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Contractor Foreman Review 2025: Features, Pros And Cons

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Starting Price
\$49 per month

Integrations
QuickBooks, Zapier, Stripe, Google Calendar and Outlook 365 Calendar

Standout Features
Built-in payment processing, included group trainings, fully customizable modules

Our Verdict

Contractor Foreman is a full-featured construction project management software with five plans suitable for all sizes and types of construction businesses. It includes features to help you manage bids and estimates, tasks and projects, field work, equipment and resources and finances. In our Contractor Foreman review, we show you how it can work for your small business (or large corporation).

Pros

- Free trial available
- Affordable plans that scale as needed
- Client portal on high-tier plans
- Financial modules on all plans
- Most features available on mid-tier plan
- Built-in resource management

May be overwhelming for small operations

Strict policies for cancellation

Users limited by each plan

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What Is Contractor Foreman?

Contractor Foreman started much in the same way a lot of other construction management software did: industry folk who wanted a better solution than pen and paper, email and spreadsheets. It's still a young company that was founded in 2017 and remains a private business with no funding from outside investors, it seems.

The platform is suitable for general and subcontractors because it offers plans and features that scale for growing and larger businesses. Contractor Foreman makes our list of the [best construction management software](#) because of its robust feature set, ease of use and affordable plans.

Many of Contractor Foreman's best features include:

A free 30-day trial is available to give you ample time to test the features on Contractor Foreman

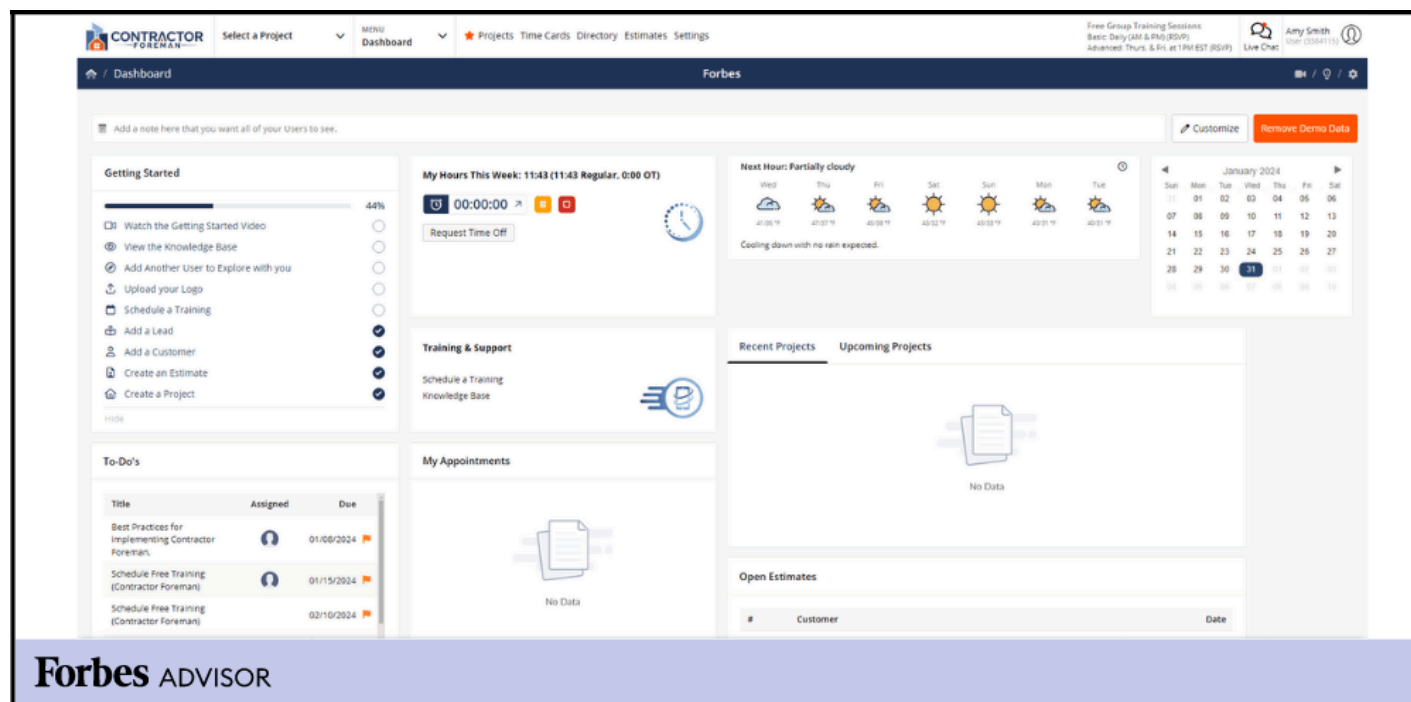
Entry-level plan offers enough tools for a solo subcontractor to run a business

