



Position Title: **Metal Fabrication Estimator/Project Manager**

Chicago Metal Fabricators, the nationwide premier source for custom manufacturing of metal components and assemblies, is seeking an experienced Metal Fabrication Estimator/Project Manager to join our team. This position is located at our corporate headquarters in Chicago, IL.

The ideal candidate will be a high energy, self-motivated, team player with excellent communication skills and solid experience with plate metal fabrication. Sales and estimating experience in steel and metal fabrication is a plus.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate and prepare competitive, accurate, and profitable cost estimates for new projects and repeat orders according to customer specifications and plans provided by sales team, online submittals, and phone requests
- Read, evaluate, and interpret customer specifications, plans, proposals, and instruction requirements for preparation of estimates; determine if suitable scope of work
- Read and analyze CAD files and prints to determine best method of fabrication and ensure manufacturability; propose value add solutions and efficiencies to control costs
- Identify and prepare material take-offs, production routings, labor, subcontracted items, and fabrication time requirements, including order entry
- Negotiate and source costs/contracts with subcontractors as needed to achieve best price, quality, and delivery
- Prepare project estimate reports identifying factors that may affect pricing
- Develop and maintain professional relationships with co-workers, clients, and vendors
- Follow-up with customers and provide feedback to team on submitted quotes
- Complete estimates in a timely and efficient manner to meet customer expectations
- Comply with all safety policies and company Quality Management System processes and procedures

Requirements:

- Minimum three to five years of experience estimating fabricated metal components
- Knowledge of metal fabrication manufacturing processes, plating types, painting, powder coating, and welding techniques required
- Knowledge of stainless steel, aluminum, and other metal alloys
- Proficient understanding and ability to read engineering drawings, blueprints, and technical specifications
- Experience with estimating techniques and cost control
- Understanding of material pricing
- Ability to read, breakdown to piece parts and quote from assembly prints
- Knowledge of estimation software and experience with ERP systems
- Proficient with MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- AutoCAD, SolidWorks, and SigmaNEST experience a plus
- Solid interpersonal, verbal communication, and technical writing skills; ability to speak and present effectively before groups of customers or employees
- Well organized, analytical and detail oriented
- Ability to work independently and manage time and resources for multiple customers and projects concurrently to meet tight deadlines
- Strong aptitude for math and problem-solving skills

Chicago Metal Fabricators is an EOE/AA employer. All qualified applicants will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status or status as an individual with a disability. We offer a competitive pay and a comprehensive benefits package.