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Custom Integration for Estimating

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Now more than ever it is important to reduce risk and eliminate guesswork from processes. And as business begins to pick back up, the ability to do this while also streamlining processes such as managing cost and estimating will be invaluable.

As construction companies are looking at technology to become more efficient, two technology companies have come together to create a new opportunity for estimating efficiency by developing custom integration for their two software products.

On Center Software, www.oncenter.com, The Woodlands, Texas, and U.S. COST, www.uscost.com, Atlanta, Ga., recently announced a new custom product integration—Success Takeoff Exchange.

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While the two companies have worked together in the past, the new

Success Takeoff Exchange will leverage On Center's takeoff software with U.S. COST's estimating software to give organizations a single, automated solution for increased efficiency. U.S. COST says its customers will now have direct access to On Center's On-Screen Takeoff—an estimating tool designed to increase accuracy and promote productivity.

Likewise, Success Estimate users will be able to instantly import On-Screen Takeoff data into their U.S. COST program. The companies say this will give U.S. COST users the advantage of adding On-Screen Takeoff to their current estimating practices with few added steps, if any at all.

The goal of the integrated application is to give contractors confidence in their estimates while also increasing project-team efficiency. Estimating-software technology can streamline processes by giving contractors the tools to manage integrated estimates through every stage of a project lifecycle.

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