Plans scale for growing businesses at affordable price points

Mid-tier plan includes most features needed for a small GC or larger trade partner

Plans include integrations with Stripe, a payment processor, so you can handle finances in one platform

Most plans include one-on-one and group training at no added cost



What Sets Contractor Foreman Apart

most important data for your position or project.

For the best array of features, you would need to choose the Plus plan or higher; anything lower removes a few tools that are typically necessary for any contractor. Given the price point and features offered for the mid-tier plan compared to its competitors, Contractor Foreman offers one of the best value-to-cost ratios in the industry.

Pros

It helps that Contractor Foreman wants you to succeed with its software so it offers group and private training often and they’re included in most plans. The features are easy to learn to use if you set aside the time to master them. Organization of tools makes sense too, with features categorized under project management, financials, people, documents and settings and support.

Cons

The biggest drawback to Contractor Foreman is one of its biggest benefits; let us explain. Having multiple plans at different price points is great because it allows all types and sizes of construction businesses to have software that helps them do their jobs. The problem is that even if you’re a solo operation, there are some features you need that are locked behind the higher-priced plans.

High-tier plans come with lots of modules, which is great but it’s also potentially overwhelming. Your dashboard and menus may inspire a bit of executive dysfunction. Also, there is no specific feature for takeoffs, which most of Contractor Foreman’s main competitors offer. However, the company has a partnership with Kreo for that purpose.

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Contractor Foreman Core Features

aren't what you want, you can likely change variables to suit how you work.

