

### Impact on Estimating Process

- Free Estimator
- Expert Systems
- GIGO
- Improve Precision Level
- First Run in Tandem

#### **Estimating & Spreadsheet**

- Design of Spreadsheet
  - Columns & Rows (Cells)
  - Mathematical Functions
- MS Excel

### **Dedicated Estimating Software**

- A Variety is Available
- Simple vs. Integrated
- CAD, Estimating, Job Costing, & Scheduling Software

### **Dedicated Estimating Software**

- Calculation Methods?
- Assumptions?
- Proper Training?

- 1. Database
  - Codes
  - □ Items
  - Historical Cost
  - Productivity Info
  - □ Timberline's (Fig. 2-4)

- 2. Quantity Takeoff
  - Item Quantities
  - Variables and Formulas
  - Digitizer
  - CAD

- 3. Cost Calculations
  - labor
  - Material
  - Equipment
  - **■** Timberline Precision (Fig. 2-5)

- 4. Bid Total
  - Overhead
  - Markup
  - **■** Timberline's Precision (Fig. 2-6)

### Computer Aided Estimating (CAE)

- Exercise
- Civil CAD
- Others?
- Internet Search & Report

### Questions?

#### Final thoughts

