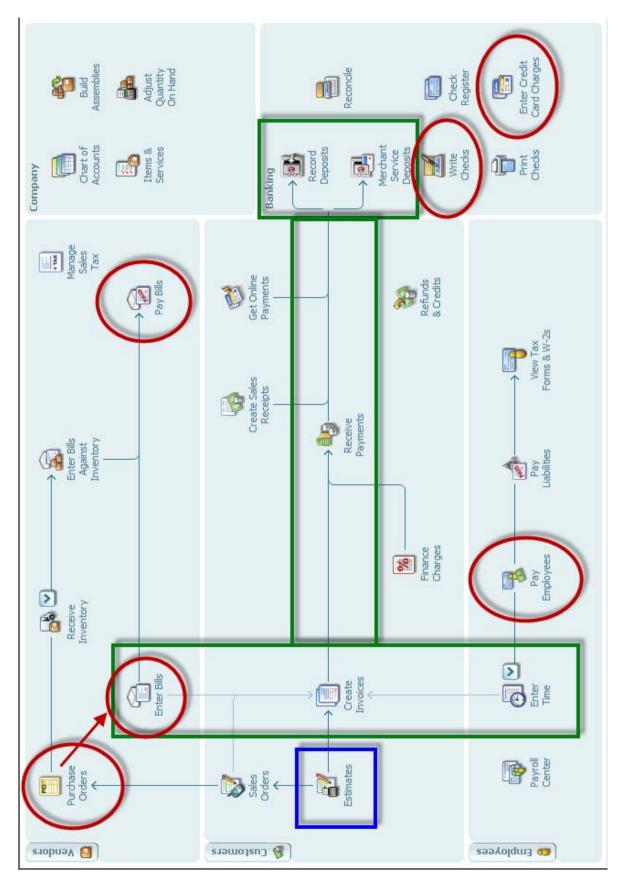
Tighter Margins, Sharper Pencils:

Job Costing with QuickBooks & Excel

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Sample Builders/Remodelers, Inc. Job Estimates vs. Actuals Detail for s815 Tedman All Transactions

	Est. Cost	Act. Cost	(\$) Diff.	Est. Revenue	Act. Revenue	(\$) Diff.			
28 00006									
38.DOORS	220.00	427.04	(402.70)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
380a.Doors	320.00	137.21	(182.79)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
380c.Doors	1,000.00	967.66	(32.34)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total 38.DOORS	1,320.00	1,104.87	(215.13)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
40.INSULATION									
400a.Insulate	160.00	0.00	(160.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
400c.Insulate	70.00	111.43	41.43	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total 40.INSULATION	230.00	111.43	(118.57)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
46.INT WALLS									
461a.Dry hang	640.00	517.28	(122.72)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
461b.Dry hang	530.00	0.00	(530.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
461c.Dry hang	300.00	244.50	(55.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total 46.INT WALLS	1,470.00	761.78	(708.22)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
47.PAINTING 470a.Paint	640.00	656.18	16.18	0.00	0.00	0.00			
470c.Paint	200.00	301.26	101.26	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total 47.PAINTING	840.00	957.44	117.44	0.00	0.00	0.00			
50.FLOORING									
502b.Carpet	800.00	0.00	(800.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total 50.FLOORING	800.00	0.00	(800.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
52.TRIM CRPNT									
520a.TrimCarp	200.00	46.47	(153.53)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
520c.TrimCarp	300.00	246.88	(53.12)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total 52.TRIM CRPNT	500.00	293.35	(206.65)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
56.0THER SPEC									
561a.Tilework	200.00	0.00	(200.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
561b.Tilework	700.00	0.00	(700.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
561c.Tilework	700.00	0.00	(700.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total 56.OTHER SPEC	1,600.00	0.00	(1,600.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
58.CAB/VANITY									
	320.00	0.00	(200.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
580a.Cabinets			(320.00)						
580c.Cabinets	2,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
582a.Cntrtops	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
582c.Cntrtops	1,200.00	0.00	(1,200.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
583c.Bth cabs	0.00	4,436.69	4,436.69	0.00	0.00	0.00			
587a.Bth accs	0.00	120.06	120.06	0.00	0.00	0.00			
587b.Bth accs	300.00	0.00	(300.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total 58.CAB/VANITY	3,920.00	4,556.75	636.75	0.00	0.00	0.00			
60.APPLIANCES									
600a.Applianc	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
600c.Applianc	1,010.00	0.00	(1,010.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total 60.APPLIANCES	1,110.00	0.00	(1,110.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00			

