



VDOT'S COST ESTIMATION OFFICE

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Introduction

Mitch Ball – Office Director:

- **Extensive Private Sector Transportation Estimating Experience as a Virginia Contractor**
- **Excellent Knowledge and Understanding of VDOT & Virginia's Transportation Industry**
- **Enjoys the Challenging / Complex**
- **Enjoys Helping People, Projects, & Programs Reach Successful Outcomes**

VDOT's Cost Estimation Office:

Brief Background

- **In 2020, VDOT Performed In-depth Study of Estimating & Bidding Practices**
- **This Study Provided a Number of Key Recommendations Aimed at Developing Reliable and Accurate Cost Estimates**
- **Open Cost Estimation Office – Recommended First Priority**
- **Cost Estimation Office Opened in January 2021**

Cost Estimation Office - Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Cost Estimation Office is to enhance VDOT's cost estimating practices to best align with the business needs through the development and implementation of statewide policies, procedures and training.

First Deliverable – Estimating Manual:

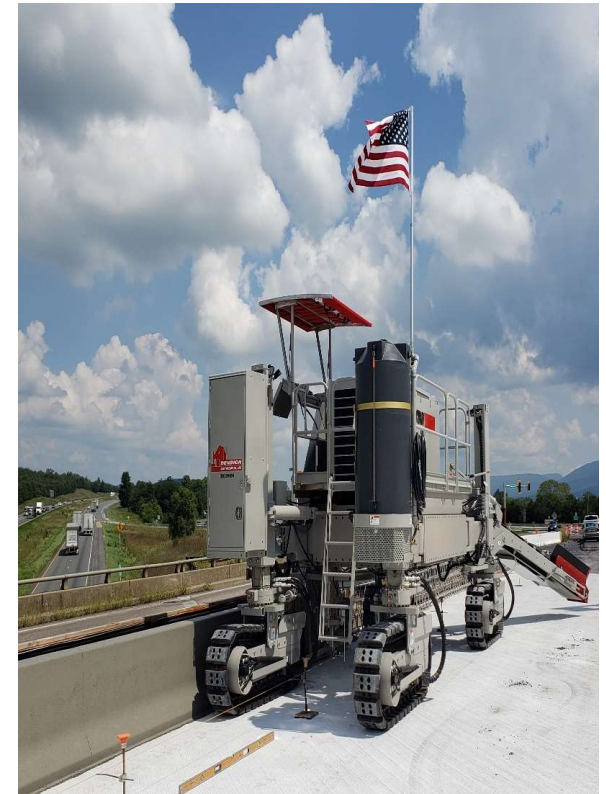
Update on VDOT's 1st Estimating Manual:



First Deliverable – Estimating Manual:

Update on VDOT's 1st Estimating Manual:

- Focus of First 100 Days of Cost Estimation Office
- Collaborative Effort with Cross Section of Expertise
- First Rough Draft - Currently Under Internal Review
- “One Stop Shop” All Things VDOT Estimating



Moving Forward – Key Next Steps:

Complete and Publish Estimating Manual

- **Incorporate Review Comments**
- **Solicit Industry Comments**
- **Publish Electronically**

Develop and Deliver a Quality Training Program

Develop Technology Roadmap

- **Evaluate Estimating Tools and Systems**
- **Create a Technology Implementation Plan**

Moving Forward – Longer Range:

Formally Track Market Conditions and Cost Trends

- **Feed Data in Current Estimates**

Enhance and Update VDOT's Estimating Tools & Technology

- **Implement Changes Resulting From our Technology Evaluation**
- **Goal – Efficient and Easily Used Tools**

Review and Update Estimating Manual Regularly

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