

Toolbox Software

Project Management Job Cost & Accounting Software



Toolbox Overview

Toolbox Software provides a complete and robust enterprise software system specifically designed to accommodate the complex requirements of today's construction and Project oriented entities.

Toolbox is a solid project, estimating and accounting application that is intuitive and customizable. Toolbox Software offers scheduling functions to help you gain better control of your company, manage projects more efficiently, increase productivity, complete jobs on time and under budget, and generate ongoing revenue to improve your bottom line.

Toolbox software was developed by a construction specific CPA firm, Malouff & Company, P.C. The firm became involved in the software business after recognizing a need for a solid Job Cost and Accounting systems for project oriented entities that was not modular based.

Toolbox is the first SQL based application developed for project oriented entities, and currently only one of a few applications to follow normalized relational architecture rules. Toolbox Software has also begun development and release of many features in the latest .Net technology environment.

Toolbox Software offers the most comprehensive industry specific feature list. Distinguishing features include: customizable screens, a relational architecture, a relational SQL database tool, dynamic setup, an impeccable audit trail, and a flexible forgiving real time environment.

Toolbox has relational database architecture, and utilizes a relational SQL database tool. The relational architecture facilitates ease of use. The difference between Toolbox and our competitors is that we have both a relational architecture, and we utilize a relational SQL database tools. Several of our competitors have converted to relational SQL database tools, but still have non-relational architectures.

Toolbox development began in April of 1994, and has had active users since October 1996. Toolbox has been developed for windows since day one (not a converted DOS system). Toolbox offers a single-entry, real-time method of processing.

At Toolbox Software, our client always comes first. Our support is attentive and the response time is better than any in the industry.

Toolbox Software sales methodology begins with the same guiding principles that drive the CPA firm. We have an open and honest approach to showing you what we have. We provide a full running demo. You should not be willing to accept a slide show or internet presentation where you are not left with the software to fully evaluate. Old architecture accounting applications require burdensome extra procedures, and significant training to fully evaluate them. You should not be willing to accept an internet presentation where you are encouraged to make assumptions. There is a surprise factor involved in purchasing software that is at the end of its life cycle. You should enter a hand full of transactions into an application before committing thousands of hours into maintaining it. Toolbox is not an old modular beast. Therefore, we are willing to let you test-drive our software using your computer.

Your experience during the evaluation and sales process will be productive and pleasant!

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About Us

Our offices are located in Highlands Ranch Colorado, just south of Denver.

Development on Toolbox began in April of 1994. In November of 1996, our first customer implemented Toolbox. In May 2004, our first Canadian customer implemented Toolbox. Each year, we experience a significant increase in the number of organizations utilizing Toolbox for their information needs.

The initial development of Toolbox was done by Malouff & Company, P.C., a CPA firm that specializes in the construction industry. The development of Toolbox was paid for by the CPA firm as it was developed. The approach has been to develop Toolbox without outside investors, and without incurring debt. This approach assures our users of the long-term viability of our organization.

We take pride in providing superior customer service, and a superior product. We truly care about our users.

Our People

Our team of programmers are represented by some of the most talented programmers in the profession. Their ability to perform using the rapid application development tools we utilize has made our product the superior system that it is today. With their abilities, our customers can be assured that our system will continue to improve faster and better than other products on the market.

Our Trainers

In order to extend our abilities to provide on-site training, we have developed a network of professionals that provide training for "Toolbox". We oversee the quality of the training that our trainers provide. By outsourcing the training we have been able to significantly extend the number of people that provide quality support for our system. The bottom line is that we provide the direction needed when it is needed.



Software Distinguishing Features Checklist (cont.)

Is the Software Company willing to put a full running demo on your computer? Viewing a well rehearsed presentation is not the same as actually testing a system. A big mistake made in the evaluation process is the willingness to make assumptions about the mechanics of system processes. Spend a half hour entering transactions, jobs, budgets, billings etc. before you move forward, and commit to investing thousands of man hours maintaining a system. A non-deceptive presenter will walk you through making those entries in a short efficient session.

