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Proven professional in the construction industry with extensive experience as a construction cost estimator and project manager working for mason contractors in the commercial building industry. Successfully managed new and remodel construction projects as an on-site field superintendent. Background includes hands on field experience in residential and commercial construction with solid carpentry skills. Detail oriented, highly organized, educated and knowledgeable of construction techniques and building materials. Effective communicator, professional attitude and appearance.

Professional Background

Independent Professional

August 2011-December 2015

Masonry Construction Estimator

Performed masonry takeoffs for an estimating service company. Estimating a vast array of commercial construction project types for different clients in several locations throughout the country. Projects are taken off using Tradesman's Masonry Estimating software, which is an on-screen 3D estimating software program that is highly detailed, accurate and helpful in the field for construction purposes.

Dwelltech Solutions. Grand Rapids, MI.

February-June 2011

Home Energy Assessments & Improvements

Building Analyst

Building Analyst and Sales Representative for residential home performance improvements. Worked as team lead analyst performing diagnostic tests and analysis of customers home performance. Duties included: infrared and air infiltration analysis, appliance efficiency and safety checks, insulation evaluation and performance improvement recommendations. Presented the findings and improvement recommendations to home owners. Estimated improvement costs and worked on sales of improvement measures. Worked with team members to continually improve assessment techniques, estimating and sales process and on overall presentation to home owners.

Stambaugh Masonry Restoration. Portland, MI.

2005-2010

Project Estimator

Project Estimator for a commercial mason contractor that performed new, remodel and masonry restoration work. Responsible for all aspects of bringing in construction projects for company to perform. Researched and tracked down, using construction report publications, upcoming projects of interest to bid. Analyzed construction documents, for scope of work, for hard bid projects. Estimated costs, put together quotes, handled bidding process and negotiations to successfully land new contracts. Fine tune estimate and compile project details to improve material orders and field work efficiency. Worked to communicate document information and construction strategies to field supervision. Ordered materials, handled change orders and project schedules. Developed and continued to maintained data base for estimating software program.

Schiffer Mason Contractors. Holt, MI.

2004-2005

Project Estimator

Project Estimator for a large commercial mason contractor that performed all types and sizes of masonry construction and restoration projects. Handled the complete process of construction document takeoff and estimating to successfully bring in new construction projects to perform. Once a project was assigned out for bid, I would thoroughly review construction documents to determine scope of work, review on-site conditions if necessary, complete the take off and estimate, create proposal for bidding purposes, and negotiate contract as necessary. Once a project's contracts were awarded, I would compile detailed project information to help project management communicate project information for field implementation. Worked with project field management in change order requests, schedules and overall field work efficiency. Contributed to management team in estimating strategies, market forecasting and problem solving.

J & D Masonry, Inc. Holt, MI.

1993-2004

Project Estimator & Manager

Project Estimator and Manager for a commercial mason contractor that performed new, remodel and renovation projects. Responsible for all aspects of bringing in construction projects for company to perform. Researched and tracked down, using construction report publications, upcoming projects of interest out for bid. Analyzed construction documents, for scope of work, for hard bid projects. Estimated costs, put together quotes and handled bidding process and negotiated contracts to successfully land new contracts. After projects were awarded, I would fine tune and compile project details to improve material orders and field work efficiency. Worked to communicate document information and construction strategies to field supervision. Attended on-site project meetings as company representative. Ordered materials, handled change orders and project schedules. Developed and continued to maintain data base for estimating software program.

Hamill Homes. Grand Ledge, MI.

1992-1993

Carpenter

In-shop and on-site carpenter for a custom home builder. Produced specialty carpentry items in shop including: custom decorative brackets, beams, wood siding, balcony railings and stairs. Performed rough framing on-site and installed finish trim work.

Davis Construction Corporation. Lansing, MI.

1991-1992

Field Superintendent

On-site Superintendent managing small to medium size commercial projects. Performed all duties required to successfully manage on-site activities to complete projects. Worked on a daily basis on scheduling and coordinating subcontractors. Interpreted contract documents to insure compliance. Monitored subcontractors progress and workmanship. Responsible to review and approve shop drawings. Organized and handled job progress meetings. Worked with owners and project team to make corrections or changes when necessary.

Lawrence Masonry Corporation. Lansing, MI.

1988-1991

Assistant Field Superintendent

On-site Assistant Superintendent for a commercial mason contractor. Worked on large projects for added assistance to the project superintendent. Responsible for monitoring material supply and orders to assure on time deliveries. Interpreted contract drawings and performed building wall layout. Coordinated work sequence with all trades involved in project. Supervised work of tradesmen on a daily basis, helping with problem solving and conflicts. Attended progress meetings as company representative, and worked with project team members in schedule and document compliance. Handled record keeping and on-site payroll.

Education

Bachelor of Science - Building Construction Management June 1988

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

BPI Certification - Building Analyst & Envelope Professional

Building Science Academy, Sparta, MI. Certification from: January 2011-2013.

-References available upon request-