

Sage Releases New Version Sage Timberline Office and new Estimating Databases to Help Contractors Maintain Profitability

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Beaverton , OR - Mar 11, 2009 - Current economic conditions mean running a construction business as efficiently and intelligently as possible is critical to success. To help contractors maintain profitability during these unpredictable times, Sage has released Sage Timberline Office Version 9.6 and new Advanced Assembly Estimating Databases designed to simplify customers' work flow.

"We are committed to delivering practical and valuable enhancements to our customers to help them during these difficult times," said John Geffel, Senior Vice President and General Manager Sage Construction and Real Estate Solutions. "That's why we are 100% committed to investing in Sage Timberline Office to maximize its effectiveness, make our customers' lives easier, and lead their businesses to profitability faster."

This is the second major release of Sage Timberline Office in the last six months and it contains a number of usability and performance improving enhancements designed to ensure a positive customer experience today and well into the future, such as: 64-Bit compatibility; easier general ledger transactions maintenance; Estimating with multicurrency functionality; innovative integration between Estimating and Change Management; integration with Sage CRM and more.

Advanced Assembly Estimating Databases were developed in response to the varying market needs for comprehensive and industry specific databases. In addition to current manufacturer pricing, the databases support "man-hour" and "unit pricing" as well as helping estimate both self-performed and subcontractor work. Industries covered include: commercial, residential, sitework and concrete/masonry.

New Sage Timberline Office Version 9.6 will be provided to customers who are on a current support and maintenance plan at no additional cost. The Sage Estimating Advanced Assembly Databases start at \$2,000. For more information contact your business partner or www.sagecre.com.

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