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Trimble Releases Accubid LiveCount and LiveCount Pro Version 3 Digital Takeoff Tools for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Trades

For Contractors with Access Only to PDF, TIFF or Other Raster Drawings, LiveCount and LiveCount Pro Offer Paperless Takeoff Technology that Links Drawing Quantities Directly into Accubid Estimates and Change Orders

LAS VEGAS, Oct. 1, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Trimble (NASDAQ:TRMB) introduced enhancements to its Accubid® LiveCount® family of paperless takeoff solutions for mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) trades. New features in the latest version include the enhanced ability to compare drawings of different paper sizes, takeoff of isometric drawings and batch plotting of large drawing sets while continuing to work in the application.

The announcement was made at the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) 2012 Convention.

The LiveCount software solutions continue to provide contractors with the ability to seamlessly integrate and mark up digital image files to manage the quantification process during takeoffs. Building on the strength of the application's capacity to link directly to Accubid estimates and change orders, project managers and estimators can now easily update and change the location of linked drawings, as well as convert gray-scale PDFs to black & white TIFF images on-the-fly so as to more easily identify walls when comparing drawings.

In addition to the features found in LiveCount, LiveCount Pro expands its auto count process, a symbol recognition feature that 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 can reduce auto count errors and omissions. LiveCount Pro also adds compatibility with popular online plan rooms.

"As more and more users are making the transition away from paper drawings to perform takeoffs, we continue to raise the bar with LiveCount," said Mark Mandarelli, director of Development for Trimble's MEP Office Solutions. "With the additional enhancements to our auto count technology, we have made another significant step forward in providing users the ability to generate accurate quantities in record time."

LiveCount, LiveCount Pro, Accubid Estimating and ChangeOrder solutions are currently available through Accubid by calling 800-222-8243. For more information, visit: www.accubid.com.

About Trimble's Building Construction Division

Trimble's Building Construction Division is a leading innovator of productivity solutions for the building construction contractor. Trimble's solutions target site prep, general, concrete, mechanical, electrical and plumbing contractors on large and small commercial, industrial and residential job-sites. Trimble is focused on delivering solutions that tightly link office based process and information with the field crew—including taking Building Information Models (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 position 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 and to ensure a tight coupling of the field and the back office. Founded in 1978, Trimble is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif.

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