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420.Demo:a420.D(D	emolition - Labor			2,200.00	2,200.00	65.0%	3,630.00
420.Demo:b420.D(D	emolition - Subcontractor			1,500.00	1,500.00	65.0%	2,475.00
430.Excave:a430.E	xcavation - Labor			200.00	200.00	65.0%	330.00
430.Excave:b430.E	xcavation - Subcontractor			1,500.00	1,500.00	65.0%	2,475.00
440.Concrete:a440 C	oncrete - Labor			100.00	100.00	65.0%	165.00
440.Concrete:b44C C	oncrete - Subcontractor			2,000.00	2,000.00	65.0%	3,300.00
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BILL – USE ITEMS FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS

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NOTE: CHECKS ARE CLASSIFIED THE SAME WAY,...

WEEKLY TIMESHEET – WHEN YOU ASSIGN TIME (& WORK TYPE) TO JOBS,...

Veek Of Jan 14 to Jan 20, 2013	_										Time	shee
Customer: Job	Service Item	Payroll Item	Notes	M 14	Tu 15	W 16	Th 17	F 18	Sa 19	Su 20	Total	Billable?
Wiessinger, Gary:Bathroom Addition Wiessinger, Gary:Bathroom Addition Wiessinger, Gary:Bathroom Addition Wiessinger, Gary:Bathroom Addition Cruz, Albert:Cottage - New Constr	11 Siding	5646 - Carp 5646 - Carp 5646 - Carp 5646 - Carp 5646 - Carp ¥			8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00		8.00 8.00 8.00 8.00 8.00 0.00	রেররের
		- 	Totals	0.00	8.00	8,00	8.00	8.00	8.00	0.00	40.00	

QB PAYCHECK – ASSIGNS \$ COST TO JOBS & TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED

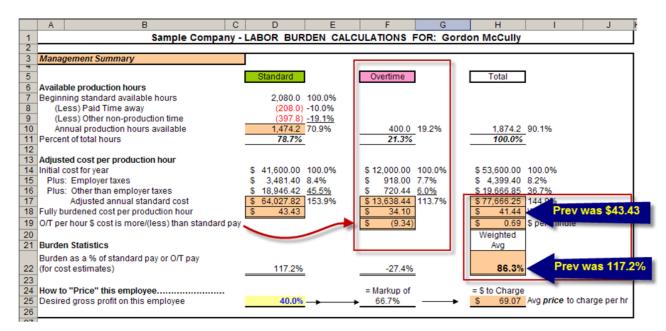
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other Payroll Items		1,721.00			Employee Summa	ry (adjusted)	How	are these items calculate
Item Name	Rat	e	Qu	antity	Item Name		Amount	YTD
Medical deduction		-50	0.00		5646 - Carpentr	y	88.	00 34,320.00
5213-Concrete		10.	.0%	0.00	5646 - Carpentr	y	176.	00 34,320.00
5028-Masonry Costs		7.	3%	0.00	5475 - Painting		225.	00 4,987.50
5475-Painting Costs		4.	2%	225.00	5646 - Carpentr	y	528.	00 34,320.00
5553-Roofing Costs		24.	2%	0.00 🖵	5646 - Carpentr	y	176.	00 34,320.00
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5028-Masonry Costs		0.00		24.82	Medical deductio	n	-50.	-1,250.00
5475-Painting Costs		9.45		209.48	Federal Withhold	ling	0.	-839.00
5553-Roofing Costs		0.00		0.00	Social Security E	mployee	0.	-542.62
5646-Carpentry Costs		152.59		3,312.15	Check Amount:		1,671.	00

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SAMPLE PROFIT & LOSS BY JOB REPORT (ACCOUNT BASED)

