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& Billing Programs

BillQuick

is a time and billing product designed for professional service firms, including accountants, engineers, lawyers and consultants. BillQuick has leveraged its knowledge and experience from other professional services industries to create a time and billing system that provides specific tools for the public accounting profession. The system is a QuickBooks certified add-on, but it can also be used with other accounting systems as mentioned below. Each year the company listens to their clients and makes improvements to the product. The latest 2009 version is a good example of the program's continued evolution.

EASE OF USE -

BillQuick is a very easy to use program that allows users to enter their time directly in the system or use the stop watch timer. The stop watch timer allows the professional to track their time on the clock and then directly import that time into the time entry field. This is a very nice feature for users that work on many tasks throughout the day. You can easily capture your time in small increments that you otherwise would not be able to accurately capture. In addition to its easy-to-use and intuitive workflow, the product has the look and feel of Outlook. Within minutes of opening the program, users can easily determine how to navigate pretty efficiently through-out the product.

BillQuick is a client installed system, but also has a web-based option. This allows users outside the office to access the system and enter their time and expenses without waiting until they return.

MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS & REPORTING –

Management will have no problem learning how to use this BillQuick. Most time

and billing programs have great features, but they are "hidden"

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other information groupings available in the system if you need it. The product also comes with more than 300 different report templates. If these reports don't fit your needs, BillQuick allows you to customize your own reports and save those reports for future use. All reports can be saved as PDFs or exported to Word and Excel.

BILLING PROCESS –

Billing is pretty straight forward in BillQuick. If you are new to the product, take the time to review the invoice wizard. This will teach you all of the customization

options available. Creating an invoice is easy and you can create bills based on fixed fees, or based on time and materials. Retainer invoices can also be produced in the system (it's always nice to bill for work you haven't done yet!)

Invoices can be emailed to clients as well as printed for mailing. The product comes with more than 100 invoice templates to choose from, so most billing scenarios

should be covered with these templates.

INTEGRATION –

BillQuick integrates with many of the leading accounting packages on the market today including QuickBooks, MYOB, Peachtree and Microsoft Office Accounting. The company can help you set up the integration into these accounting packages. There is also integration with Outlook, which allows exchange of email and calendar items with timesheet entries.

SUPPORT & HELP-

BillQuick provides many options for help and support. The Help button is accessible throughout the entire program. The help section is very robust and very well

organized. In addition to in-product help, there are PDF documents on the website,

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QuickBooks

or any of the other accounting packages noted above. A two-user downloadable version of the program costs \$495, while the five-user version costs \$995.

2009 Overall Rating:

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