



# The EDGE® Construction Cloud Top Ten Benefits

Because of the many benefits, companies are building software solutions that use the web (“cloud”). Prior to version 12, The EDGE® Estimator hosted all the data on a local computer and a company server using the EDGE Network Module. The EDGE Network Module has been replaced with the web.

Today, the cloud is recognized as an invaluable tool for any organization, regardless of its size, market niche, or annual revenue. From better security to eliminating internal expenses to maintaining a server as long as you have an Internet connection, users have anytime, anywhere access to the software and data.

Here are the top ten reasons for using the Construction Cloud for all your estimating data.

## 1 Cost Savings

Companies do not need to invest in new servers, network hardware, server software, and the staff/overhead to help manage it.

## 2 Built-In Redundancy

One of the worst things a business can go through is a system failure. Web-enabled services provide your business with both backup and disaster recovery (both can be very costly).

## 3 It's a Scalable Solution

Additional servers, software licenses, and storage capacity are expensive. With web-enabled solutions, companies always have extra capacity; it's scalable and grows with you. If your business unexpectedly adds estimators, or needs additional estimating resources, adding them is easy.

## 4 All Your Estimators Are Using the Most Current Estimate

When you move to web-enabled, data files are stored in the cloud. This means multiple people can work on the same estimate; changes are made in “real time” ensuring everyone is working on the most current.

## 5 IBM, “Rely on Only the Best”

Following a trend in technology usually means the widest range of options. Estimating Edge selected IBM, the industry leader, because our customers' data is always secure, always available and is easy to access.

## 6 Long-Term Investment and Competitive Advantage

With web-enabled solutions, companies no longer need to have major IT capital investments every 2 – 4 years allowing you to have the latest technology, without the expense.

## 7 Mobility, Ability to Work from Anywhere

In today's working world, we expect to bring our job with us wherever we go. Thanks to The EDGE being web-enabled, the phrase "bringing work home" no longer entails physically carrying heavy folders with you.

## 8 Around-the-Clock Security

Companies are "hacked" all the time. For example, a large subcontractor is attacked by ransomware and it shuts down operations for over a week. Since all of your data is stored at IBM, your team has one less thing to worry about. The EDGE Estimator uses the same data security standards as the healthcare industry, which has some of the most stringent security standards in the business. Bottom line—your data is very safe and always accessible.

## 9 Collaboration Has Never Been Easier

Independent of their physical location, every user can access, edit, and share their work (in real-time).

## 10 The EDGE "Keys" Are a Thing of the Past

The most popular feature is that the USB security devices are no longer needed since each user has a unique username and password.

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