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User's Conference Hit: Two Monitors, 15

McCormick Systems Inc.

Estimating productivity is the key selling point stressed by McCormick Systems in presentations and literature. An additional new vista on speeding estimates opened for electrical contractors and estimators attending the company's recent 2006 User's Conference.

Thanks to the estimating software's flexibility, users discovered they could boost productivity with the use of two monitors on an individual working estimate. Using a two-monitor set-up at the March 8-11 event in Tempe, Ariz., contractors and estimators experimented – and found they could have 15 discrete estimate windows open at the same time across two screens.

"Having all those windows open greatly increased their estimating productivity. While this is not unique to McCormick, the response from our customers indicates that two monitors will probably be the standard from now on."

According to the company, any computer user can set up two monitors on a single unit with a video card that has two monitor outputs; the process is significantly less expensive, roughly \$100 or thereabouts for the card and software that comes with it.

"For perhaps \$300 to \$350 and a half-hour's worth of work, any electrical estimator's productivity can be boosted," said McCormick.

McCormick's 24th annual User's Conference featured two full days of more than 20 work stations, extended lab time, pre-event training, and a session on topics included Version 8.2 of the company's software, CAD E software, and future enhancements to the estimating system.

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