

AS-BUILT SURVEYS

DIY or HIRE A PRO?

Which is best for your AEC business?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

You've been engaged on a new architectural project for an existing building. The first critical step is to accurately document the existing conditions.

You have two options:

1. You and/or your team can measure the building in house.
2. You can hire a professional As-Built surveying company.



ACCURACY

Which option will provide the most accurate information?



CLIENT EXPERIENCE

How can I provide the best overall service to my client?



BANDWIDTH

Do I have time to take it on myself? Is there something else more valuable I could be doing?



COST

How much will a professional firm charge? What is the true value of my time?

LET'S COMPARE THE OPTIONS

DO IT YOURSELF

HIRE A PRO

STOP WHAT YOU'RE WORKING ON

Put aside other important tasks and get ready for the site survey. Get your tools ready, assemble a team, and schedule the site visit with your client.

GET A QUOTE

Tell your professional As-Built provider what you need, and get a quick and detailed fixed-price quote. Then, let the Pros handle everything; including scheduling a site visit with your client.

MEASURE THE BUILDING

Spend a day (or more) at the building collecting measurements. Hope that you got everything you need.

QUICK + ACCURATE SITE SURVEY

Your professional survey partner will measure the building accurately and quickly, using the latest 3D laser scanning technology. Your client is impressed with the efficiency of the process.

DRAFT THE AS-BUILT PLANS

Over several days or even weeks, use your field notes to accurately draft the building. Stop and restart several times as other urgent priorities cross your desk.

EXPERT, EFFICIENT DRAFTING

Using the clean, digital data from the survey, professional As-Built drafters will create accurate and complete plans to your exact standards and scope of work.

TROUBLESHOOT A FEW ERRORS

The measurements aren't lining up quite right, and you missed a few electrical outlets. Go back to the site, or try to make it work using photos?

MEANWHILE

Meanwhile, you're deep in design on another project and keeping your clients happy!

MEANWHILE

Your workload is piling up and you need to move fast.

ON-TIME DELIVERY

Your completed plans are delivered straight to your inbox. Everything you need to start your designs is included: CAD files, PDF, and site photos.

FINISH THE DRAWINGS

They don't have everything you need but you're out of time and have to make it work.

START DESIGNING

You and your team are starting the perfect new space for your client. You are all caught up with other tasks, and excited to get started with a new project.

FINALLY... START DESIGNING

It's been a few weeks now, and you can finally start doing what you do best: designing that perfect new space for your client.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Most AEC firms are still doing their own As-Built measuring, and in many cases it can still be the best option. But, a lot has changed in the last ten years. Advances in technology have revolutionized the accuracy, speed, and process for creating accurate As-Built plans. While this technology is expensive, it's not out of reach. Working with a professional measuring firm can give you the very best in technology and service, without the fixed cost and commitment.

DO IT YOURSELF

HIRE A PRO

VARYING DEGREE OF ACCURACY

Hand measuring and sketching leaves room for human error. The bigger and more complicated the building, the more likely you are to have errors and omissions.



TOTAL, COMPLETE ACCURACY

3D laser scanning technology, combined with the expertise of trained professionals, ensures accuracy you can trust.

LESS TIME FOR DESIGN

More time measuring and drafting means less time for everything else: designing, creating, and working with your clients.



MORE TIME FOR DESIGN

Use all that time you saved by outsourcing As-Built surveys on more important priorities, and keep your projects on schedule.

GOOD CLIENT EXPERIENCE

Long hours measuring on site may feel disruptive to the client, and traditional tools leave room for errors that could negatively impact the project.



GREAT CLIENT EXPERIENCE

3D laser scanning technology enables less time on site, with higher accuracy. A smooth project means happy clients and more referrals for your business.

UNPREDICTABLE, VARIABLE COST

An architect's average billable rate is \$80-140 per hour. Adding up all the hours spent to measure and draft the building, plus the cost of purchasing and maintaining equipment, you could be spending a lot more than you think.



ONE-TIME, FIXED COST

You will know the total cost of the As-Built survey up front, with no surprises. You only pay for what you need with no equipment costs, overhead, or wasted time.