history profile. Data is displayed on an interactive scatter plot. You can modify settings to include or exclude data points, compare calculated prices according to different criteria, and highlight different types of data as needed. You can continue modifying settings and recalculating the price to analyze the data from different perspectives.

There are two ways to access the interactive analysis tool. If you want to perform a quick analysis for a reference item, navigate to the Item Bid History component, enter values in the required fields, and then select **Price vs Quantity Analysis** from the **Actions** menu on the component header. The system displays the interactive analysis tool in a new browser window.

If you want to perform an analysis for a cost estimate item and have the option to save your changes to the associated bid-based task, navigate to the Cost Estimate Item Bid Based Task Summary, and select **Price vs Quantity Analysis** from the **Actions** menu on the component header. The system displays the interactive analysis tool. After you modify settings and reprice, the **Apply** button becomes available, enabling you to save the changes to the bid-based task associated with the cost estimate item.

Understanding the Analysis Window

The Price Versus Quantity Analysis is displayed in a new browser window. The title of the window indicates whether the graph is based on a regression or average.

If you accessed the analysis tool from the Item Bid History component, the window displays the analysis based on the values from fields on the Item Bid History component. If you accessed the analysis tool from the Cost Estimate Item Bid Based Task Summary, the window displays the analysis based on the values from the concept, cost estimate item, and the bid-based task (for additional information about the calculations, see the *Bid-Based Pricing Methodology Guide*).

Item	The Item link in the upper left corner displays the ID and description of the reference item used for the analysis. You can click the Item link to select an alternate reference item and update the analysis automatically.
Reprice	Clicking the Reprice button applies modified settings to the information displayed in the analysis tool, updates the data points, and calculates the modeled price. The Reprice button is available only when settings have been changed but not yet updated on the graph.
Reset	Clicking the Reset button reverses all of the setting modifications since the last time the Reprice button was clicked.
Price	The Price link shows the modeled price as calculated by the settings in place the last time the Reprice button was clicked. Clicking the Price link displays the Price overlay where you can modify the variables specified in the bid history profile that are used to calculate the modeled price.
Profile	The Profile link in the upper right corner displays the name and description of the bid history profile used for the analysis. You can click the Profile link to select a different bid history profile and update the analysis automatically.
Apply	Clicking the Apply button updates the bid-based task for the cost estimate item with all the changes made in the analysis tool. If you select a different reference item, it is entered as an alternate item in the cost estimate item bid-based task. The Apply button is available only after settings are modified and repriced, and only if the tool was accessed from the Cost Estimate Item Bid Based Task Summary.

Actions	The Actions menu provides access to the Reload command and either the Average or Regression commands, as appropriate. Selecting the Reload command removes all of the repriced changes made to settings and displays the analysis in its initial state. Selecting Average or Regression changes the calculation and scatter plot displayed.
Help	Clicking the Help button displays this Help topic.
Zoom	The Zoom, Identify, and Include/Exclude buttons change the effect of clicking the scatter plot. One of these buttons is always selected. You can click a different button to change from one mode to another. If you are using keyboard controls rather than a mouse, you can perform identical functions on the Source Data component (click the Source Data quick link on this component).
Identify	Clicking the Identify button and then clicking a data point displays information about the point, including the work type, season, terrain, and other information. You can also access proposal vendor information.
Include/Exclude	Clicking the Include/Exclude button and then clicking a data point toggles the point from included in the modeled price to excluded from the modeled price, and vice versa.
Analysis	You can change settings for the graph or the calculation by using the analysis panels on the right. To expand an analysis panel, click the name of the panel you want to view, either Filter, Highlight, or Show.
Collapse	When the analysis panel is expanded, clicking the Collapse button collapses the panel.

Different symbols are used for data points to indicate whether the point is included or excluded in the price calculation, and whether the inclusion or exclusion was determined by user selection on the plot or the model calculations. The following symbols are used for data points on the scatter plot:

Plus	Modeled point
Circle	Included by model
Circle with slash	Included by selection
Square	Excluded by model
Square with slash	Excluded by selection
Diamond	Excluded by filter

Point to a data point to display a tooltip with the dollar amount and quantity of the item, and whether it is included or excluded in the modeled price. You can view additional information about a data point by clicking the **Identify** button and then clicking the point.

Switching Between Regression and Average

To display the scatter plot with an average instead of a regression, select **Average** from the **Actions** menu on the component header. If an average is displayed because a regression could not be calculated using the settings in the selected bid history profile, you can still use the analysis tool to calculate a regression. To display the scatter plot with a regression price instead of an average price, select **Regression** from the **Actions** menu on the component header.

