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Newsletter for Sage Timberline Office

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## Sage Timberline Office Version 9.7a

### New Reporting And Workflow Tools Create Efficiencies

**S**age Timberline Office 9.7a is coming your way this spring. Here we cover a number of the enhancements included that will help you manage your business more profitably.

#### Reporting And Analysis

Office Connector Starter for Sage (OCS) is a new tool that links workbook templates to key data within Sage Timberline Office. OCS gives your staff an easy way to view your organization's data in a familiar Microsoft Excel format. OCS includes the following six workbook templates:

- **Sage Timberline Office Dashboard**— High-level summary totals from several different applications are displayed together in one worksheet for an at-a-glance picture of your overall business. Summary information includes: financial summary, jobs-in-progress, accounts payable, accounts receivable, project management, and billing. It also identifies the number of unposted entries by application.
- **Sage Timberline Office Search**— This report allows you to quickly find related data anywhere in Sage Timberline Office based on partial information, such as part of a description, a number, date range, or amount. Separate worksheets show the results returned from each application.
- **Account Ledger With Detail**— This report is an excellent auditing



tool designed to help you resolve discrepancies. You can select a specific account or set of accounts using an account mask, then choose the date range and other selection criteria, such as include/exclude entries associated with closing the fiscal year. For each account, summary information showing the beginning balance for the date range, net activity, and ending balance for the date range can be included.

- **Cost To Complete**— This report is a comprehensive cost-to-complete worksheet that includes the estimate values, commitments, and actual cost to date for a selected job. A data-entry column is included where you can record a revised expected cost to complete. Calculated columns show the resulting

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cost at completion and over/under values in real time.

- **Job List With Maps And Weather**— This report starts with a simple list of jobs that you can quickly filter or search, and includes hyperlinks to Google Maps and Weather.com, giving you quick access to a map to the job site or weather conditions. In each case, the job address is automatically populated in a browser window when the hyperlink is clicked.
- **Lease Expiration List**— Find all leases that are expiring within a chosen time frame. You can generate the report for all properties or select a specific property, then enter a cut-off date and number of days until lease expiration.

OCS is included free of charge as part

of your service/maintenance update. You also can upgrade to a full version of Office Connector that includes 20 templates and the ability to purchase the Designer Tool for creating your own reports and templates.

### Document Workflow

Document Management Rules-based Routing helps ensure that electronic documents are reviewed by the right people in the right sequence, so you can avoid delays and mistakes in the approval process. You can set conditions for automatic routing such as: dues dates and alerts; the type of document and dollar amount each reviewer may approve; whether a document is sent to all reviewers simultaneously or to each sequentially; and many more.

### Payroll Forms Enhancements

With this release, Payroll now will print both the Quarterly Wage Detail Listing and the Quarterly Report. And through a partnership with Aatrix, a leader in payroll tax forms and electronic reporting, you will have the option to eFile payroll tax reports and W-2 forms for a nominal fee. Of course, if you so choose you can still print and file yourself as you have in the past.

### Technology Enhancements

This release also includes an update to Version 10 of the Pervasive database and compatibility with Windows 7.

Please call us with your questions about Sage Timberline Office Version 9.7a. ✨

## Integration With Autodesk Quantity Takeoff 2010

As modeling software grows more sophisticated, architects, engineers, and contractors are able to create highly accurate and complete designs. Dubbed Building Information Modeling (BIM), these tools give designers the ability to identify and resolve issues in the model, rather than in the field where it is more expensive and time consuming. Now BIM software can be connected to Sage Timberline Office through Autodesk® Quantity Takeoff. Here is a quick overview.

### Autodesk® Quantity Takeoff

Autodesk Quantity Takeoff is a sophisticated cost estimating software that helps cost estimators collect and synchronize multi-format design data and high-quality images, enabling a smoother design-to-cost workflow. It uses property data to automatically or

manually measure, count, and price various building objects. Autodesk Quantity Takeoff integrates seamlessly with the Autodesk Revit platform for BIM.

### Estimating Integration

The integration enables users to automatically export quantity information from Autodesk Quantity Takeoff (QTO) to Sage Timberline Office Estimating and generate a cost estimate with one click, resulting in faster and more accurate cost estimating. Object quantities and dimensions for items such as doors, windows, and walls are stored within the Autodesk Revit platform for BIM, and extracted using QTO for use within Estimating. You can simply drag and drop to map the model objects and their dimensions to the estimating database for a simple one-time integration setup. The integration adds

another layer of efficiency by automating cost estimating from the BIM model with absolute precision, giving the potential to save real dollars on every job.

### Complete Workflow

With the integration to Sage Timberline Office Estimating, design and cost information developed in BIM can flow through the entire design and construction process. John Tocci, chairman of the Associated General Contractors BIM Forum, says, “This collaboration will measurably advance the promise of BIM and Integrated Project Delivery to eradicate waste, propel productivity, and restore relationships.”

Please give us a call if you would like more information about the integration of Sage Timberline Office and Autodesk Quantity Takeoff 2010. ✨