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What is Benchmarking & how can it help you with your future estimating / budgeting

Construction Benchmarking utilizes historical engineering and construction cost data to distinguish targets and best practice routines, specific to the performance and project delivery of construction related projects. Benchmarking is in many ways the analysis of what you're up against, how to we measure up or compare to our competitor's business practices and execution practices, in order to enhance the performance of your organizations performance. Used correctly benchmarking can fundamentally improve construction related performance and enhance the return on investment for the organization. Most of the successful construction organizations consistently benchmark their historical & latest performance / execution practices in the effort to improve the organizations standing in their particular market sector.

So what is benchmarking as it applies to construction? Benchmarking is basically investigating & researching historical costs & performance, a benchmark was a master masons datum point or mark on a foundation, wall or building utilized as a specific location / height for determining future heights or lengths needed to successfully complete a future building. .

The benchmarking procedure encompasses the assessment of planned performance data versus actual performance / data achieved from comparable historical accomplished construction related projects.

Benchmarks require need to be validated by a well-defined and concise description of deviations between planned projected performance and the estimated benchmarking low and high ranges that are for the most part indicated in the following sections of this publication.

Compass International's five phase approach to benchmarking is detailed below.

Phase 1: Verify the project goals and established the major benchmark components to be analysed.

Phase 2: Document and compile a list of the major cost / performance drivers, key component and collect performance and specific historical cost data, this could include cost per square foot / square meter, cost of electrical systems compare to comparable projects.

Phase 3: Assemble relevant benchmark data by cooperation with internal team members, conferring with relevant stakeholders on their views and perspectives, contacting professional societies, industry experts, industry associations and data mining via the internet on comparable benchmark norms. This data is essential to accurate and beneficial benchmarking.

Phase 4: Confirm and validate initial benchmark cost and performance data.

Step 5: Finalize benchmark data cost and performance models, develop low and high cost / performance benchmarks and compile benchmark report on project being reviewed.

Cost / Man-hour Model (3)

**PETRO-CHEMICAL & GAS FACILITIES - ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION (EPC)
BENCHMARKING DATA: (DATA COLLECTED FROM 12 # COMPLETED EPC PROJECTS IN USA &
CANADA)**

TYPICAL BENCHMARK PERCENTAGES & COST RANGES RELATED TO NORTH AMERICAN PETRO-CHEMICAL, INDUSTRIAL & GAS FACILITIES. APPLICABLE TO FACILITIES NEW & REVAMP CAPEX / FACILITY PROJECTS WITH A TOTAL INSTALLED COST (TIC) VALUE BETWEEN \$10 MILLION & \$150 MILLION.

#	PERCENTAGES & RATIOS	LOW RANGE	HIGH RANGE
1	Site Works as a percentage of Major Equipment (M.E.) cost, excludes Major Equipment setting.	2.00%	4.50%
2	Concrete as a percentage of Major Equipment (M.E.) cost, excludes Major Equipment setting.	11.50%	16.50%
3	Structural Steel / Platforms / Siding as a percentage of Major Equipment (M.E.) cost, excludes Major Equipment setting.	10.50%	18.50%
4	Piping as a percentage of Major Equipment (M.E.) cost, excludes Major Equipment setting.	45.00%	70.00%
5	Piping Material (Inside Battery Limits - ISBL & Outside Battery Limits OSBL) as a percentage of Major Equipment (M.E.) cost, excludes Major Equipment setting.	19.00%	48.50%
6	Piping Labor (Inside Battery Limits - ISBL & Outside Battery Limits OSBL) as a percentage of Major Equipment (M.E.) cost, excludes Major Equipment setting.	40.00%	125.00%
7	Direct Construction Labor as percent of Total Installed Cost (TIC).	65.00%	35.00%
8	Indirect costs (Support Labor, Field Establishment, and Construction Equipment) as percent Direct Labor Cost.	25.00%	125.00%
9	Piping Labor as percent Direct Labor	15.00%	55.00%
10	Instrumentation Labor (Inside Battery Limits - ISBL & Outside Battery Limits OSBL) as a percentage of Major Equipment (M.E.) cost, excludes Major Equipment setting.	6.00%	14.50%
11	Instrumentation Materials (Inside Battery Limits - ISBL & Outside Battery Limits OSBL) as a percentage of Major Equipment (M.E.) cost, excludes Major Equipment setting.	6.50%	16.50%
12	Electrical Labor (Inside Battery Limits - ISBL & Outside Battery Limits OSBL) as a percentage of Major Equipment (M.E.) cost, excludes Major Equipment setting.	9.50%	17.50%
13	Electrical Materials (Inside Battery Limits - ISBL & Outside Battery Limits OSBL) as a percentage of Major Equipment (M.E.) cost, excludes Major Equipment setting.	7.00%	18.50%
14	Overall Major Equipment (M.E.) cost multiplier to obtain Total Installed Cost (TIC).	3	5.5
15	Buildings & Structures as a percentage of Major Equipment (M.E.) cost, excludes Major Equipment setting.	4.80%	11.30%
16	Off sites scope percentage of Total Installed Cost of Facility	15.00%	30.00%

