Getting Started with AutoBid

STUDENT COMPETITION: INTRO TO AUTOBID

Congratulations on joining the 2025 MCAA Student Chapter Competition! We are pleased to grant you access to Trimble AutoBid for the estimating and takeoff portion of your project.

Introduction to AutoBid

Trimble AutoBid is a powerful estimating software designed specifically for mechanical, piping, plumbing, and sheet metal contractors. The solution speeds up takeoff and bid preparation time by including on-screen graphical takeoff, automatic fitting generation, multiple industry labor books, and versatile reporting. AutoBid allows you to generate precise and accurate estimates, giving contractors a competitive edge.

The welcome letter can be found here and includes all of the step-by-step instructions you need to know for assigning licenses and getting started with AutoBid. We've also included some helpful links below, but we still recommend you read through the complete welcome letter for detailed instructions.

Getting Started Links

Product Links

- **Trimble Account Portal:** https://accounts.trimble.com
  - This is where you will assign licenses of the software to project team members You must assign licenses before team members can access the software!
  - The admin on the account will be responsible for assigning licenses to all project team members.
  - An instructional video for assigning licenses is here.
- **Product Downloads**
  - AutoBid is a desktop software. The links below give you access to download the software, the installation instructions, and the latest release notes. We recommend that you download the software and review the installation instructions to help ensure your desired configuration.
    - AutoBid Mechanical Release Notes

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- - - AutoBid Mechanical Software Download
    - AutoBid Mechanical Installation Instructions

Additional Resources
- Welcome Letter
- The Network
    - As an AutoBid user, you now have access to The Network, Trimble's user community. To familiarize yourself with using AutoBid and the other tools included in your AutoBid Estimating Essentials subscription, please visit The Network community site to access videos and tutorials and other product resources.
    - Please access it here and start to:
        - Sign in and complete your profile
        - Connect with other AutoBid users
        - Check out the latest product news, events, and learning
- AutoBid Videos & Ask the Expert Series
    - Access videos and tutorials, including recordings of our monthly Ask the Expert webinars, on the Network.
- How to Setup MCAA Labor in AutoBid
    - Step-by-step instructions for initial setup
    - Recorded Ask the Expert Webinar: Using the New MCAA Labor Book in AutoBid Mechanical
    - This video will walk you through the process of adding your MCAA labor token so that you can utilize MCAA labor values in your estimate.

Support

If you need product support during the student competition, please contact our support team and they will happy to assist you:
- Online (Chat & Case Submission): https://my.trimble.com/s/contactsupport
- Email: mepsupport@trimble.com

Please email Lindsay Renkel - lindsay_renkel@trimble.com - if you need to directly reach a Trimble representative about your licenses.

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