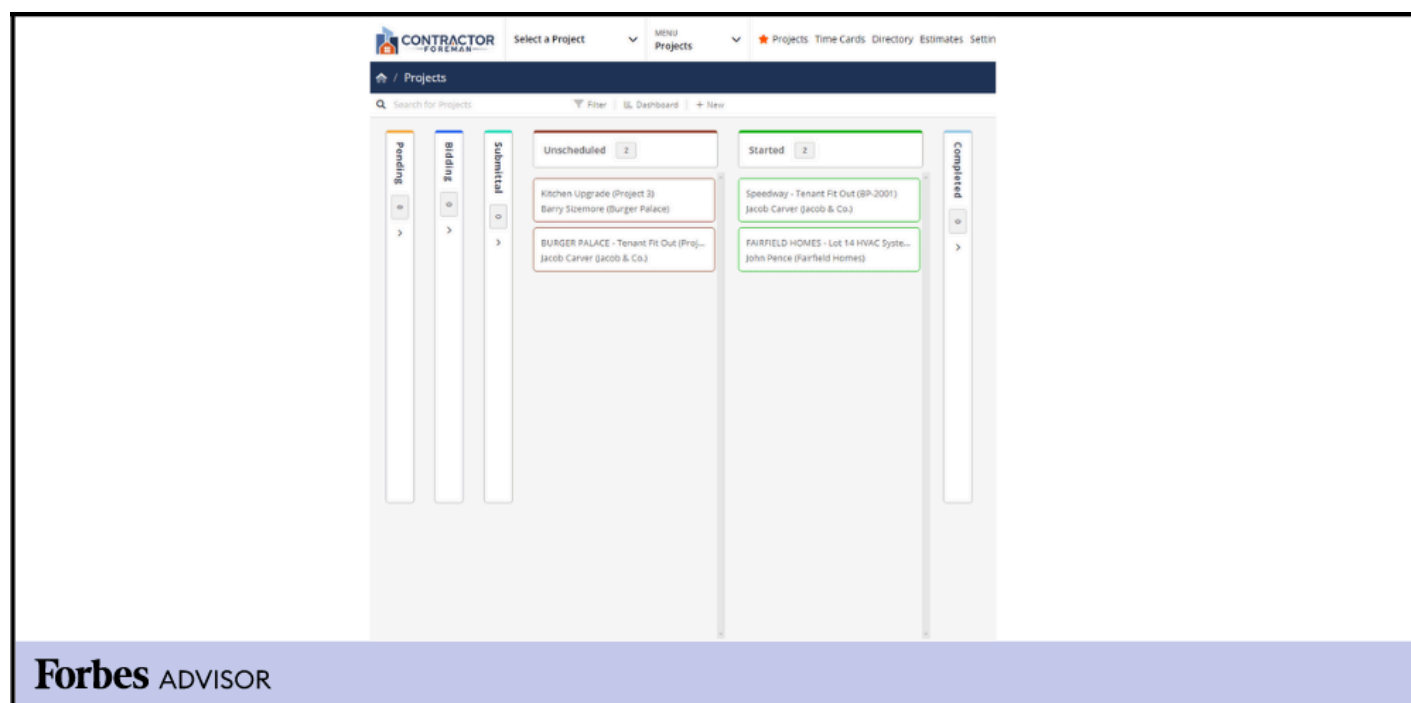
Project Management

Starting at the top with projects, we found Contractor Foreman seems to have put the most effort into this section. There are two views of your projects: dashboard and card views. The card view slots all of your projects into sideways columns, for lack of a better description. It's a bit hard to read unless you expand them. We prefer the dashboard view, which gives you a look at much more than just bids, submittals and project statuses such as estimated vs. actual labor, action items and bills vs. invoices.

The schedule includes a Gantt chart or calendar view. You can drag and drop tasks on the Gantt chart to create dependencies easily. Accessing tasks is less intuitive. We were able to create (click the plus sign) and open tasks (double click on the task) via the Gantt chart and within each task are fields for title, description, assignees, color coding, a progress bar and planned due dates (plus actual due dates, if you want to add them).

Daily logs are fairly detailed. We were able to find fields for just about everything you'd need to report on at the end of your day from materials and equipment to a section for photos and employee and contractor time cards. Inspections, work orders and service tickets all work similarly with appropriate fields for information and assignees. Punchlists include charts to show you open and closed items and you can add checklists for each area that needs to be checked.

We didn't want much more in the project management branch of Contractor Foreman. Everything from critical paths and auto scheduling to milestones and custom fields are available. There are a few confusing choices made including naming tasks "to dos," creating horizontal columns for the Kanban view and not making to dos as pop-out windows. We tried getting back to the to-do list from a task window and couldn't find an X or a quick way to go back to the Kanban view; rather, we had to search for an icon at the top left to get us back to the card view.



Field Management

Within construction project management software such as Contractor Foreman, field management tools kind of bleed into the project management side. You can find punchlists and daily logs in the project management category but submittals, equipment logs, crew schedule, safety tools, change orders and RFIs are all located in different areas. Perhaps the most useful tool for supers and foremen in the field is the mobile app.

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The screenshot displays the Contractor Foreman web application interface. On the left is a sidebar with a search bar labeled 'Search for RFI & Notices' and a dropdown menu 'Add a New...'. Below this is a list of RFIs with columns for status (Draft, Open, Closed, All), project name, date, and status. The main content area is titled 'RFI & Notice: Request for Information #1: Speedway - Tenant Fit Out'. It features a progress bar with stages: Draft, Submitted, Outstanding, Received, and Closed. Below the progress bar is a 'Details' section with a 'Custom' tab. The details section contains fields for Project (Speedway - Tenant Fit Out), Date/Time (05/15/2021 (10:30 AM)), RFI # (1), Status (Received), From (Amy Smith), To (Barry Sizemore (Burger Palace)), CC, Response Needed By (03/08/2024), Response Received (02/02/2024), and Response (YES, please have them supply a quotation). There is also a section for 'Information Requested' and 'Referenced Area In Question'. At the bottom right of the main content area is an 'Actions' dropdown menu. The footer of the page features the 'Forbes ADVISOR' logo.

Contractor Foreman's mobile app is available for iOS and Android, so you can use it on tablets and smartphones. For the most part, anything you can do on the web app you can do on the mobile app. In fact, we found it was easier to create a task on the mobile app. Perhaps the most frustrating part is the menu because it wasn't as clean and organized as on the web app but we chalk that up to available space. Also, you can customize the menu to place the most used sections at the top.