#	DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL COST	M-H'S	HOURLY RATE	LABOR COST	TOTAL COST
	CONTINUED					
28	Field In-Directs					12,665,926
29	ENGINEERING / EPC SERVICES					
30	Detailed Design					3,476,005
31	PM / PC / Procurement					1,087,088
32	HO Support					563,860
33	Start Up / Commissioning					276,000
34	Engineering Fee					575,890
35	Misc. items					86,082
36	Engineering / EPC Services					6,064,925
36	Contingency / Mgmt. Reserve					3,000,000
36	TOTAL PROJECT COST					81,302,865

Cost / Man-hour Model (7)

1.50 MILLION TON PER YEAR USA GULF COAST ETHYLENE FACILITY

#	COST CATEGORIES	QTY	UOM	MATERIAL	M-H'S	M-H RATE	LABOR COST	TOTAL
1	MAJOR EQUIPMENT (M.E.)							
2	Columns c/w trays	74	EA	411,083,852	43,475	44.90	1,951,952	413,035,803
3	Drums / Vessels	70	EA	23,248,825	36,650	44.90	1,645,523	24,894,348
4	Pumps	103	EA	20,507,850	18,837	44.90	845,744	21,353,594
5	Compressors / Fans / Blowers	26	EA	112,070,264	137,319	44.90	6,165,348	118,235,613
6	Heat Exchangers	96	EA	24,444,292	17,404	44.90	781,394	25,225,685
7	Tanks	7	EA	17,045,486	3,890	44.90	174,664	17,220,150
8	Material Handling	4	EA	19,115,295	4,914	44.90	220,629	19,335,924
9	Water Treatment	11	EA	5,889,824	2,594	44.90	116,443	6,006,267
10	Miscellaneous Equipment	20	EA	65,495,758	20,953	44.90	940,737	66,436,494
11	Electrical Equipment	30	EA	17,654,253	7,849	44.90	352,393	18,006,646
12	Instrumentation Devices (Tagged)	5,670	EA	20,703,120	176,085	44.90	7,905,864	28,608,984
13	Freight		ALLOW	22,718,782	-			22,718,782
14	Vendor Assistance		ALLOW	1,827,224	-			1,827,224
15	Total Major Equipment (M.E.)			761,804,823	469,970		21,100,691	782,905,514
16	Removals / Demolition		ALLOW	8,955,009	79,950	41.56	3,322,762	12,277,771
17	Site Earthmoving / Improvements	1,230,000	CY	35,175,206	799,500	41.56	33,227,620	68,402,826
18	Piling	6,150	LF	8,846,992	159,900	41.56	6,645,524	15,492,516
19	Buildings	61,500	SF	8,846,992	239,850	41.56	9,968,286	18,815,278
20	Concrete	86,100	CY	47,332,250	186,550	41.56	7,753,111	55,085,361
21	Refractory / Fireproofing	-	ALLOW	6,423,583	7,995	41.56	332,276	6,755,859
22	Structural Steel / Platforms	9,225	TON	38,829,629	319,800	41.56	13,291,048	52,120,677
23	Piping systems	799,500	LF	221,753,872	3,997,500	41.56	166,138,099	387,891,971
24	Insulation	-	ALLOW	53,220,460	63,960	41.56	2,658,210	55,878,670

#	PROJECT COMPONENT / UNIT AREA	SF	\$ COST	SF \$ COST FOR WORK O-S PRODUCTION FACILITY	COST PER SF
CONTINUED					
4	S/T		99,398,233		401.55
15	Detailed Design + Fee 10.3% of # 14	247,535	10,238,018		41.36
16	CM + Fee 5% of # 14	247,535	4,988,000		20.15
17	Owner Costs 3.9% of # 14	247,535	3,846,980		15.54
18	S/T	247,535	118,471,231		478.60
19	CONTINGENCY / OWNERS RESERVE FUNDS	247,535	10,544,786		42.60
20	PROJECT FUNDING TARGET	247,535	129,016,017		521.20

Cost / Man-hour Model (21)

