Project Manager Glossary

Back Charge - Billing a subcontractor for cost incurred due to their negligence

Bid - A formal offer from the contractor with the price to complete the project or a phase of the project based on the given specifications.

Change Order - A document which modifies the original specifications and the associated cost to construct the new changes.

Design-Build - A delivery method where the design and building will be contractually through one entity.

Estimate - The summation of costs for labor, material and other costs associated with completing the project.

Fast Track - Scheduling technique associated with design-build in which the contractor can begin the pre-construction process before the design is fully completed.

JHA - Job Hazard Report is a written report about activities and tasks before they happen that analyses potential hazards and safety precautions.

Lean Construction - A full circle approach to improving building quality and minimizing environmental impact.

Permit - Authorization from a government body to perform a building process.

Quantity Takeoff - A measurement of the material needed to complete a project.

RFI - A request for information is sent to suppliers to gather information about what they can offer.

Subcontractor - A company that does a portion of work for another company's larger project.