



EDiS Intern Experience: 6 Things You Have to Do While Interning for the Estimating Department

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Working for the estimating department is a unique experience here at EDiS. From long and arduous phone calls to contractors, to *delicious* lunches on Bid Days, estimating is both challenging and a lot of fun! Here are some tips that I learned while working for the estimating department this summer:

Tips of the Trade

1. *Always ask to do something!* From making phone calls for Kurt, to driving to New Jersey for Rob, I realized that there are **ample opportunities** to help my co-workers!
2. *Work on your "phone voice."* If you work for estimating, be prepared to make a lot of calls! While you're at it, it wouldn't hurt to work on sounding good over the phone. Knowing all of the details about what you're calling for can make you sound more confident and can make calling less stressful!
3. *Learn your puns!* The estimating department *loves* their jokes, and while I haven't found the perfect opportunity to make one myself, I have become better at recognizing theirs. Become more familiar with puns so that their jokes don't slip by you!

Places to Know:

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The famous War Room![/caption]



1. **War Room:** Located on the third floor, this room is the "main hub" of estimating. Once you get off of the elevator, go into the left entrance and you will find it. During Bid Day, this room can be very intense.
2. **Poplar Conference Room:** Also located on the third floor in estimating, the Poplar Conference room is the last door on your right at the end of the hall. Important meetings and group lunches take place in this room.
3. **Third Floor Kitchen:** If you take a right after getting off of the elevator and go past the closet, you will find the kitchen. In my opinion, this room should be enshrined as a temple. While working for estimating, this place provided me with *life-saving coffee*, extra food from company meetings, and a place to recuperate whenever I needed a small break from projects. This is a great place to eat lunch while getting to know your coworkers.

All in all, the estimating department is definitely a crucial part of the EDiS team and I'm glad that I had the opportunity to work with such great people. I learned a lot and I hope that my experiences here will serve as great preparation for the future!

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