Is the system modular based? Systems that are 20+ years old are based on a modular approach. This approach breaks database architecture rules relating to duplicating data. The newer relational architected system will feel like a smaller streamlined system. Relational architecture databases will generally have less than 50 tables in their database. Modular based systems will generally have more than 200 tables in their database. Modular based systems are generally too big and complex to allow prospective users to evaluate full running demos. Many have tried in the past, but have had trouble selling their systems when prospects actually get to test drive them.

Can users customize entry screens? The users should be able to turn on and off fields, and order entry fields to minimize training, minimize data entry time, and hide features that are not applicable.

Real Time vs. Batch. Batch systems require posting to various modules before the transactions will show up in your reports. Transactions show up on reports immediately with Real Time systems. Real Time systems post transactions as soon as they are entered.

Does the system have an automated audit trail? Modular based systems almost always do not allow you to edit and modify existing transactions.

They make you reverse the transaction, and re-enter a corrected transaction.



Software Distinguishing Features Checklist (cont.)

Don't confuse this feature with a batch system allowing you to edit and modify transactions before they are posted. An automated audit trail system will allow you to edit a transaction, and make corrections. Upon the user saving the correction, the software will leave the original transaction in the database unchanged.

An offsetting transaction is automatically created to effectively negate the effect of the original entry, and then new correcting transaction is automatically created. An automated audit trail is a significant time saver.

Does the software use a high end SQL database? The newer high end SQL databases provide systems with massive capacity and speed. Non-SQL databases are generally rigid with respect to archive (data purging) requirements. Many systems require the users to purge data when they cross over the fiscal year end. If a system is non-SQL based, you should find out about the different module archive requirements. A system that uses a high end SQL database will generally not have required purging/archiving limitations.

Does the software allow users to email reports and forms out of the software?

Can users download reports and forms to Excel, other spreadsheets, and word processors?

How extensive is drill down reporting? Is on-demand sub-reporting (dashboard reporting) available?

Verify that you can be in multiple areas at the same time. For example, can users be in a window in general ledger at the same time as they are in an accounts payable window? Some of the systems out there will not allow you to be in multiple areas/modules at one time.

Does the system have automated entries such as work in progress (over/under billings), accrued wages, and depreciation entries? Does the system have the ability to reallocate over/under allocated indirect costs?

Can users modify Inventory Item Codes, GL Account Numbers, Department Numbers, Vendor Codes, Customer Codes, Job Numbers, Cost Codes, etc.? In older applications, developers used these codes/numbers as keys for the database tables. If this outdated practice was followed, users are precluded from modifying these codes/numbers.

When setting up departments, are users required to add additional general ledger accounts for each account the department will affect?

Toolbox Customers

“ Toolbox has the ease of use of QuickBooks, and has the power of Timberline... “

Calvin Barber, Rattler Construction Contractors, Inc., Jacksonville Florida.

“ Toolbox has made my job and life much more enjoyable...”

Rhonda Reeves, Reeves Construction, Inc., Laurel, Mississippi.

“I have been a full-charge bookkeeper for eighteen years and have worked with several accounting software packages over time, the majority of which have been job costing programs. I have been using Toolbox for the past two years, and to say the least, I am impressed! “

Linda Leonette, Irvin Construction Company, Inc., Gainesville, Georgia.

“Toolbox has helped me win big points and kudos with the Company owners.”

John Sanchez, CPA, JC Development, LLC, Hartland, Michigan

System Information

Toolbox - Project Estimating, Scheduling, Management and Accounting System: This Estimating, Scheduling, Project Management and accounting software system has been conceptualized in a manner that is different than anything the market has seen.

The "Toolbox" system uses relational database tools and follows rules that eliminate data redundancy: One centralized database eliminates posting the same information between modules. Every module uses the same database. With few exceptions, accounting software falls short of this fundamental concept. Conceptually superior, a relational database is not truly relational unless the elimination of data redundancy is adhered to. While many systems utilize relational tools that allow for a lack of data redundancy, they fall short of following this primary rule.