		Qu	ality-Bui	t Constru	uction				
		P	rofit & L	.oss by	Job		What's	s missi	na?
			All Tra	insactions					
	House-N		Kitchen	Cottage		Cottage		Second	
	Campb Campb	Total Ca	• <u>(Cruz, A</u>	♦ <mark>(Cruz, A</mark>	Total Cr	(Hamby,	♦ Total Ha	Molots	♦ Total Mo ♦
Ordinary Income/Expense									
Income									
4110 · Construction Income	207,682.50	207,682.50	200,000.00	335,000.00	535,000.00	135,640.00	135,640.00	450,000.00	450,000.00
Total Income	207,682.50	207,682.50	200,000.00	335,000.00	535,000.00	135,640.00	135,640.00	450,000.00	450,000.00
Cost of Goods Sold				((
5110 · Job Related Costs	86,577.61	86,577.61	129,743.00	157,199.39	286,942.39	35,167.00	35,167.00	262,885.33	262,885.33
5200 · Job Labor Costs									1
5210 · Job Labor (Gross Wages)	47,415.25	47,415.25	0.00	40,704.50	40,704.50	40,788.50	40,780 9	44,705.75	44,705.75
5220 · Worker's Compensation Costs	4,623.95	4,623.95	0.00	3,928.77	3,928.77	4,144.52	4,144.52	4,436.45	4,436.45
5230 · Direct Payroll Taxes	3,791.79	3,791.79	18.08	0.00	18.08	4,235.67	4,235.67	3,745.34	3,745.34
Total 5200 · Job Labor Costs	55,830.99	55,830.99	18.08	44,633.27	44,651.35	49,160.69	49,160.69	52,887.54	52,887.54
Total COGS	142,408.60	142,408.60	129,761.08	201,832.66	331,593.74	84,327.69	84,327.69	315,772.87	<u>315,772.87</u>
Gross Profit	65,273.90	65,273.90	70,238.92	133,167.34	203,406.26	51,312.31	51,312.31	134,227.13	134,227.13
Expense									
6050 · Bad Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
6180 · Insurance									
6185 · Worker's Comp	9.45	9.45	4.32	10.80	15.12	1.35	1.35	24.32	24.32
Total 6180 · Insurance	9.45	9.45	4.32	10.80	15.12	1.35	1.35	24.32	24.32
6500 · Payroll Expenses (office)									
6504 · Designer's Wages	1,050.00	1,050.00	150.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	150.00	150.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Total 6500 · Payroll Expenses (office)	1,050.00	1,050.00	150.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	150.00	150.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Total Expense	1,059.45	1,059.45	154.32	1,210.80	1,365.12	151.35	151.35	5,224.32	5,224.32
Net Ordinary Income	64,214.45	64,214.45	70,084.60	131,956.54	<u>202,041.14</u>	51,160.96	51,160.96	129,002.81	▲ <u>129,002.81</u>
Net Income	64,214.45	64,214.45	70,084.60	131,956.54	202,041.14	51,160.96	51,160.96	129,002.81	129,002.81

EXAMPLE #1: FULLY BURDENED COSTS AFTER INCLUDING OVERTIME



EXAMPLE #2: GROSS PROFIT FOR \$20/HR BURDENED COST BILLED AT \$50/HR

	A	BC	D	E	F	G	H	1	J
1		Sample Company	- LABOR BUR	DEN CAL	CULATIONS F	OR: Gord	on McCully		
2									
3	Manag	ement Summary							
4			Standard	1	Overtime	I	Total	1	
5 6	Availat	la production bours	Standard	I	Overume		Total	I	
0		ble production hours ing standard available hours	2.080.0	100.0%					
8		ess) Paid Time away		-10.0%					
9		ess) Other non-production time		-10.0%					
10		nual production hours available	1.474.2		400.0	19.2%	1,874.2	00.1%	
11		t of total hours	78.7%		21.3%	10.270	100.0%		
12				-	211070			-	
13	Adjust	ed cost per production hour							
14		ost for year	\$ 41,600.00	100.0%	\$ 12,000.00	100.0%	\$ 53,600.00	100.0%	
15	Plus	Employer taxes	\$ 3,481.40	8.4%	\$ 918.00	7.7%	\$ 4,399.40	8.2%	
16	Plus:	Other than employer taxes	\$ 18,946.42	<u>45.5%</u>	\$ 720.44	<u>6.0%</u>	\$ 19,666.85	36.7%	
17]	Adjusted annual standard cost	\$ 64,027.82	153.9%	\$ 13,638.44	113.7%	\$77,666.25	144.9%	
18	Fully bu	urdened cost per production hour	\$ 43.43		\$ 34.10		\$ 41.44	Weighted aver	age \$ per hr
19	O/T pe	r hour \$ cost is more/(less) than standard pay	y T	•	\$ (9.34)		\$ 0.69	\$ per minute	
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	Burder	as a % of standard pay or O/T pay							
22		st estimates)	117.2%		-27.4%		86.3%		
23	1							1	
24	How to	"Price" this employee			= Markup of		= \$ to Charge		
25		d gross profit on this employee	17.1%		▶ 20.7%			Avg price to ch	harge per hr
26	1							•	
25		"Price" this employee d gross profit on this employee	17.1%	,					arg

