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- Discussion of current equipment, materials, and processes
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INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED ELECTRICAL ESTIMATING METHODOLOGY FROM RSMMeans, THE LEADING PUBLISHER OF CONSTRUCTION PRICING GUIDES AND REFERENCE TEXTS

With 26 annual cost data books and over 70 reference books, RSMMeans is the cost estimating authority that construction professionals recognize. *Electrical Estimating Methods, Fourth Edition* covers 120+ topics in 26 chapters for comprehensive guidance on providing estimates for virtually any electrical task or project. This edition has been revised to reflect current labor-hour productivities and methods for obtaining material prices in accordance with recognized industry standards and best practices.

This user-friendly estimating resource features:

- **Tables for estimating labor-hours for a wide variety of tasks and conditions**
- **Guidelines for obtaining the most contemporaneous material prices**
- **New chapters on electrical demolition, change orders, and project closeout provide a more thorough approach to estimating**
- **Industry standards and best practices from document review through bidding strategies**
- **Discussions on bidding strategies, pre-bid scheduling for time sensitive costs, and computer estimating**

Electrical Estimating Methods, Fourth Edition serves as a learning tool for novices and as a desk reference for the seasoned professional. It is an excellent companion to the annual publication *Means Electrical Costs Data* for the professional developing budgets for electrical projects. It provides detailed information on the advantages and disadvantages of various estimating practices.

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WAYNE J. DEL PICO is president of W. J. Del Pico, Inc., where he provides litigation support services and expert testimony for construction-related matters. He has more than 35-years of experience in construction project management and estimating and has been involved in projects throughout most of the United States. He is a member of the adjunct faculty at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. Mr. Del Pico is a nationally recognized lecturer and author on estimating, scheduling, and project control. He is the author of *Plan Reading and Material Takeoff*, *Estimating Building Costs*, and *Project Control: Integrating Cost and Schedule in Construction*, and coauthor of *The Practice of Cost Segregation Analysis*. He is also a practicing Neutral with the American Arbitration Association, where he hears construction-related arbitration cases.

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