Identifying Data Points

Pointing to a data point on the graph displays a tooltip with the dollar amount and quantity for the point. For bid history price points, the tooltip also indicates whether the point is excluded or included in the modeled price, and whether the point was excluded or included by the model calculation or by the user's selection on the plot. For the modeled price, the tooltip includes the count and variability.

To access additional information about a data point, click the **Identify** button, and then click the data point. The system displays an overlay with the following bid information:

D	Date
H	Highway Type
I	Improvement Type
M	Market Area
S	Season
T	Terrain
U	Urban/Rural
W	Work Type

For bid history price points, the overlay includes a **Proposal and Vendor** link. When you click the link, the overlay displays the proposal ID, description, and county. It also displays the bid vendor name, ID, bidding rank, and bid total. You can click the **Pricing Info** link to return to the pricing information overlay.

To exclude the data point from the calculation of the modeled price, click the **Exclude** link on the overlay. When you exclude the data point, the link changes to **Include**. For excluded data points, you can click the **Include** link to include the data point in the calculation of the modeled price. When you include the data point, the link changes to **Exclude**.

To close the overlay, click the **Close** button in the upper right corner of the overlay. You can continue clicking different data points to display identifying information about that point.

Using the Analysis Panels

You can change settings for the graph or the calculation by using the analysis panels on the right side of the analysis window. To expand an analysis panel, click the name of the panel you want to view, either **Filter**, **Highlight**, or **Show** (see [Filtering Data](#), [Highlighting Data](#), and [Showing and Hiding Points and Lines](#)). You can switch between panels as needed. To collapse an expanded panel, click the **Collapse** button or the panel name.

Filtering Data

The Filter panel enables you to filter the data included in the modeled price according to a range of quantities or by any combination of variables used for analysis in a bid history. To expand the Filter panel, click **Filter** on the right edge of the analysis tool window. You can collapse the Filter panel at any time by clicking the **Collapse** button.

The top of the panel displays two fields where you can enter the minimum and maximum item bid quantities to be used in the analysis. You can change the quantity by entering values in these fields, or by dragging the slider.

The Filter panel includes expandable sections for each variable from the selected bid history profile. If a variable is not selected for inclusion on the bid history profile, it is not included on the Filter panel. If all variables are selected for inclusion, the Filter panel includes expandable sections for each of these variables:

- Highway Type
- Improvement Type
- Market Area
- Season
- Terrain
- Urban/Rural
- Work Type

Each expandable section contains check boxes for the values your agency has defined for that variable, but only if a data point captured by the analysis uses that value. For example, if your agency has defined Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter as seasons, but the item you are pricing only has historical bid data for Spring and Summer, the system displays check boxes only for **Spring** and **Summer**.

Select or clear each check box to include or exclude bid prices that match each value. To view the effects of changing filter settings, click the **Reprice** button. The modeled price is recalculated, and the indicators for excluded data points are updated to identify them as excluded by filter.

To remove all of the repriced changes made to settings and display the analysis in its initial state, select **Reload** from the **Actions** menu on the component header.

If you choose to save the filter settings and apply them to the associated cost estimate item bid-based task, you can click the **Apply** button. The **Apply** button is available only if the analysis tool was accessed from the Cost Estimate Item Bid Based Task Summary.

Highlighting Data

The Highlight panel enables you to view values for Count, Price, and Variability for each data attribute. You can also apply a visual indicator to points on the graph that meet selected criteria. To expand the Highlight panel, click **Highlight** on the right edge of the analysis tool window.

You can collapse the Highlight panel at any time by clicking the **Collapse** button.

To specify the variable you want to use to highlight data, select a value in the drop-down box at the top of the Highlight panel. The panel displays different attribute check boxes depending on your selection. For example, if you select **Season** from the drop-down menu, the panel displays check boxes for the seasons defined by your agency, but only if a data point captured by the analysis uses that value. For example, if your agency has defined Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter as seasons, but the item you are pricing only has historical bid data for Spring and Summer, the system only displays check boxes for **Spring** and **Summer**.

To highlight data on the scatter plot, select a check box for the data attribute you want to highlight. To remove the highlighting, clear the check box.