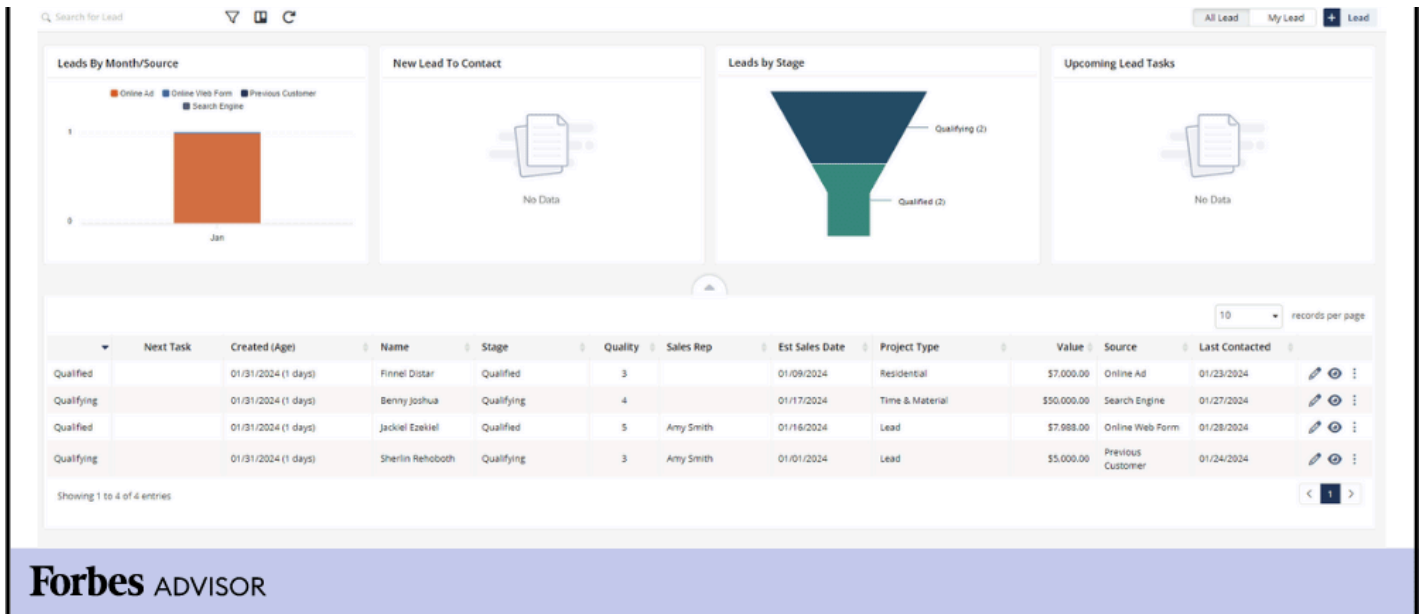
Viewing files and images on the app is easy enough. Even the markup feature is similar to the web app version of Contractor Foreman. We couldn't zoom intuitively though. Any time we tried the pinch method most of us are familiar with, we just ended up turning pages on a PDF.

