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Trimble Releases its AutoBid Mechanical Estimating Solution with Trade Service Product and Pricing Integration

Integration Enables Piping and Plumbing Contractors to Obtain Accurate Product and Pricing Data on Over 2 Million Mechanical Parts

SUNNYVALE, Calif., Aug. 19, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Trimble (NASDAQ:TRMB) announced the release of its [Trimble AutoBid® Mechanical 2013 v2 estimating solution](#) for piping and plumbing contractors featuring an integration with the Trade Service Tra-Ser® product and pricing service. Trade Service, acquired in May 2013 and part of the Trimble Buildings Group, provides mechanical and plumbing contractors with access to its over 2 million item database for building accurate estimates. The real-time information drastically reduces the need for manual pricing. The Trimble AutoBid Mechanical release leverages the recent acquisition and helps contractors provide more accurate bids by having access to up-to-date product and pricing information.

A full-featured product within Trimble's MEP estimating portfolio, the Trimble AutoBid Mechanical solution represents decades of specialty trade knowledge cultivated by the former QuickPen brand—now incorporated within [Trimble's MEP Division](#). Trimble AutoBid Mechanical, a Microsoft® Windows® based solution, is the ideal estimating package for the mid-to-large sized mechanical estimating contractor due to its robust multi-user capabilities and user-defined automation routines.

"By integrating the Tra-Ser product and pricing service from the newly acquired Trade Service organization we can build on the capabilities of the Trimble AutoBid Mechanical solution that allows our customers to obtain data to more accurately bid a project," said Pat Bohle, general manager of Trimble's MEP Division. "Combining this new functionality with the ability to import drawings directly from the Trimble PipeDesigner 3D CAD solution, Trimble AutoBid Mechanical helps to eliminate the guesswork associated with the pre-construction process."

Trimble AutoBid Mechanical is available directly through Trimble's MEP sales organization. The Tra-Ser integration joins other third-party pricing options already present within the Trimble AutoBid Mechanical estimating solution.

About Trimble Buildings Group

Trimble Buildings, a part of Trimble's Engineering and Construction segment, is a world leader in technology for construction project optimization across the design-build-operate (DBO) lifecycle. With solutions that span the brands of Meridian Systems, Plancal, SketchUp, Tekla, Trade Service, Vico Software and WinEst, Trimble helps the construction industry improve productivity, increase efficiencies and maximize the profitability of projects, from simulation to renovation. Used in over 140 countries around the world and supported by a global dealer and distribution partner network, Trimble technology is a mainstay of the building industry.

Information on Trimble Buildings' DBO portfolio is available at: <http://buildings.trimble.com>.

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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