For each check box, a row of data is displayed with values for Count, Price, and Variability. The price for each row of data is marked on the scatter plot by a short horizontal line at the same quantity as the modeled point. By default, the rows are displayed in descending order by price. You can click the **Count**, **Price**, or **Variability** links to sort the rows by that value.

Count The number of data points included in the calculation of the row price. A count of zero on a single row indicates that the row's attribute does not occur in the gathered data set. A count of zero in all rows for the selected variable indicates that the variable is not included in the price calculation.

Price The price for included data points for the row.

Variability Regression: The dollar amount of 94.5% confidence interval for the row price.

Average: The dollar amount of one standard deviation for the row price.

Including and Excluding Data Points

While you are including and excluding data points from the pricing analysis, it helps to keep the totals of included and excluded points in view. These totals are listed on the Show panel. To display the Show panel, click **Show** on the right edge of the analysis tool window. You can collapse the Show panel at any time by clicking the **Collapse** button.

The Show panel lists separate totals for points included by the model and points included by user selection. For excluded points, separate totals are listed for points excluded by the model, by filter settings, and by user selection.

Include/Exclude Mode

To include or exclude an individual data point from the modeled price calculation, click the **Include/Exclude** button in the analysis window, and then click a data point on the graph. If you click an included point, it will be excluded. If you click an excluded point, it will be included. The totals of included and excluded points listed in the Show panel are updated to reflect your selection.

As long as the **Include/Exclude** button appears pressed, clicking any point on the graph will change the point's status. You can continue clicking points and changing their status as needed. To exit Include/Exclude mode, click either the **Zoom** or **Identify** button.

To view the effects of including or excluding data points, click the **Reprice** button. The modeled price is recalculated, and the indicators for the data points you included and excluded are updated to identify them as included or excluded by selection.

To remove all of the repriced changes and display the analysis in its initial state, select **Reload** from the **Actions** menu on the component header.

If you choose to save the included or excluded data point settings and apply them to the associated cost estimate item bid-based task, you can click the **Apply** button. The **Apply** button is available only if the analysis tool was accessed from the Cost Estimate Item Bid Based Task Summary.

Alternate Methods

You can also drag to select multiple data points on the graph. If the points you select all have the same status of either included or excluded, the status is toggled to the opposite value. For example, if you drag to select three excluded data points, all three points will then be included.

If you drag to select multiple points that have different statuses, only the points with the majority status within the selection are toggled. For example, if you drag to select two excluded points and one included point, the two excluded points will change to be included, but the status of the third point will not change. As a result, all three points will be included in the analysis.

If you drag to select multiple points that have different statuses, and there is an equal number of included and excluded points, the excluded status takes precedence. For example, if you drag to select two excluded points and two included points, the included points will be changed to excluded, and the status of the excluded points will remain unchanged. This results in four excluded points.

You can also include or exclude a data point by clicking the **Identify** button, and then clicking either the **Include** or **Exclude** link, as appropriate, in the identification overlay.

Showing and Hiding Points and Lines

You can choose to show or hide data points and lines on the graph to better identify key details or pieces of information. To show or hide elements on the graph, first display the Show panel by clicking **Show** on the right edge of the analysis tool window. You can collapse the Show panel at any time by clicking the **Collapse** button.

The upper portion of the panel displays settings for data points, and the lower portion of the panel displays settings for lines.

Points

You can show or hide data points based on whether or not the point is included or excluded from the calculation of the modeled price. The Points section of the Show panel lists check boxes and totals for the following criteria: **Included by Model**, **Included by Selection**, **Excluded by Model**, **Excluded by Selection**, **Excluded by Filter**.

To hide data points with a specific status, clear the check box for that status. To show data points with a specific status, select the check box for that status.

Lines

You can hide or show different lines as needed. The Lines section of the Show panel lists check boxes for these line types: **Modeled Price**, **Base**, **Variability Level**, and **Reference**.

To show a line, select the check box for that line type. To hide a line, clear the check box for that line type.

Modeled Price	A regression shows a curved line that intersects with the modeled price. An average shows a horizontal line at the modeled price that extends through the quantity range used for the average.
Base	The base line represents the price versus quantity regression without any of the other variables that can be incorporated in the modeled price. There is no base line for an average.
Variability Level	Two lines drawn representing the upper and lower deviation for the modeled price. Regression: The lines are a 94.5% confidence interval above and below the modeled price. Average: The lines are two standard deviations above and below the modeled price.
Reference	Two lines drawn from the modeled price point to the price axis and quantity axis.