People Management

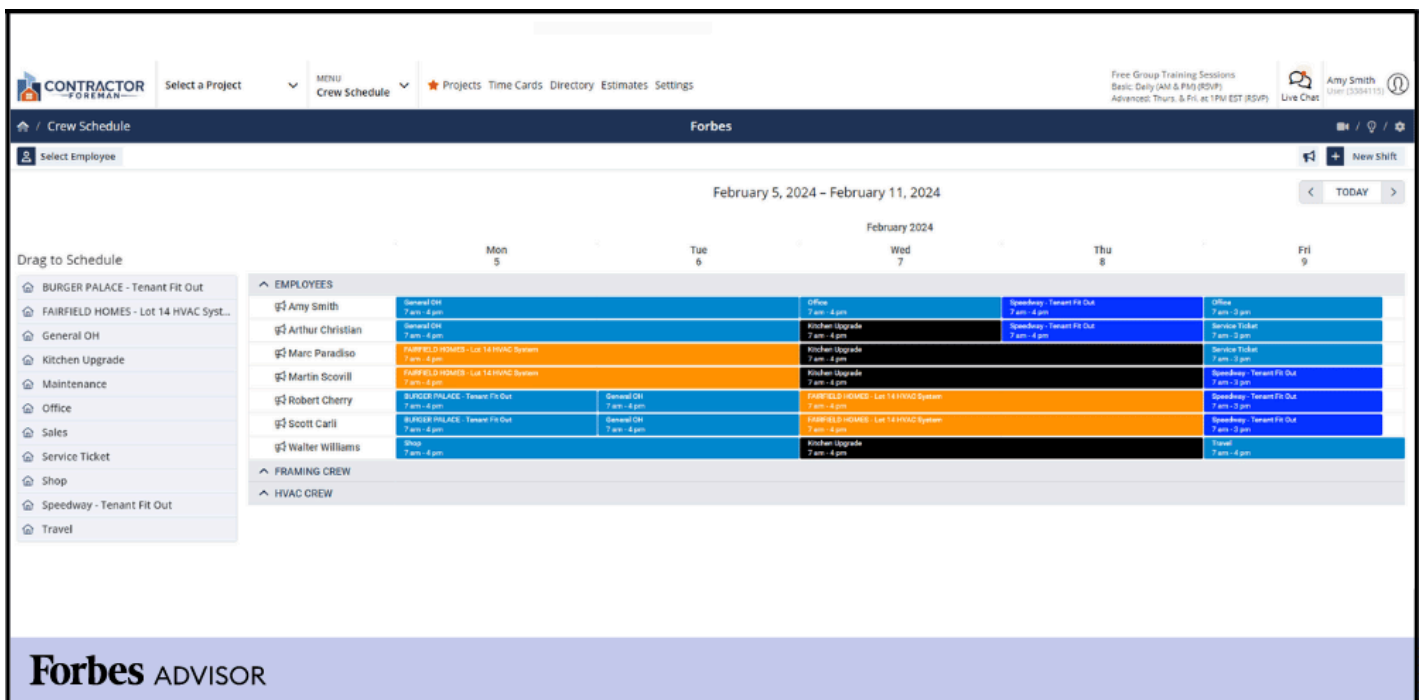
The people management section of Contractor Foreman includes tools you need to manage employees, leads, trade partners and vendors. If you're on a paid plan, you'll get access to user permissions as an admin, so you can allow or deny access to specific projects or data to specific users or roles. All of the people management tools are in the directory and depending on which role you set for someone, you'll get specific fields for them (for example, you can add a Social Security number for an employee but not a vendor or contractor).

Leads and opportunities are managed a little differently. In the leads area, you'll see how you gained a lead, the stages they're in and those you need to contact. It's a light CRM that allows you to add information about each lead including referrals, the best time to contact, whose lead it is and a quality rating. Opportunities act more like projects with stages, as you'd expect, from pending to quoted. Both sections can be viewed as lists or Kanban boards. We appreciated that each lead popped up as a separate window, so you could quickly close it and get back to the list (unlike with projects). A small annoyance is that you can't just click on a lead line to open it; you have to click on the view icon to the far right. Easy enough, but not necessarily intuitive.

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Using the crew schedule the first time was a little frustrating. We tried to add a new shift to no avail, so we added employees to “my crew” and that didn’t seem to work. Turns out there was a bit of lag but it eventually populated with the employees we selected. After that, it was a breeze to drag and drop projects to specific employees for each day.