Superior Environment: This product has been developed in a true Windows environment and allows for all Windows advantages. Written in C++, Toolbox is not limited to the framework that fourth generation languages limit in other products. This system has been developed in a way that facilitates the fourth generation concept, and allows for rapid application development. In addition, the system is ODBC compliant. This means that we are not tied to just Sybase SQL database management software. If required, we can incorporate Toolbox with a multitude of sophisticated database management products.

Understanding: Our organization evolved from a construction specific certified public accounting firm. We have tapped into a wide variety of sources. Construction companies from all sectors have helped to define the required functionality of a construction specific accounting software package.

Features

Customizable

- Customize accounts payable invoice entry, accounts receivable invoice entry, purchase order entry, subcontracts entry, and payroll time card entry screens.
- Change the order of prompted items.
- Turn off items not applicable to your company in order to save data entry key strokes.
- Turn the tab stops off for items that are not often used.
- Any form in the system can be easily modified.

General Ledger

- Burdens post correctly between direct, indirect, and general and administrative expenses.
- Departments and Divisions reporting.
- Multi-company within the same database or with separate databases.
- Unlimited Departments can be selectively turned by GL account number. Thus, there is no requirement to add a new general ledger account.
- Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements (hand checks) that do not have to be tied to AR or AP.
- Bank Reconciliation's for each cash account at the same time, and edit/fix/print old bank recs.
- Instant insight into each general ledger account balances and transactions.
- Instant updating from any entry of any system transaction.
- Budget reporting.
- Customizable Financial Reporting.
- Full audit trail that includes user and system date/time stamp.
- Utilization of subsidiary postings that increase the functionality of the detail general ledger. Full detail reporting on summary postings if requested.
- Consolidated Financial Statements
- Cash Flow Analysis

Job Cost

- Unlimited tiering of levels for phasing/cost codes and billing codes and change orders.
- Set up phases/cost codes and billing codes to match CSI libraries or you own.
- Job Performance/Status area that allows tracking of jobs by take off line item. This area of the system facilitates a multitude of ways to implement job performance/status tracking.
- Progress pay applications (percentage of completion or units). Handles sales tax on AIA equiv. Prints lien releases, and change order requests. Progress pay applications can be customized by the user.
- Print customizable progress or final lien releases for subs, suppliers, etc.
- Change orders can be approved, unapproved, pending-include or pending-exclude for both budgets and progress pay applications.
- Track change orders separately or under each phase/cost code.
- Track lien notices and releases. User is prompted to review at time of payment.

Features (cont.)

Job Cost

- Unlimited user definable cost types. (i.e. Labor, Material, Subs, Equip, Other, etc.)
- Utilized job cost information entered into the system to facilitate billings.
- Generate costs plus billings that ensure all costs incurred are billed for. The cost-plus billings formats can be customized by the user.
- Identify default billing and pay scales for employees equipment and material for each job.
- Default sales and use tax codes.
- Burdens post to each line item cost or into separate line items based on cost type. Separate line item posting can be at the top level or job phase level.
- Import budgets from most estimating systems or spreadsheets.
- Retroactively allocate unallocated indirect costs to jobs.
- Dot net grid provides an optional spreadsheet schedule of values view/entry. The grid provides for drag and drop column positioning, sorting, and unlimited tier subtotaling on columns. The grid is customizable with respect to the naming of columns. User definable columns can be added. The options for custom columns are date, drop down list, numeric, brief text, multi-line text, and expression control.
- Dot net grid provides an optional job status spreadsheet view/entry. The grid provides for drag and drop column positioning, column renaming, sorting, and unlimited tier subtotaling on columns.
- Dot net grid provides an optional cost plus billing view/entry/modification. The grid provides for drag and drop column positioning, column renaming, sorting, and unlimited tier subtotaling on columns. Schedule of values can be updated from this grid. An overall profit and overhead markup can also be generated.
- Dot net job list grid provides an optional job list. The grid provides for drag and drop column positioning, column renaming, sorting, and unlimited tier subtotaling on columns. Custom fields also optionally appear on the grid.