EXAMPLE #3: TO ACHIEVE GROSS PROFIT OF 35%,...

Sample Company - nagement Summary ailable production hours ginning standard available hours (Less) Paid Time away (Less) Other non-production time	LABOR BUR Standard 2,080.0 (208.0)	100.0%	Overtime	FOR: Goi	rdon McCully Total	1
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usted cost per production hour						
ial cost for year	\$ 41,600.00	100.0%	\$ 12,000.00	100.0%	\$ 53,600.00	100.0%
Plus: Employer taxes	\$ 3,481.40	8.4%	\$ 918.00	7.7%	\$ 4,399.40	8.2%
Plus: Other than employer taxes			\$ 720.44	<u>6.0%</u>	\$ 19,666.85	<u>36.7%</u>
Adjusted annual standard cost		153.9%		113.7%		
ly burdened cost per production hour	\$ 43.43		\$ 34.10		\$ 41.44	Weighted average \$ per hr
per hour \$ cost is more/(less) than standard pay		•	\$ (9.34)		\$ 0.69	\$ per minute
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rden as a % of standard pay or O/T pay						
cost estimates)	117.2%		-27.4%		86.3%	
-						1
w to "Price" this employee			= Markup of		= to Charge	
sired gross profit on this employee	35.0%				\$ 63.75	Avg price to charge per hr
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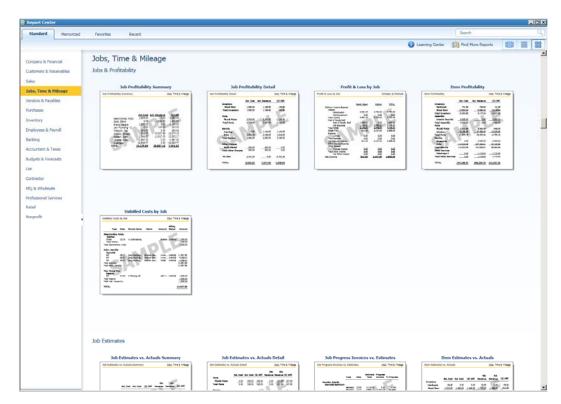
NOTE: Change in pricing of \$___/hour would yield \$_____ more income per year (for a single employee)

"WHAT ARE <u>YOUR</u> EMPLOYEE COST & PROFITABILITY RESULTS?"

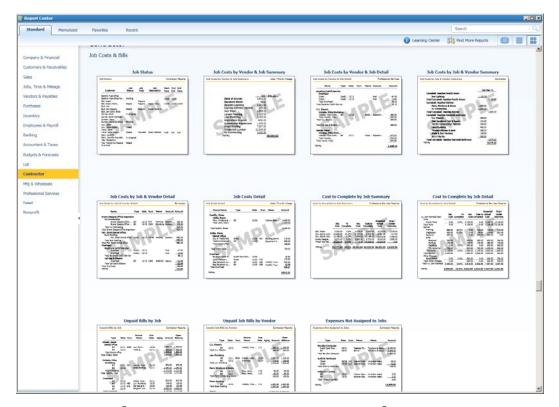
EXAMPLE #4: COST OF ONE ERROR (LOST AND WASTED TIME,...)