LARGE SCALE CELL CULTURE MANUFACTURING BENCHMARKS
 BASED ON 5 COMPLETED / PLANNED FACILITIES (2 FLOORS)
 2020 COST BASIS IN EURO'S WESTERN EUROPE LOCATION

SCOPE INCLUDES:		CONSTRUCTION CATEGORY SPLIT		% SPLIT
A	Cell Culture Production Area	Site Work / UG Utilities		4.3
B	Cell Harvesting Area	Concrete / Masonry		8.6
C	Cell Purification Area	Struct Steel / Mezz		5.7
D	Prep Area / Bulk Filling Area	External Wall / Roof		5.8
E	Clean Utilities Area	Internal Finishes		11.7
F	Clean Warehouse Building	Production Equipment		26.1
G	Labs / QA/QC Area	Process / Utility Piping		21.5
H	Offices / Cafeteria / Reception	Elec / Instr		11.9
I	Site work / Parking Areas/ Landscaping	Insulation / Painting		4.4
				100.0
#	DESCRIPTION	30,000 LITRE 2 BIO REACTORS	60,000 LITRE 4 BIO REACTORS	90,000 LITRE 4 BIO REACTORS
1	Site Work +/- 20%	10 Acres / SF	15 Acres / SF	20 Acres / SF
2	Offie / Admin / Cafeteria	35,000	70,000	105,000
3	Labs QA /QC	24,000	48,000	72,000
4	Manufacturing	70,000	140,000	210,000
5	Warehouse	20,000	40,000	60,000
6	Utility Bulding	12,000	24,000	36,000
7	TOTAL SF	161,000	322,000	483,000
8	Cost of Facility in Euro's per SF	2,481	2,368	2,255
9	Cost of Facility in Euro's per M2	26,690	25,477	24,264
10 FACILITY % SPLIT				
11	Site Work, Office, Admin. Labs	33.3	33.3	33.3
12	Manufacturing	41.3	41.3	41.3
13	Clean Warehouse	4.3	4.3	4.3
14	Utility Bulding	5.2	5.2	5.2
15	Detailed Design	10.4	10.4	10.4
16	Construction Management	5.5	5.5	5.5
17	TOTAL	100	100	100
18	EPC Duration	21 / 26 months	26 / 29 months	32 / 38 months
19	Construction Peak Workforce	325	500	750
20	Production Admin Staff	110	165	235

Cost / Man-hour Model (24)

**LIGHT INDUSTRIAL / MANUFACTURING FACILITY - 22' HIGH
BRUNSWICK - GEORGIA USA - OPEN SHOP CONSTRUCTION -
11 MONTH CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
125,000 SF - 7 ACRES SITE
2023 COST BASIS: OPEN SHOP LABOR:**

#	DESCRIPTION	AREA	COST PER SF	\$ TOTAL	REMARKS
1	General Conditions / Preliminaries	125,000	7.45	931,250	Trailers, Storage, Superintendent , Site Engineer
2	Incoming utilities / Ponds / Well	125,000	3.64	455,000	Water, Gas, Electricity , Sewer
3	Site Works	125,000	4.61	576,250	Tree removal, site strip, new entrance road
4	Foundations	125,000	5.33	666,250	9" thick spread footers & ground beams
5	Slab on Grade	125,000	6.85	856,250	6" SOG (Polished) c/w 9" stone
6	Superstructure	125,000	12.53	1,566,250	Metal siding, Structural steel, bar joist. mezz floor, windows
7	Exterior Closure	125,000	7.23	903,750	PC tilt up walls & brickwork
8	Roofing	125,000	6.23	778,750	6" Insulation & EPDM membrane c/w gutters
9	Interior Construction (partitions, flooring, ceilings. painting & insulation)	125,000	7.87	983,750	Partitions, 4 offices / conference area, break room & toilets
10	Mechanical / HVAC	125,000	9.64	1,205,000	Pumps, piping, chillers, compressor & roof top AHU's & ductwork
11	Electrical / Security	125,000	7.68	960,000	1600 A service CCTV, O/S lighting, security systems, card swipes
12	Trollies, Fork lifts, Racks, Loading Docks	125,000	4.23	528,750	
13	Minor items	125,000	0.88	110,000	
14	S/T		84.17	10,521,250	
15	Detailed Design / Project Management	125,000	7.77	971,250	A/E services
16	Contractors O/H & P	125,000	4.73	591,250	
17	Parking Area / Landscaping / Fencing	320,000	1.87	598,400	
18	TOTAL PROJECT COST	125,000	98.54	12,682,150	

