



## **Trimble Releases Accubid LiveCount Pro On-Screen Takeoff Tool for the Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Trades**

### **For Contractors with Access Only to PDF, TIF or Other Raster (Non-CAD Native) Drawings, LiveCount Pro Combines an Auto Count Feature with the Ability to Further Refine Search Results**

SUNNYVALE, Calif., June 27, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Trimble (NASDAQ: TRMB) introduced enhancements to its Accubid® LiveCount® family of on-screen takeoff solutions for mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) trades—a new version of LiveCount and LiveCount Pro, an upgrade tier offering to further refine search results. The software solutions provide contractors with the ability to seamlessly integrate and mark up digital image files to manage the quantification process during takeoffs. This eliminates the need to import and/or export information to either the on-screen takeoff tool or the estimate since they are linked.

The new version of LiveCount offers existing users many reasons to upgrade including the system's ability to create and manage alternate bids, giving contractors the tools they need to create "what if" scenarios. Contractors can also retrieve both length and count in one pass in LiveCount effectively cutting branch takeoff time in half. The LiveCount link to a takeoff can also be broken, providing contractors greater control by allowing manual overrides. This new feature is also shared with the latest update of the Accubid Classic Estimating and ChangeOrder solutions.

In addition to the features found in LiveCount, the new tier offering of LiveCount Pro introduces a unique auto count process, a symbol recognition feature that automatically quantifies like objects in the drawing. The auto count feature also ignores objects that have already been counted and allows the estimator to isolate part of the drawing to be counted. This can speed up takeoff time significantly. The unique ability to refine results as part of the auto count feature also allows contractors to hone in on those results, streamlining the on-screen takeoff process and increasing takeoff accuracy. This process expedites repetitive counting tasks and greatly reduces auto count errors and omissions.

LiveCount Pro can now speed up the project creation process by allowing easy naming and orientation of complex document sets. Imported drawings can be renamed, rotated and reviewed, all at the same time, allowing contractors to set up their projects very quickly.

"Accubid has historically shied away from symbol recognition in on-screen takeoff because of the inherent inaccuracies that have plagued these tools in the past," said Mark Mandarelli, director of products & technology for Trimble's Accubid Division. "With the auto count refinement process that we've incorporated into LiveCount, the takeoff accuracy can better meet the needs of our customer base."

LiveCount and Classic Estimating and ChangeOrder solutions are currently available through Trimble's Accubid Division by calling 800-222-8243. Existing LiveCount users can upgrade to LiveCount Pro for the price difference between the two solutions. For more information, visit: [www.accubid.com](http://www.accubid.com).

#### **About Trimble's Accubid Division**

Trimble's Accubid Division is a leading provider of estimating, project management and service management software for electrical and mechanical and structured cabling contractors. Accubid's software solutions are used in over 5,400 companies across North America. Accubid's estimating and project management solutions are unique, innovative and specifically geared toward electrical and mechanical contractors. Accubid also offers a number of training labs and professional development courses. For more information, visit: [www.accubid.com](http://www.accubid.com).

#### **About Trimble's Building Construction Business**

Trimble's Building Construction Division is a leading innovator of productivity solutions for the building construction contractor. Trimble's solutions target general, concrete, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing contractors on large and small commercial, industrial and residential jobsites. Trimble is focused on delivering solutions that tightly link office based process and information with the field crew—including taking Building Information Modeling (BIM) and other design data to the field for highly accurate positioning and layout of foundations and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. Trimble solutions provide a high-level of process and workflow integration from the design phase through to the finished project—delivering significant improvements in productivity throughout the building construction lifecycle.

## **About Trimble**

Trimble applies technology to make field and mobile workers in businesses and government significantly more productive. Solutions are focused on applications requiring positioning or location, including surveying, construction, agriculture, fleet and asset management, public safety and mapping. In addition to utilizing positioning technologies such as GPS, lasers and optics, Trimble solutions may include software content specific to the needs of the user. Wireless technologies are utilized to deliver the solution to the user in the field and to ensure communication between the field and the office. Founded in 1978, Trimble is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif.

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