Modifying Variables Used in the Calculation

You can modify the variables used in the calculation and evaluate the effects on the modeled price. To access the settings, click the **Price** link. The options available in the Price overlay vary depending on whether the modeled price is an average or regression.

Regression Price

For a regression price, the **Use in Regression Calculation** field is displayed at the top of the overlay. Selecting the check box enables you to modify the settings for individual variables to indicate whether they should be used in the regression price calculation.

The Price overlay lists parameter rows for quantity, date, and for each of the variables selected for inclusion on the bid history profile. If a variable is not selected for inclusion on the bid history profile, it is not included on the Price overlay. If all variables are selected for inclusion, these parameter rows are displayed:

- Quantity
- Date
- Highway Type
- Improvement Type
- Market Area
- Season
- Terrain
- Urban/Rural
- Work Type

Each parameter row includes a **Modeled** field that indicates whether or not the variable was used to calculate the initial modeled price, and a **Use** check box that enables you to change whether or not the variable is used. Each row also displays the **Current Value** for the parameter and an **Alternate Value** field.

To add or remove a variable from the regression equation, select or clear the **Use** check box on the parameter row.

To specify a different date or quantity, click in the **Alternate Value** field and enter a new date or quantity as needed. To specify a different value for a variable, click the drop-down arrow, and select a new value from the list.

To view the effects of your changes, click the **Reprice** button. The modeled price is recalculated, the Price overlay is closed, and the scatter plot is refreshed with updated data points.

To remove all of the repriced changes made to settings and display the analysis in its initial state, select **Reload** from the **Actions** menu on the component header.

If you choose to save the settings and apply them to the associated cost estimate item bid-based task, you can click the **Apply** button. The **Apply** button is available only if the analysis tool was accessed from the Cost Estimate Item Bid Based Task Summary.

Average Price

For an average price, these fields are displayed at the top of the Price overlay:

- Filter to Match
- Model Used Quantity Level
- Model Matched All Parameters

The **Model Used Quantity Level** indicates whether the model used the range displayed in the **Quantity Level** field to filter the data. The **Model Matched All Parameters** field indicates whether the model filtered the data to match all of the variables. Selecting the **Filter to Match** check box enables you to modify the settings for individual variables used to filter the data.

The average Price overlay displays a row with these fields for quantity:

- Quantity Level
- Match
- Quantity
- Alternate Quantity

To require the model to filter the data to include only bids for item quantities within the **Quantity Level** range, first select the **Filter to Match** check box, and then select the **Match** check box for quantity level.

To specify a different item quantity to use for the average calculation, click in the **Alternate Quantity** field and enter a new quantity as needed.

After the fields for quantity, the overlay lists parameter rows for each of the variables selected for inclusion on the bid history profile. If a variable is not selected for inclusion on the bid history profile, it is not included on the Price overlay. If all variables are selected for inclusion, these parameter rows are displayed:

- Highway Type
- Improvement Type
- Market Area
- Season
- Terrain
- Urban/Rural
- Work Type

Each parameter row includes a **Match** check box that indicates whether or not the data must match the value selected for the variable. To modify the **Match** settings for individual variables, first select the **Filter to Match** check box, and then select or clear the **Match** check boxes for the variables you want to use to filter the data.

To specify a different value for a variable, click the drop-down arrow, and select a new value

from the list.


To view the effects of the changes you made in the Price overlay, click the **Reprice** button. The modeled price is recalculated, the Price overlay is closed, and the scatter plot is refreshed with updated data points.

To remove all of the repriced changes and display the analysis in its initial state, select **Reload** from the **Actions** menu on the component header.


If you choose to save the settings and apply them to the associated cost estimate item bid-based task, you can click the **Apply** button. The **Apply** button is available only if the analysis tool was accessed from the Cost Estimate Item Bid Based Task Summary.

Analyzing Bid History Source Data

The Source Data component lists rows of historical bid data for an item. You can use this information to compare and analyze the cost of the item at different quantities and variable conditions. Each row can be expanded to view information about the source of the item bid price, including variables from the cost estimate, and information about the proposal and vendor. You can include or exclude each item bid in the calculation of the regression or average price. If you are working with a cost estimate item rather than a reference item, you can also choose to apply the settings and save them as part of the associated cost estimate item bid-based task.

 **Note:** You can analyze the same data in the form of an interactive scatter plot by using the Price Versus Quantity Analysis tool (see [Analyzing Price Versus Quantity](#)).

