

Estimation Workshop

from Construx Software



Improve estimation capabilities

Avoid run-away projects

Increase delivery predictability

Standardize your company's estimation procedures

Avoid estimation pitfalls

If your software project is over budget, behind schedule, or lacking the functionality that was promised, then you may need better estimation practices. The better the estimate, the better your chances are for success.

Construx can provide you with accurate estimates that allow your projects to be completed within budget and on schedule. Solid estimation reduces software development errors, schedule pressures, mistakes, overtime, and staff turnover. In addition to better budgeting, good estimates provide more credibility for your development team, improve status visibility (project tracking depends partly on good estimates), and help you avoid a late-in-the-project discovery that the project has been underestimated—which is difficult or impossible to correct.

Construx's Estimation Process Development Workshop is a facilitated working session in which we work with you to create a standard estimation procedure. This standard procedure improves your organization's estimation capabilities and helps you to:

- Treat estimation as an analytical rather than a political process
- Differentiate between targets and estimates
- Avoid creating estimates that are unrealistic
- Create estimates in different ways to find convergence among the estimates
- Select the appropriate estimation software tools for your project or organization
- Include risk impacts in estimates
- Use historical data

Remember, estimates don't need to be perfectly accurate as much as they need to be useful. Changes occur throughout a project that invalidate many of the assumptions that went into early estimates. We'll help you build an estimation process that allows you to create early estimates, re-estimate throughout the project, and effectively deal with changes to schedule, costs, resources, and staff

Construx will see that you and your team avoid common and not-so-common estimation pitfalls to come out on top. Together we'll develop high-quality systematic estimation procedures to guarantee that your projects meet cost, scope, and delivery objectives.