Accounts Receivable

- Customizable Screens. (Add or remove fields from input screen)
- Customizable Invoices. (Add your logo, drag and drop fields, add and remove data)
- Date sensitive aging by job or by customer. (separate column for retentions)
- Customizable Progress billings for percentage of complete and units.
- Draw requests.
- Quotes.
- Credit limits.
- Billings Statements.
- Retention.
- Costs plus billings.
- Time and material billings.
- Active/Inactive status for customers.
- Service Billings.
- Sales tax reporting.

Features (cont.)

Accounts Receivable (cont.)

- Sale assemblies.
- Track revenues by estimator, project manager, superintendent, salesman, or region.
- Notes section for each customer.
- Mailing labels.
- GST/PST capabilities for Canadian Companies
- Select/re-select print form from transaction.
- Email, fax or print forms.

Accounts Payable

- Customizable Screens. (Add or remove fields from input screen)
- An automated audit trail facilitates error corrections.
- Date sensitive aging by job or vendor. (separate column for retentions)
- Customizable aging.
- Customizable Subcontracts agreements.
- Subcontractor check stub that provides the same information as a progress pay application/draw request.
- Customizable Purchase Orders and Subcontracts. (Add your logo, drag and drop fields, add and remove data)
- Buy out jobs effectively, and easily track committed costs.
- Calculate sales tax on POs, Subcontracts and Invoices.
- Use assemblies for Purchase Orders, Subcontracts, and/or AP Invoices.
- Retention.
- Track Lien Notices and Releases, and prompt user when notice is applicable.
- Auto fill option in Liens tab of job notebook shows all checks generated for Vendor/Sub.
- System warning when paying vendor/sub where lien notices exist.
- Hold Status for Invoices, POs, Subcontracts.
- Select/re-select print form from PO and/or Subcontracts.
- Unit costing.
- Active/Inactive status for vendors.
- Use Tax reporting. Unlimited sales and use tax entities.
- Pay by job, due date, discount date, or by vendor/vendors.
- Warnings for expired insurance/license dates for subcontractor reporting.
- Joint check functionality.
- Generate check from invoice entry.
- Warnings on duplicate invoices.
- Accommodates the one time miscellaneous vendor.
- Vendor discounts by days from invoice date, days from first of next month, days from first of second month.
- Calculate additional/second vendor discounts on POs, Subcontracts and Invoices.
- Notes section for each vendor.
- Mailing labels.

Features (cont.)

Payroll

- Multi-State/Province payroll.
- Union Payroll.
- Certified Payroll.
- Confidential Payroll.
- Enter equipment transaction through payroll entry.
- Import data from any PDA software that exports data.
- Burden can be applied across all employees or specific employees in many different ways.
- User definable setup for Pension/Deferred Compensation/Benefit plans, cafeteria plans etc.
- Distribute to unlimited jobs, phases, cost codes, general ledger accounts, worker's comp classes, unions, trade classifications, etc.
- Magnetic Media.
- Notes section for each employee.
- Vacation and sick day accruals.
- Garnishments as well as unlimited definable deductions based on hourly amounts, percentages, or amounts within a period.
- Local and occupational tax/head tax calculations.
- Unlimited pay rate tables.
- Unlimited billing rate tables including rates for regular, overtime and double-time.
- Time and billing for employee hours including mark-up/down and work in process.
- User definable tax definition changes for Canadian and other International payroll requirements.
- Import payroll entries from any system that downloads data.
- Limit payroll deductions, additions, contributions at the employee level.

