

Tech Unlimited, Inc., a maker of software tools for the construction industry, announced today the release of PlanSwift

HENDERSON, Nev., May , 2007 – Planswift is an intuitive, easy-to-navigate construction takeoff and estimating software program that allows users to work on, manage and share scanned or CAD blueprints right from your computer to generate estimates and takeoffs.

Many construction-industry professionals are now working with electronic architectural plans as companies across the industry continue to incorporate high-tech software applications, internet, and e-mail into their day-to-day planning work, said Fred Meade, vice president of Tech Unlimited, Inc. The company, he said, developed PlanSwift to give construction professionals a way to work with electronic plans the easy way, while leveraging a computer's inherent graphical strengths to reduce staff time and errors.

“The key for us was to create an estimating program that could be used by anyone in the field -- regardless of their computer skills,” Meade said. “We know that people in the field usually don't have the time to learn complicated software programs, so we put everything we had into making takeoff and estimating simple.”

Meade added that PlanSwift users can calculate square footage, lineal footage, pitch and angles in seconds by clicking on the screen. Users can then export their PlanSwift data to an Excel spreadsheet with the click of a button, as well as integrate with other third-party applications. Under the hood, PlanSwift is designed from the ground up as a “platform” that can be added upon to create powerful integration with other software programs.

PlanSwift users can also calculate the cost of labor and materials in seconds using customizable assemblies and material lists with PlanSwift's built-in Excel-like formulas.

Designers and architects can use the software to overlay pages on top of each other to find bearing points, wall alignment and plan discrepancies. This powerful tool can graphically display multiple pages on top of each other in any color you choose.

PlanSwift is compatible with all major electronic blueprint files in the construction industry. The software can load scanned plans directly from the following file types: .TIF, .PDF (Adobe), .DXF, .DWG (AutoCAD), .PLN (Dodge Plan), .JPG and others. The .TIF and .DWG file formats are the preferred file formats for use within PlanSwift.

Tech Unlimited sells PlanSwift licenses for one user (\$950), five users (\$3,750) and 10 users (\$6,400) at <http://www.planswift.com/order>. A free 14-day trial of the PlanSwift software can be downloaded at <http://www.planswift.com/requesttrial>

For more information on PlanSwift, visit <http://www.planswift.com/>  
Sage Software announces the availability of powerful estimating software solutions fully integrated with its Sage Master Builder product. Users of Sage Master Builder can now take advantage of powerful estimating features and functionality that had only been available as part of the Sage Timberline Office suite of applications. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more...

Beaverton, Ore. - June 21, 2007 - Sage Software announced today that the award-winning estimating solutions in Sage Timberline Office are now available for Sage Master Builder customers.

Sage Master Builder customers now have several integrated estimating solutions to choose from. The estimating software that has been a part of the Master Builder package will now be offered under the name Estimating Basic, and two new, fuller-featured packages are now available: Estimating Standard and Estimating Extended.

New users of Sage Master Builder Estimating Standard or Extended can immediately take advantage of the Database Builder Wizard, which walks a user through the steps of structuring and setting up an estimating database quickly and efficiently, saving time and money and allowing companies to take full advantage of the estimating software sooner. The industry specific Knowledgebase for Residential, Commercial and Specialty contractors comes with pre-built data and pricing for more than 700 cities.

“This integration between the industry leading estimating suite of products found in Sage Timberline Office and the simple and easy-to-use, low-cost construction management solution found in Sage Master Builder will help contractors win more profitable bids, manage jobs more efficiently and rapidly increase profitability,” said John Geffel, Sage Software senior vice president and general manager, Construction and Real Estate Solutions. “This is yet another example of our commitment to our customers’ productivity, and to maintaining our customers for life.”

“Contractors today are looking for well-integrated business applications that provide one point of entry and truly seamless workflows,” Geffel said. “Sage Software has the ability to offer integrated solutions that are backed by a truly outstanding service and support organization with more than 35 years in the construction industry.”

The new versions will provide a new level of estimating sophistication, as well as built-in integration with the accounting applications of Sage Master Builder, such as budgets, proposals, change orders, purchase orders and subcontracts.

Other highlights of Sage Master Builder Estimating Standard and Extended include:

- an intuitive user interface
- single key entry – eliminating the need to re-key costs into the accounting system, which minimizes or eliminates the need for repetitive data entry that all too often results in errors or omissions
- the ability to quickly perform calculations on a variety of options and “what if” analysis

**Pricing and Availability:** All three estimating solutions are now available. Sage Master Builder Estimating Basic pricing starts at \$1,395, Sage Master Builder Estimating Standard pricing is offered for a limited time at \$1,295 and Sage Master Builder Estimating Extended pricing starts at \$3,995. For more details go to: [www.sagemasterbuilder.com](http://www.sagemasterbuilder.com) or call (800) 726-6278.

Sage Software has a growing portfolio of business management solutions specifically tailored for the construction and real estate industries. The portfolio is designed to provide support through the growth cycle of a business and includes:

**Peachtree by Sage Premium Accounting for Construction:** For small contractors, this award-winning entry-level system offers all of the accounting functionality plus construction-specific features and analysis tools they need to get started.

**Sage Master Builder:** When a business starts to outgrow Peachtree, Sage Master Builder provides more sophisticated construction management features and increased support for managing the profit cycle.

**Sage Timberline Office:** For medium to large companies, Sage Timberline Office offers integrated financial and operations software and provides the most sophisticated level of functionality in the Sage Software portfolio of construction solutions.

#### About Sage Software

Sage Software supports the needs, challenges and dreams of nearly 2.8 million small and mid-sized business customers in North America through easy-to-use, scalable and customizable software and services. Our products support accounting, operations, customer relationship management, human resources, time tracking, merchant services and the specialized needs of the construction, distribution, healthcare, manufacturing, nonprofit and real estate industries. Sage Software is a subsidiary of The Sage Group plc, a leading international supplier of accounting and business management software solutions and related products and services for small and mid-sized businesses. Formed in 1981, Sage was floated on the London Stock Exchange in 1989 and the Group now has 5.4 million customers and employs over 13,000 people worldwide. For more information, please visit the Web site at [www.sagesoftware.com/moreinfo](http://www.sagesoftware.com/moreinfo) or call (866) 308-2378.