

# Scalability Key to Enhance Construction Efforts

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It's simple, and maybe that's the beauty of it. The eTEK Accounting application gives users a simple solution to their accounting needs by taking away what's not needed – too much function for the task.

Based in Greenwood, Colo., eTEK specializes in Microsoft Office-based construction accounting software with an emphasis on job cost accounting, and payrolls for subcontractors and general contractors in all trades. These include electrical contractors, home builders, painters, carpenters, roofing contractors, HVAC/plumbers and remodeling contractors.



eTEK distinguishes itself among the

competition in several ways. First, the system provides an estimate of costs remaining to complete any project/job and uses this information to calculate projected profitability in Work-in-Progress (WIP) reporting. Second, eTEK integrates its supply chain management suite with job cost, payroll and general accounting – even at the very basic level of a single user contractor.

## Benefits and Features

- Included in the base eTEK Accounting system are general ledger, budgeting and cash management.
- Users can create custom payroll, job costing or labor analysis reports from the system's report wizard.
- eTEK is scalable; the initial product allows up to five users, but also expands to meet most user needs.
- Beyond the base system, eTEK offers a number of add-on modules, including accounts payable; a payroll module complete with W2s, certified payroll and annual tax table updates for all 50 states; an additional accounts receivable module that adds billing options; a supply chain management module; and an American Institute of Architects' (AIA) module.
- The Job Cost module has extensive job cost management reports, and the codes are 100 percent user-defined and flexible. Examples are WIP; cost vs. estimates by project, job, phase and/or task; billing/receipts analysis; AIA billing; and supply chain management with integrated work orders/sales orders, purchasing and inventory control.

## Support

At a minimum, eTEK Accounting requires MS Access 2003 and MS Windows 2000. Support can be accessed through an online help form. Support may also be reached via email. The company offers web-based training with interactive videos, CD tutorials and onsite training (at a cost of \$1,200/day plus travel reimbursement).

## Summary

The features in eTEK are plentiful. It is obvious the company has a focus on the components of an accounting program specifically designed for the construction market. For a simple solution that really delivers, eTEK is a viable choice.

## What Users Say

"We've been using software and support from eTEK for many years, and I recommend them without reservation," says **Jack Langlitz**, CFO of Couple to Couple League International, Inc., in Cincinnati, Ohio. "They are true professionals who do an outstanding job. You can count on them to conduct business with impeccable integrity and trust."

**Rich Langenwalter**, general manager of a large diversified west coast plumbing/HVAC corporation, appreciates the integration with his current program: "eTEK integrated its construction-oriented online purchasing and inventory control systems with our legacy in-house accounting program (Timberline). As a result, we now have much improved real-time control over our purchasing and inventories in multiple divisions across multiple locations."

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