



Here are the ***5 TOP*** Attributes You'll Want ***(and Need)*** in Your Estimating Software

- ✓ **Complete versatility:** Make sure the software you choose gives you the ability to work with whatever plans or design format an engineer/DOT might give you –
 - PDFs
 - Paper plans
 - Cross-sections
 - Electronic CAD files
 - LandXML files
- ✓ **A Self-Checker:** You want a software that has your back—look for tools to check for mistakes, to fix problems and make the necessary changes and updates.
- ✓ **3D Visualization:** There's nothing like taking a customer for a bulldozer "ride" through the 3D view of the "finished" product—make sure your software choice has this option to both verify quantities and present findings to your customers.
- ✓ **Report Generator:** Providing clear and detailed reports is all part of the job now. Your software needs to make it easy to generate Cut/Fill quantities, subgrades, topsoils, strata and trenching.
- ✓ **Output capabilities:** You'll save lots of time and money if your software also converts estimates to the field for either stakeout or machine control.

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