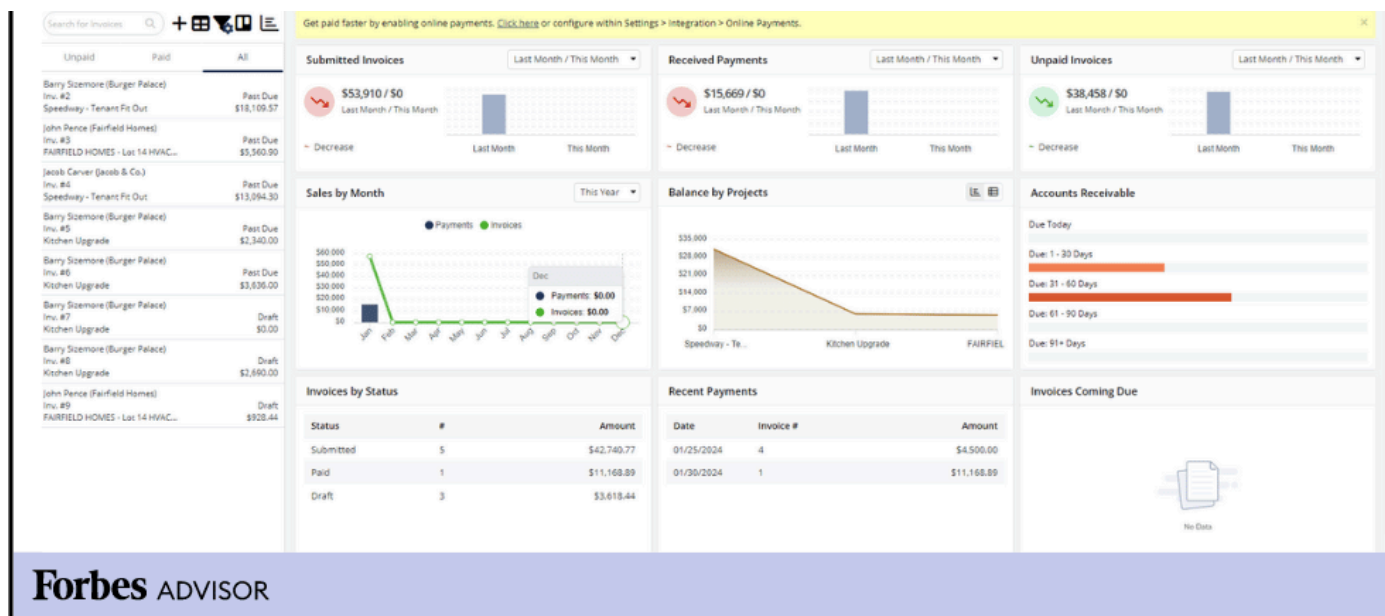


Financial Management

Contractor Foreman thought of almost everything when it comes to financials for its construction management software. The bid manager organizes all bids coming and going and places everything at the top of the page so you can see when estimates have been submitted, bids have been awarded and any responses.

Invoices, payments and expenses are chock-full of information on each dashboard. You can get a bird’s-eye view of money coming in and going out. We were able to view monthly and annual numbers and we could customize each dashboard to show us the most important finances to our business.

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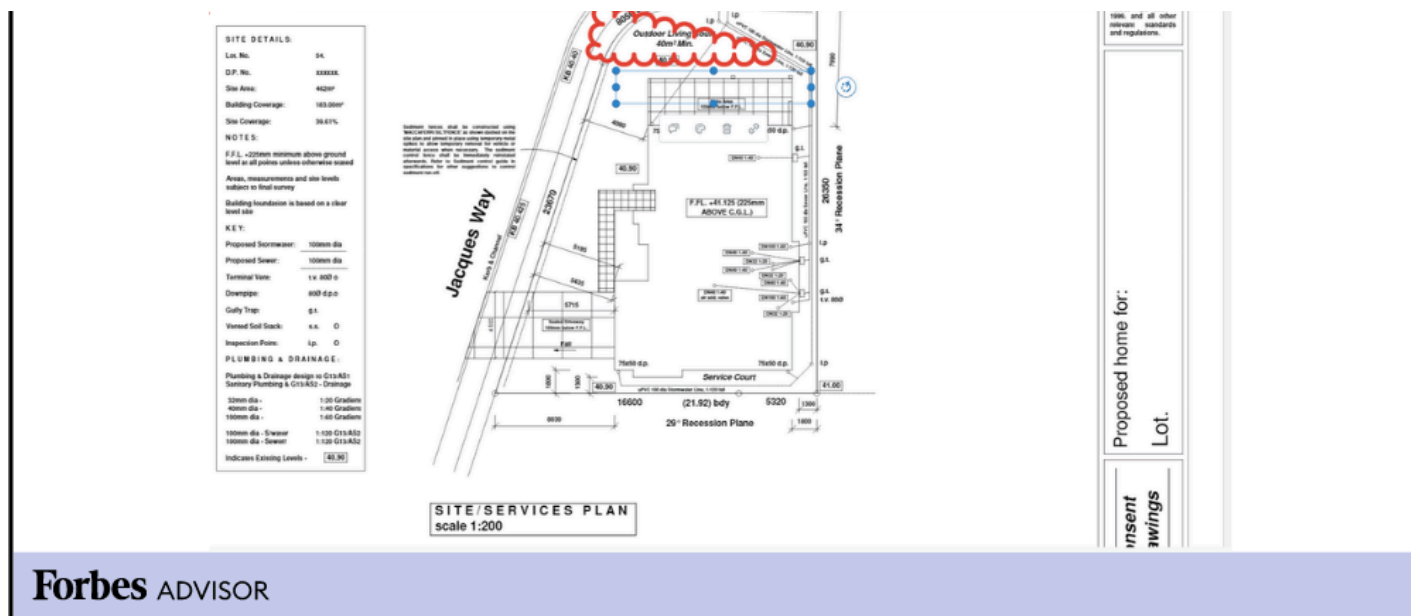
The change order system is fairly self-explanatory; simply add the change order with details and set it through the process for approval and payment. We were able to modify the fields as needed to show fewer options because that's what suits our business. Purchase orders work similarly. And there's a section for keeping track of subcontracts.