Inventory

- Customizable inventory transaction screen that allocates inventory to/from jobs.
- Multiple Inventory Locations.
- Import and maintain supplier pricing tables including conversion units, conversion factors, and discounts.
- Inventory is automatically reduced with point of sale or A/R invoices.
- Track quantity on hand and reorder points.
- Track unit costs from specific vendors, or default pricing that show up when entering POs and/or AP Invoices.
- Set up unlimited tiered assemblies for ordering/selling/applying to jobs.
- Set up unlimited billing rates. Set discounts at the customer level.
- Unit costing.
- Import/update pricing lists from external sources.
- Set up groups of inventory items (assemblies) for purchasing, billing, and allocating inventory to jobs.
- Assign pricing models to each item for bidding, quote generation, cost plus billing and AR billing.

Features (cont.)

Fixed Assets

- Enter equipment transactions to the job within payroll entry or through equipment journal entries.
- Unlimited equipment cost and billing rate scales.
- Profit and loss reporting on each piece of equipment, not limited to fiscal years.
- Tie to Income Statement that calculates over/under allocation of equipments in total and by piece of equipment.
- Track insurances, licenses, and serial numbers.
- Apply costs to both plants and/or jobs.
- Automated monthly depreciation entry to general ledger.
- Generate and maintain depreciation schedules.
- Meter readings automatically incremented.
- Calculate actual cost rates using historical data.
- Assign mechanic labor costs and other costs directly to pieces of equipment.

Plant

- Unlimited material cost rates & billing rate scales.
- Profit and loss reporting on each plant, not limited to fiscal years.
- Assign equipment costs based on hourly or non-hourly units to plant.
- Assign labor time to plants through payroll entry.
- Apply materials coming off plant to jobs based on unit cost rates.
- Bill materials to customers through unlimited scales for material billing rates.

Document Control

- Customizable entry screens are used by users to define the fields available for document creation.
- Field captions are customizable.
- Each document screen can have an unlimited number of user defined forms that can be used to generate documents.
- Each document retains the form that was used to create the external document.
- Users can attach an unlimited number of documents, pictures, etc to each document entry from.
- Users can email, fax and/or print created document out of Toolbox. These created documents can also be attached to the document transactions.
- Documents can be organized by Job, Customer, Employee, Vendor, as well as several other customizable fields.

Features (cont.)

Estimating

- Customizable .net grid provides users with the ability to choose the columns that the user wants to see on the bid item grid as well as the titles of the columns.
- POs and Subcontracts can be created from the bid item grid.
- Budgets and schedule of values are created/updated from the bid item grid.
- Users have the ability to selectively calculate sales tax on the cost of rows as well as the selling price of rows.
- Columns are drag and drop for positioning. Users can define column widths.
- Users can sort on any column. Users can have as many sorts as desired (i.e. primary, secondary...).
- Users can define the formats and verbiage of their proposals.
- Users can email, fax and/or print proposals out of Toolbox. PDF or other formats can be saved with the estimate job.
- Assemblies can be created and pulled into the bid item grid. Unlimited tiering of Sub-assemblies can be set up. Assemblies can be redefined from within the bid. Assemblies can be pulled in from other bids.
- Inventory items can be pulled from specific locations.
- Unlimited item cost rates can be maintained for inventory and non-inventory items, and can be used to pull into the bid item grid.
- Inventory and non-inventory item look-up grid provides users with a dynamic way of looking up item. Items can be looked up with any portion of the item codes, and/or descriptions.
- Users can utilize unlimited tiering capabilities.
- Sub items can be pulled in with assemblies or created on the fly.
- For each row, markups can be based on bid rates, markup percent, margin, or amount.
- Dimensions and computations on the dimensions can be selected.

Scheduling

- Interface with Microsoft Schedule
- Items updated/added in Toolbox automatically update in Microsoft Schedule
- Items updated/added in Microsoft Schedule update in Toolbox
- New scheduling capabilities from within Toolbox are currently in development.

System Wide Preferences

- Apply burdens into jobs by cost type.
- Entries to the general ledger using the contra account concept so that job costs are easily tied to the general ledger.
- Tie burdens to each job cost line item, or separate phase/cost codes based on type under the highest phase level or at the job level.
- System preferences allow for default settings when setting up a new job, customer, vendor, or employee.
- Elect to use the enter key on the numeric key pad as a tab key.
- Elect to use a floating decimal or a fixed decimal when keying in numbers.

