

Fee Estimating Assignment

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Project Time/Fee Estimating Form

Project Time Estimate

Client: Dental Office Renovation (hypothetical) **Project #:** DO-5000-01
Date: October 25, 2026 **Designer**: Juanita Berry | The 8DC's INC... Interiors

	Designer	Designer	Project Manager	CAD	Support	Est. Total Hrs.
PROGRAMMING						
Interview client	4					4
Inventory	6					6
Measure job site	14					14
Verify site conditions	8					8
Codes check	6					6
Develop project schedule	4					4
Meetings	4					4
	46					46
SCHEMATIC DESIGN						0
Prepare plan footprint	16					16
Preliminary space plan	18					18
Preliminary furniture/equipment plans	12					12
Preliminary specifications	14					14
Preliminary budget	8					8
Codes check	4					4
Meetings	4					4
Reviews with client	4					4
	80					80
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT						0
Finalize floor plan	14					14
Finalize furniture/equipment plans	12					12
Finalize specifications	24					24
Finalize budget	8					8
Prepare presentation materials	12					12
Shop drawings	16					16
Meetings	4					4
Reviews with client	6					6
	96					96
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS						0
Working drawings and schedules	42					42
Specifications for bidding	14					14
Specifications for direct purchase	10					10
Obtain approvals and permits	8					8
Assist in bidding process	6					6
Qualify vendors	6					6
Meetings	4					4
	90					90

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION						0
Assist with bidding process	4					4
Procure FF&E	16					16
Site visits and inspections	18					18
Meetings	6					6
Meetings with client	6					6
Project finalization and evaluation	10					10
	60					60
TOTALS	372					372

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Fee Estimates — Three Methods

Hourly:	372 designer hours ×	$125.00/hour	= $46,500.00
Flat fee:	372 hours × $125.00 = $46,500.00	base, plus 10% fixed-fee contingency ($4,650.00)	= $51,150.00
Cost per square foot:	$51,150.00 ÷ 5,000 SF	= $10.23/SF (rounded); fee based on unrounded rate	=$51,150.00.

Rationale and Assumptions for Estimates

Since there are no as-built blueprints, programming involves considerable field measurement and existing-condition verification. Reorganizing the reception area, four offices, and the break room while keeping the exam room and back-of-house locations is the main focus of the schematic design. Design development includes a unique reception desk, new furniture in some areas, and new finishes throughout the suite. Drawings, timetables, purchasing requirements, and the coordination of relevant approvals are examples of contract documents. Purchasing furniture, doing recurring site visits, and closeout are all part of contract administration.

Assumptions include the following: architect/engineer services, permit fees, construction, furniture/material purchases, taxes, and travel expenses are excluded; there is no structural or significant mechanical redesign; current dental equipment is reused; and designer-only labor. Permit work entails cooperation rather than serving as the architect of record. The final scope, jurisdiction, changes, and complexity of the project all affect the actual cost.

The 10% flat-fee contingency and hourly rate are not genuine market prices; rather, they are illustrative assumptions. Instead of hours or rates, the source spreadsheet included task names and phases.