Document Management

For files, reports, photos and forms, there's a whole category for that under document management in Contractor Foreman. This is where you'll keep track of the majority of files you create or upload to the system. In the same way you handle opportunities and change orders is how you handle RFIs and submittals. They'll go through an approval process with the appropriate statuses.

You can also find logs for equipment and vehicles. As such, you can record maintenance through these areas. The only thing missing is formal resource management with a schedule. We tried adding our own fields but they only appeared in the custom tab of a new equipment window, which could be confusing.

We tested the markup feature on some sample blueprints and found all the tools needed for construction companies. There are thoughtful features such as the signature, which saves after you create it, making it easy to digitally sign each page quickly. Currently, you can connect Google Drive for file management or simply upload files to your Contractor Foreman account. Dropbox is a future integration.



This is also the area in which you'll find reports. There are plenty of pre-made reports that most GCs and trade partners would need but you can also create custom reports for any other data you want to track or analyze. The only thing we didn't love about it is that any report you generate is automatically turned into an Excel spreadsheet and downloaded; there's no way to view it in Contractor Foreman.

In our opinion, this section for documents isn't complete and by that we mean document management is spread throughout Contractor Foreman's platform. You manage permits and inspections under project management, subcontracts under finances and incidents and time cards under people management.

Software Integrations

A common request for construction companies is the ability to integrate their construction management software with QuickBooks Online or Desktop, both of which Contractor Foreman allows (and it's a two-way sync, so no double entry required). The caveat is that to integrate with the online version of QuickBooks, you must subscribe to the Pro plan or higher. For the desktop version, you must choose the highest tier, Unlimited.

Other integrations include Google and Outlook calendars, Stripe, Angi Leads and 1build Material Database (for costing). It's important to note that to get 1build's pricing for materials, you must be on the Plus plan or higher. We followed the step-by-step guide Contractor Foreman provides for integrating with QuickBooks and it's a well-written piece with screenshots to walk you through the process easily.

Contractor Foreman Pricing and Plans

	Basic	Standard	Plus	Pro	>
Starting Price	\$49 per month	\$79 per month	\$125 per month	\$166 per month	
Users	One	Three	Eight	15	
Projects	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Estimates	✓	✓	✓	✓
Punchlists	X	✓	✓	✓
Online Payments	X	✓	✓	✓
Purchase Orders	X	✓	✓	✓
Change Orders	X	X	✓	✓
RFIs	X	X	✓	✓

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Basic

You can expect the most basic features on this entry-level plan including project, estimates, invoicing, calendar view, to-dos, file management, standard reports and a material database. Support is limited to the ticket system and group training. The cost for the Basic plan of Contractor Foreman is \$49 per month, billed annually, and only one user is allowed.

Standard

A step up from Basic is Standard and it costs \$79 per month, billed annually, with a user allowance of three. You get all the features in the Basic plan plus opportunities, punchlists and the ability to accept payments online. Integrations are now available at this plan including Google Calendar, Outlook Calendar and Stripe. It's at this plan level that you get access to live chat support and private training but you're only allowed two hours of private training.

Plus

According to Contractor Foreman, the Plus plan is the most popular option but this makes sense because it's the plan that includes the majority of features without some more specialized or specific features you may not need. In addition to getting everything from the Standard plan, you also get daily logs, change orders, RFIs, scheduling and bids. This plan costs \$125 per month, billed annually, and allows up to eight users.

Pro

If your team is slightly larger, the Pro plan may be a better fit because it allows up to 15 users on the plan and costs \$166 per month, billed annually. There are a few more benefits to upgrading to this higher tier of Contractor Foreman. You get AIA invoicing support, four hours of private training and a client portal.