You can access the Source Data component by navigating to the Cost Estimate Item Bid Based Task Summary or the Item Bid History component, calculating the price, and then clicking the [Source Data](#) quick link. The [Source Data](#) quick link is available only after the item price has been calculated.

 **Note:** The Source Data component is not available from the **Previous** menu.

At the top of the component, the **Price** field displays either the Average Price or Regression Price calculated by the model. The Regression field indicates whether the price displayed is a regression or an average.

You can enter criteria in the Quick Find search box to locate a specific item bid. You can also select a value in the **Include/Exclude** field to filter the list to show only bids that meet one of the following criteria: Excluded by Filter, Excluded by Model, Excluded by Selection, Included by Model, Included by Selection.

Each item bid history row displays values in these fields:

- Quantity
- Price
- Include/Exclude

You can expand a row to display additional information in these fields:

- Reason excluded by model

Pricing Information:

- Date
- Highway Type
- Improvement Type
- Market Area
- Season
- Terrain
- Urban/Rural
- Work Type

Proposal and Vendor:

- Proposal ID
- Description
- Vendor
- Rank
- Primary County
- Bid Total

To include or exclude an item bid in the price calculation, choose either **Include by Selection** or **Exclude by Selection** in the **Include/Exclude** field in the item bid row. Click the **Reprice** button. The model recalculates the value in the **Price** field. You can continue including or excluding item bids in the list as needed. Click the **Reprice** button to view the effects of each change.

If you accessed the Source Data component from the Cost Estimate Item Bid Based Task Summary, you can apply the changes to the associated bid-based task. The **Apply** button is available only after changes are made and repriced. To save the changes to the bid-based task associated with the cost estimate item, click the **Apply** button. The system takes you to the Cost Estimate Item Bid Based Task Summary with an updated value in the **Task Price** field. See [Maintaining a Bid-Based Task](#) for more information.

Find Bid Data

The Find Bid Data component enables you to gather historical bid data from proposals stored in the system and determine the average bid price and estimated unit price of a bid item for each proposal. The average bid price is calculated as the sum of all bid prices for the proposal divided by the number of bidders.

Required fields are:

- Bid Item



Instructions

Navigation: Estimation > Find Bid Data

To find bid data related to a specific item:

1. In the **Estimation** component, click the **Find Bid Data** link.
2. In the **Bid Item** field, search for and select an item number.
3. In the Quick Find search box, enter proposal search criteria (for example, **asph**) to narrow down the number of proposals containing the selected item.
4. Click the **Expand/Collapse** arrow for a row to view further information about the proposal and bids.
5. Enter a new value in the **Bid Item** field to view bid information for a different item.

Appendix A: Procedures for Sub-Contracting an Estimate

Procedures for Sub-Contracting an Estimate

Sometimes consulting firms will sub-contract part of an estimate to another consulting firm. Because of how security works in CES, a consulting firm cannot see the job estimates of other consulting firms. This appendix outlines the procedures for sharing a job estimate when more than one consulting firm is involved in its creation.

Step 1: Prime Makes a Copy of "Prime" Estimate for Sub-contracting Firm

1. In the Job list window highlight the job to be copied.

Select **Copy Special** from the **Edit** menu and choose **All**.

Specify a new project name. The recommended format is <Current Job Number>-SUB. For example, project 12345 would be named 12345-SUB when copied.

The copied job is the "sub" estimate. The original job is the "prime" estimate.

Step 2: Prime Assigns "Sub" Estimate to Sub-contracting Firm

1. Right-click on the copied job and select **Change** from the menu.

Navigate to Page 2 of the GENERAL tab of the Job window.

Use the drop-down list in the Control Group field to select the sub- contracting firm that will be working on the estimate.

Save the change.

Notify the Sub-contracting firm that the "sub" estimate is now assigned to their firm in CES. The Prime consulting firm may still work on its part of the estimate using the "prime" estimate.

Step 3: Sub-contracting Firm Creates Estimate

1. Based on the procedures outline in this manual, the sub-contracting firm should create an estimate as it normally would using the "sub" estimate assigned by the prime firm.

Once the sub-contracting firm completes the "sub" estimate, it should be assigned back to the prime consulting firm.

Step 4: Sub-contracting Firm Assigns Completed "Sub" Estimate to Prime

1. In the Job list window, select the "sub" estimate.

Right-click on the job and select **Change** from the menu.

Navigate to Page 2 of the GENERAL tab of the Job window.

Use the drop-down list in the Control Group field to select the prime contracting firm.