Features (cont.)

Date Sensitivity

- Access any accounting period at any time.
- Run aging reports and other reports as of any date with complete accuracy.
- No mandatory month end processing.
- No mandatory month end closing procedures or cutoffs for reporting purposes.
- Report on as many years as your hard disk will hold. No reporting limitations on closed periods or years.

Security

- An unlimited number of users can be set up.
- Security is set at the module and/or individual menu item level.
- Each user is assigned to a security profile.
- For each profile, menu items can be set to no access, read only access or full access.
- Unlimited number of users and security profiles can be set up.
- Confidential payroll is set up in the security area.

Training

Class Name	Description
Monthly Procedures Class I	Guidance in using Toolbox in your month end process. Includes concepts relating to accrued wages, over/under billings, summary of contracts, over/under allocation of indirect costs, tests of balances for your balance sheet, and job revenue and costs tie to your Income Statement.
Monthly Procedures Class II	Tie out your books in our Monthly Procedures Class II. In this class, we use your live data, select a cut-off period and tie out your Job Costs and Revenue as well as a full summary of contracts.
Toolbox Features Review Class	A review of processes, transactions and reports. Concepts that are applicable to your company.
Toolbox Estimating Class	Review Toolbox Estimating Features, and estimate one of your existing jobs.
Crystal Reports Class I	Setting up a crystal report from scratch, and creating/customizing a form .
Crystal Reports Class II	Using libraries for complex data gathering reporting requirements. The class walks you through available libraries, and creating a job status report from scratch.
Implementation Process Class	Includes seven sessions that range from 15 minutes to two hours. The class covers importing data, and implementing Toolbox from scratch. This class can be taken as part of the Toolbox implementation process.
Toolbox Certification Class	The Toolbox Certification process is for professionals interested in supporting Companies utilizing Toolbox.

System Specialties

Toolbox has user definable entry screens for A/R Invoice, A/P Invoice, Purchase Order, and Payroll. This allows you to include only the fields that affect your company. For fields that are seldom used, omit the tab stops. The order in which the fields appear for each entry screen can also be changed, allowing greater flexibility.

- Toolbox has real time posting.
- This system utilizes a relational database that correctly avoids the data redundancy concept.
- Unlike most systems, transactions are stored in a single location in the database.

This facilitates the speed of the system, as well as allowing for more flexibility with respect to the system doing more of your work for you. The automatic reversing entry feature allows for complete audit trails while helping you to efficiently make corrections to transactions. As transactions are entered, every affected area in the system accesses this up-to-date information. The outdated concept of batch posting is completely done away with. While avoiding the concept of making easy processes difficult, Toolbox truly makes difficult processes easy. The construction industry is one of the most difficult industries when it comes to providing information and accounting for that information.

Informed Systems Corporation is a spin off from a construction specific certified public accounting firm that specializes in the construction industry. Providing accurate financial information with reporting that facilitates the percentage of completion method of accounting is only half of what this system does well. The other side of the coin includes bridging the gap between the way the job is estimated and how it is accounted for. This system was designed for managing the costs and revenues of the project, from start through completion. This allows you to use the information when it is the most useful. Getting information after the fact should not be an acceptable alternative.

Through the use of (MDI) multiple document interface, the system allows for on-the-fly addition of jobs,

2005 OVERALL RATING: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (5 Star Rating)

2004 OVERALL RATING: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (5 Star Rating)

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Learning Curve - 5 Stars

Because Toolbox utilizes a relational data structure rather than individual data structures for each module, the use of batches, month-end or year-end closings are not necessary for data to agree between modules. (The company noted that since data is not duplicated, integration between data structures is not necessary. The integration concept becomes obsolete with a relational data structure. A database structure is relational if it is normalized, and normalized data structure eliminates duplicated data. Since the same data is not stored under multiple modules, many closing and posting procedural processes are eliminated, and users don't have to worry about problems with data discrepancies between modules. Toolbox is an application that not only utilizes a relational database tool, but also has actually implemented a relational data structure.)