	Hours		\$/Hour	Cost	
Supervisor's time to discover problem,					
solve problem, instruct, etc.	1.00	\$	67.00	\$	67.00
Supervisor's time to re-order materials					
& arrange delivery to job site	2.00	\$	67.00	\$	134.00
Norker's time to un-do work	2.50	\$	31.00	\$	77.50
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Total hours/cost of labor		-		\$	325.00
Additional materials & delivery					150.00

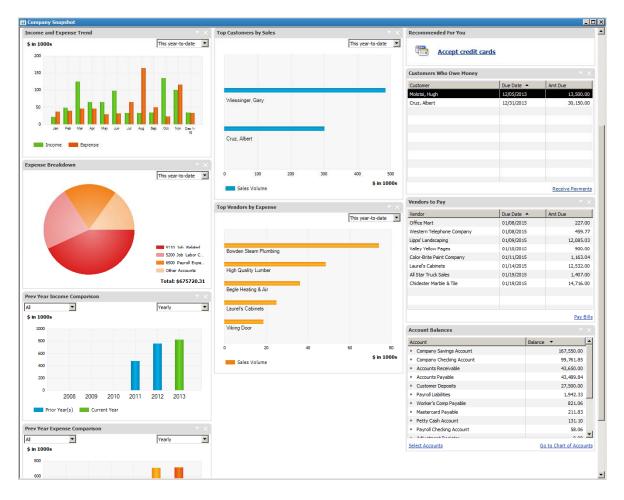
JOBS, TIME & MILEAGE REPORTS (from new Report Center)



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BIOGRAPHY:

Diane Gilson created the accounting firm of Info Plus⁽⁺⁾ Accounting[®] in 1994 with the intent of providing current and future-oriented job cost and management accounting services to small and medium-sized businesses. Since the firm's inception, Diane has worked exclusively in QuickBooks[®] – a powerful, flexible, multi-functional software accounting system currently used by 70-85% of small to medium-sized businesses in the United States. She is a Certified QuickBooks[®] Advanced Professional Advisor and Certified QuickBooks Enterprise ProAdvisor (through Intuit), and a Certified QuickBooks[®] consultant (through the Sleeter Group Consultants Network).

Although the firm has a number of clients in the service, technology, retail and other industries, 80-90% of Info Plus Accounting's clients are in the construction and manufacturing industries. Diane, and her accounting staff have chosen to provide enhanced services for these industries because QuickBooks[®] is especially suited to their needs for understandable, useful job costing and profitability reports.

Background and credentials

In addition to her various QuickBooks[®] certifications, Diane initially earned her CPA licensure in 1981, and practiced as a licensed CPA for 15 years. Although not currently performing public accountancy services, she is registered as a CPA in Michigan. She has also achieved the Certified Internal Auditor designation and brings more than thirty years of varied job-cost, auditing, tax, computer accounting systems, budgeting, training, and management accounting experience to her accounting and consulting practice. Before founding Info Plus⁽⁺⁾ Accounting[®], she worked for a national Honor Society, and as a licensed CPA for a regional CPA firm. She then spent fourteen years in banking as Internal Audit Manager, and as Manager of Management Accounting Systems, where she established corporate planning and budgeting processes, accountability reporting, and activity-based-cost (ABC) profitability measurement systems.

She is the creator of various Excel-based accounting support calculators & checklists, developer of a robust QuickBooks Pro template (file) and support system created especially for builders developers, and remodelers **(Accounting***PRO*[™]**)**, and is the author of <u>Accounting with QuickBooks for Home Builders & Remodelers</u> (originally published by NAHB's BuilderBooks). Her techniques and products have also been featured in other industry publications as well as in Intuit's newsletters.

In addition to her firm's daily, one-to-one QuickBooks support work with clients throughout the U.S., the company currently offers Internet-based "QuickBooks for Construction" webinars. Diane is also an NAHB University of Housing Instructor for their "Business Accounting and Job Cost" and "Financial Management" courses and has authored a series of articles for various NAHB publications (including Nations' Building News Online) relating to small-business anti-fraud protection techniques as well as another series, "The QuickBooks[®] Challenge".

Her expertise and industry experience has earned her a variety of speaking engagements for various organizations including the Michigan Association of CPAs, the (NARI) Remodel America (National) Show, the Dwyer Group, the Midwest Builders' Shows, the Custom Builders Symposium, the National Remodelers' Shows (six shows), the International Builders' Show (eight shows) and various other national, regional, and local construction shows and training seminars.

Diane served as Treasurer for 10 years in her local Home Builder's Association, is a lifetime member of the Board of Directors, a member of the State Audit Committee, and a national NAHB Board member. She was also honored to receive both the Associate of the Year, and Distinguished Service to the Building Industry, awards.