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From the Author

Plan Reading and Material Takeoff was written for the novice learning to estimate. It starts with the beginning steps of reading and understanding plans and specifications in the preparation for estimating a project. It takes the reader through the process of quantifying materials and labor for specific tasks in preparation for pricing in the estimate.

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