

Save plan printing costs

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Digital plans are now common place for most estimators. Gone are the days when General contractors would send printed plan rolls for your bid section. Now the entire bid set is downloaded and each subcontractor needs to find their appropriate drawings. Typically to avoid missing any crucial details bid sets are now printed in house. This is a very costly process since bid win ratios are now lower.

Plan viewers are available to reduce printing costs but it is still difficult to collate drawings and remember the

relationships between a room and its pages. Once the files are located they still need to be tied to your estimate.

People Logic Software Corp has tackled this problem by imbedding their own plan viewer called *takeoff planRoom* into their parametric estimating program *takeoff*. Using two monitors, one for the estimate and the other for the plans, each location can now be linked with its necessary drawings. Even specification documents are part of this system.

Other than a small printed floor plan for top level navigation, no more page flipping or printing is required.

What is *takeoff planRoom*?

PlanRoom links *takeoff* parametric estimating with digital plans you are already using.

What makes *planRoom* unique?

Both estimating software and plan viewers already exist. In fact, many *takeoff* customers had 3rd party viewers which were nothing more than electronic versions of paper plan rolls. *takeoff* allows you to now link each takeoff location (rooms and elevations) with one or more drawings. Zoomed regions and scale of each drawing are automatically saved with each location. Thus once returning to a room all relevant drawings will already be there without having to flip through pages or file indexes. Just as in paper plans, you will still be able to hi-lite, mark-up and measure drawings.

Why do I need *takeoff planRoom*?

- Create a single shared drawing set for all estimators and project managers.
- No money wasted printing all drawing sheets.
- Save time finding drawings.
- Easy hand-off for others when drawing already attached per room.
- Easy backup of estimate and plans.
- Keep specifications with project.
- Only print on demand.
- Attach site photos.
- Reduce desk clutter.
- Make estimating fun.

