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The FloorWare Report: OnCenter Software



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This 'The Woodlands', Texas-based company specializes in providing powerful estimating software to a number of segments in the construction industry including: General Contracting, Concrete, Interior Walls & Ceilings, Flooring, Painting, Roofing, Landscaping, Firestopping, Electrical and Masonry. Their software products are not only extremely powerful, but easy enough to use for even a novice computer user. Those in the market for innovative takeoff tools, powerful estimating products - with easy-to-use project management or the "state of the art" in online services, this is good place to begin their research before buying software for their business. Those in the market for a faster, more reliable way to estimate how much tile, laminate, and carpet they need would be well served to take a look at the company's flooring software. Most of us know $\text{Area} = \text{Length} * \text{Width}$, though this particular formula does not help much when determining round or irregular shaped areas. In the past, many flooring contractors either relied on complex Trig functions or used a set of multipliers to round off the area. The drawbacks to these two processes were long calculations and decreased accuracy (respectively). Even if the contractor knew the area of an irregular shaped room, it would still become difficult to accurately estimate needed material, especially in the case of tile. Irregular area shapes generally equate to using much more tiles. A rectangular room of 500 square feet. may only need 500 single square foot tiles. However, a 500 square foot. irregular shaped room or an area that has tiles rotated 45 degrees, may easily take 550 to 600 single square foot tiles. Fortunately, this is no longer an issue, as Concrete - On-Screen Takeoff cleverly addresses these issues by not only calculating takeoffs in a fraction of the time, but does it with greater precision than ever before. With a few clicks of the mouse, users quickly draw an area on the screen and are given square footage, linear footage, and tile count. What makes this application even better, is its ability to display the tile grid. This grid capability allows the user to rotate and position the tiles plus account for grout width while accurately displaying the exact number of tiles within an area. Whether the job requires laying carpet, vinyl, VCT, or marble, this supplier's On-Screen Takeoff calculates what is needed quickly, efficiently, and accurately. Use On-Screen Takeoff to determine all takeoff measurements and calculations. Then export those conditions directly into Quick Bid to apply pricing, labor, taxes, payroll, and produce reports and proposals. To learn more, go to [OnCenter.com](http://www.oncenter.com/)'s website.