Cost / Man-hour Model (26)

CANDY BAR / CHOCOLATE SNACKS PRODUCTION FACILITY

244,360 SF 24 ' HIGH MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN PENNSYLVANIA USA

185,400 PRODUCTION / PACKAGING / SHIPPING

23,600 SF ADMIN / OFFICE AREA TOTAL BUILDING FOOTPRINT 244,360 SF

16 ACRE SITE - 64 OPERATIONAL STAFF

64 OPERATIONS STAFF

2023 COST BASIS

#	DESCRIPTION	\$ COST / SF	TOTAL SF	TOTAL \$ COST
1	General Conditions / Site Establishment	15.08	244,360	3,685,376
2	Site work incl ponds, well & roads	9.35	244,360	2,283,727
3	Concrete work	25.52	244,360	6,235,640
4	Masonry	9.36	244,360	2,286,843
5	Metals & Mezz floor	12.46	244,360	3,043,931
6	Woods / Plastic	4.80	244,360	1,173,233
7	Thermal / Roof System	4.81	244,360	1,174,577
8	Doors / Windows	5.09	244,360	1,243,120
9	Finishes / Gypsum walls- Painting	3.19	244,360	779,875
10	Specialties	1.44	244,360	352,086
11	Equipment (Building)	0.84	244,360	205,629
12	Furnishings	1.05	244,360	255,539
13	Special Construction	0.65	244,360	133,970
14	Dock Levelers	0.86	244,360	210,895
15	Piping / HVAC / Fire Protection	38.60	244,360	9,432,052
16	Electrical / Controls	24.92	244,360	6,333,994
17	S/T	158.91	244,360	38,830,466
18	Production – Manufacturing Equipment, Tanks, Kettles, Mixers, Kneaders, Spindle Mills, Ovens / Molders, Melters, Coating Tunnels, Cooling Tunnels, & Cold Rooms	274.60	244,360	67,100,828
19	Packaging Equipment / Wrappers/ Fork Lifts	29.92	244,360	7,310,396
20	S/T	304.51	244,360	74,411,224
21	Detailed Design	41.78	244,360	10,209,972
22	Construction Management	19.59	244,360	4,787,807
23	S/T	61.38	244,360	14,997,778
24	TOTAL	524.80	244,360	128,239,468

ADDITIONAL SCOPE ITEMS

- Owner Engineering / Construction Oversight \$543,600
- Gatehouse / Weighbridge / Incoming Road \$26,760
- Fencing \$53,450
- Parking for 85 Cars & 20 Trucks \$234,600
- Utility Building / Storage Sheds / Warehouse 6,000 SF \$275,940
- Landscaping – Sprinkler Systems \$267,600

Cost / Man-hour Model (2)

TYPICAL ARCHITECTURAL / ENGINEERING / CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FEES FOR A \$10 - \$50 MILLION GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (SHOPPING CENTER - MALL / HOTEL / OFFICE BUILDING / CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS): NOTE THE FOLLOWING VALUES ARE PERCENTAGES OF THE TOTAL INSTALLED COST OF COMPLETED PROJECT (EXCLUDING LAND PURCHASE AND ANY SIGNIFICANT SITE DEMOLITION COSTS). SEE FOLLOWING LIST FOR COUNTRY SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS.

#	DISCIPLINE	LOW RANGE %	HIGH RANGE %
1	Architect Fee	3.25	7.50
2	Structural Engineer Fee	0.90	1.75
3	Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing (MEP services) Fee	1.35	2.25
4	Cost Consultant / Quantity Surveyors / Cost Planners Fee	0.35	0.75
5	Landscape Architect Fee	0.10	0.25
6	Acoustical Engineer Fee	0.00	0.10
7	Other Consultants (Traffic, Fire Protection, BMS etc.) Fee	0.00	0.15
8	Construction Management (excludes General Conditions / Division 1 / Preliminaries) Fee	2.50	6.00

NOTE:

the above percentages can vary significantly, items that can influence these percentages include:

- For revamp or alteration type work the high range % could increase by as much as 50%
- Complexity of the required facility
- Sophistication of specified materials and equipment
- Requirement to use owners design standards and specification. (i.e. Federal or local government funded project or a major Fortune 500 company that is continually building facilities around the world - utilizing an in-house Corporate Engineering Group)
- Sub surface ground conditions
- Competitive bid – possibly 4 – 6 other A/E firms proposing on the project. Single source bid or negotiated bid by A/E firm
- Involvement of client during the detailed design and construction effort
- Future tenant fit out requirements
- Business climate (boom or bust period)
- Future repeat work with Owner