After logging into Toolbox, a toolbar appears at the top of the screen, along with a series of function icons in a vertical bar to the left. Navigating through Toolbox is easy, with drop-down menus that provide access to all system functions and reports. Under Utilities, you can access both the preferences and customization functions to set up the program for use.

Toolbox also installs a demo company that you can use to familiarize yourself with system functions prior to entering live data. The Help file could be more comprehensive since it only includes very basic information. Drill-down capability lets you search varying levels of account details. Entering new information is simple. Just click on the appropriate choice, and Toolbox will provide you with an all-purpose screen that displays current entries listed (vendors, employees, jobs, etc.). Intuitive screens make adding a new job an easy task. Tabs at the top of the entry screen let you enter additional job information, including job address, scales and notes. You can also view the job budget, scheduled value and job status.

Trish Simmons of Hammers Construction, a Toolbox user since 1999, thinks that "Toolbox is very user friendly," and claims that it makes her job easier.

Import/Export/Integration - 5 Stars

Real-time posting, without the use of batches, and using one centralized database rather than data structures ensures that all modules are truly integrated. What I like about the import/export capabilities in Toolbox is that they are found throughout the various modules, reports and functions, rather than in a separate module. This means you can export spreadsheet or estimating information directly into your budget, while in the budgeting feature, rather than using a separate procedure. The same can be done throughout Toolbox, which makes importing and exporting easier than ever.

Support & Training - 4 Stars

Along with implementation guidance, Toolbox also offers several training programs, including Implementation 101, Crystal Reports and Toolbox Basics.

Security - 4.5 Stars

Security is multi-level, with the ability to set security options at the module level. For more system access, you can also set security at the menu level. As well, you can choose to set up each menu item for either 'view only' or 'full access.'

Customization & Productivity - 5 Stars

Toolbox has excellent customization capability. You can customize AP and AR invoices, quotes, purchase orders, subcontracts, manual cash disbursements, manual cash receipts, and both equipment and inventory transaction screens. You can use the CSI cost code structure that is included with Toolbox or create your own. Because Toolbox creates an automatic audit trail, you can feel comfortable editing and changing previously posted items.

Job structure is fluent in Toolbox, with the ability to enter unlimited levels, phases, cost codes and cost types. The Job Cost module lets you import data for use in budget setup, and there is an unlimited number of user-defined cost types. In the Fixed Assets module, you can track profit on all of your equipment, track insurance and licenses, and generate monthly or yearly depreciation schedules. Additionally, the user can define an unlimited number of user-defined custom text, numeric and date fields under Job Cost, AR, AP, PR, Inventory and Fixed Assets.

Throughout the system, the user is able to select optional forms for AR invoices, progress payment applications, cost plus invoices, AR and AP lien releases, change order requests, purchase orders, subcontracts, certified payrolls, AP checks, payroll checks, and AR Statements. Additionally, these forms can be modified/customized using Crystal Reports. Automated month-end journal entries for over/under billings, accrued wages and depreciation increase productivity with respect to the month-end process.

Reporting - 5 Stars

Reporting options are excellent, with several specialty reports available, including a Job Cost Summary, a Detailed Budget Variance, Job Billings History, and a Labor Usage Report that seamlessly ties into your payroll. You can also print an Insurance Expiration List, a Cost and Burdens Summary and a Fixed Assets report. Toolbox also works with Crystal Reports to create custom reports.

Modules - 4.5 Stars

Toolbox includes the following modules: GL, AP, AR, Payroll, Job Cost, Subcontract, Purchase Order, Work Order, Quote, Inventory and Fixed Assets, Plant Control, and Bank Reconciliation.

Relative Value - 4.5 Stars

Toolbox Construction is a solid financial construction program. Designed for mid-sized companies, this program seems to be worth the investment.

2005 OVERALL RATING: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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