Save the change.

Notify the prime contracting firm that the "sub" estimate is now assigned to their firm in CES.

Step 5: Prime Imports Items from "Sub" Estimate to "Prime" Estimate

Note: Only items will be imported by this process – categories or other changes will not be imported.

1. In the Job list window, select the “prime” estimate.

Select **Import** from the **File** menu and choose **Job Items from CES Job**.

Select the “sub” estimate from the list.

Click ok.

For the Combine Jobs Option select “Do Not Combine Item Quantities.”

Receive message that “Import Completed Successfully.”

Note: A snapshot of the “prime” job was automatically created before the import.

Open the job estimate and verify the items imported as expected.

Make adjustments as needed.

Do not delete the “sub” estimate. It should be retained as a point of reference.

Appendix B: Federal Non-Participating Construction Cost Estimation Work Sheet

Federal Non-Participating Construction Cost Estimation Work Sheet

<u>Items of Work</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Approach slabs with any of the following conditions:	
(a) if one-way traffic loading is less than 500 80-kN equivalent single axle load applications per day;	
(b) posted speed limit is less than 35 m.p.h.;	= _____
(c) the abutments are not supported on pile foundations.	
Fishing piers (or bridges) and pedestrian walkways for recreational access.	= _____
Greater than a 2 to 1 ratio of mitigation for wetland sites. FHWA <u>sometimes</u> participates in greater than 2 to 1 replacement if the impact is significant. Contact Project Manager for guidance.	= _____
<u>Sometimes</u> the use of liners for Wetland Mitigation Sites as they do not permit ground water recharge. Contact Project Manager for guidance.	= _____
Waterway openings and net fill requirements mandated by NJDEP when they differ from FHWA requirements.	= _____
Structures less than 20 feet in span if BR/BH funds are being utilized for the project.	= _____
Sidewalks on bridges when there are no sidewalks on the approaches for pedestrians. Contact Project Manager for guidance.	= _____
Maintenance dredging if the dredged material is not used as a fill.	= _____
Maintenance operations such as cleaning existing pipes, drainage structures, ditches, repairing impact attenuators, mowing etc. FHWA <u>sometimes</u> participates in this work. Contact Project Manager for guidance.	= _____
Items of work paid for by other agencies or private developers.	= _____
<u>Sometimes</u> Memorial and/or Vanity Plaques on structures.	= _____
Type II Noise Barriers	= _____
BR/BH funds for approach work past the touchdown points for new / rehabilitated structures.	= _____
Proprietary items without proper justification. Contact Project Manager for guidance.	= _____
Additional items not listed above. (see next page)	= _____

Appendix C: NJDOT New Item Number Request Form

NJDOT New Item Number Request
New Jersey Department of Transportation
Program Systems Management
Item Number Request

<i>For Trns*port Office use only</i>
Date Assigned:

Item Number:

Enter all information completely.
Do not refer to "see attachments" as your response.

Submit only one item per form.
Send a **specification** in electronic format with this form.

Requested Item Description:	Proprietary: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Request: Spec Yr
Existing item replaced by this item:	Design Phase PDS <input type="checkbox"/> FDS <input type="checkbox"/> PS&E <input type="checkbox"/> CON <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is a Construction detail attached (to aid in explanation)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
UPC Number and Project Name:		
Construction Activity: Roadway <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Utility <input type="checkbox"/>		
Materials:		
Recommended Primary Use:		
Construction:		
Measurement & Payment:		
Estimated Item Cost Per Unit: \$ <i>Cost backup must be attached.</i>	Materials Available: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Cast in Place: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Order: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
NJDOT SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT USE ONLY (SME please date and place spec section in your blank)		
Construction & Materials	Pavement Design	
Electrical	Structures	
ITS	Traffic Engineering	
Landscape		
Manufacture: Is this product manufactured in the USA? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If so, state by whom and if the use is routine or experimental. Attach any approval letters.		
Safety: Has this item been certified according to NCHRP 350 and passed the test? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Note: The office requires at least FIVE working days to assign a new item number. Failure to submit the required information (specification and, if needed, detail, at least 30 days before FDS WILL delay the issuance of the item number.		
Additional Information:		
Contact Information:		
Name of Company or DOT unit:	NJDOT Project Manager:	
Person furnishing information:	Title:	
Phone number:	Fax number:	
Email address:		

Return completed request to TRNSPORT.SUPPORT@DOT.NJ.GOV with supporting documentation