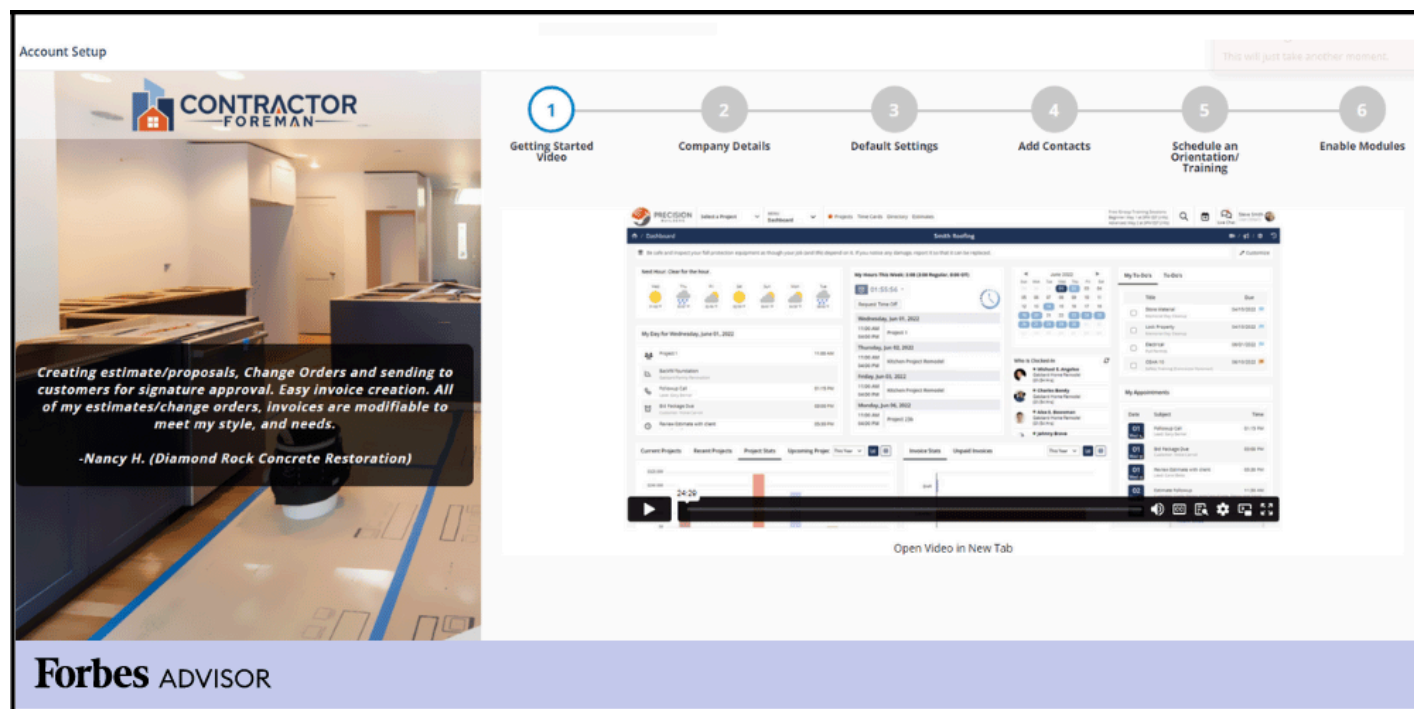
Unlimited

For large businesses that have more than 15 employees who need access to the platform, there's the Unlimited plan. It costs \$249 per month, billed annually. You get every feature available for Contractor Foreman and you're locked into the price regardless of new features added, of which you'll have access to all. This is also the only plan that allows for QuickBooks Desktop integration.

Contractor Foreman Setup and Customization

One of the most daunting tasks in Contractor Foreman is setting it up. We like that the company includes how-to and introduction videos to help with the process. There are so many settings, options and information you need to adjust or add that

we followed the on-screen prompts that took us through setup. If you skip these steps, you may find yourself contacting support often to ask if they have a specific feature or how to find something. Once we were set up with the basics, we found that each module had its own set of steps we needed to follow to set those sections up. Also, we realized that everything is customizable from what you see on your dashboard to how you number cost codes. Setup is a lengthy and tedious process but once it's done, you shouldn't have to worry about it again.



Contractor Foreman Ease of Use

Overall, we'd say Contractor Foreman is easy to use though not intuitive at times. Eventually, we were able to find the feature, setting or icon we needed but it takes multiple clicks or windows don't work as expected. For example, opening a task or to-do is easy enough but there's no intuitive way to close the task to get back to the project. Viewing a contact in the directory is easy: click on the eye icon to view. However, our first instinct was to simply click on the name or the center of the bar—not mouse all the way to the right to click on one button.

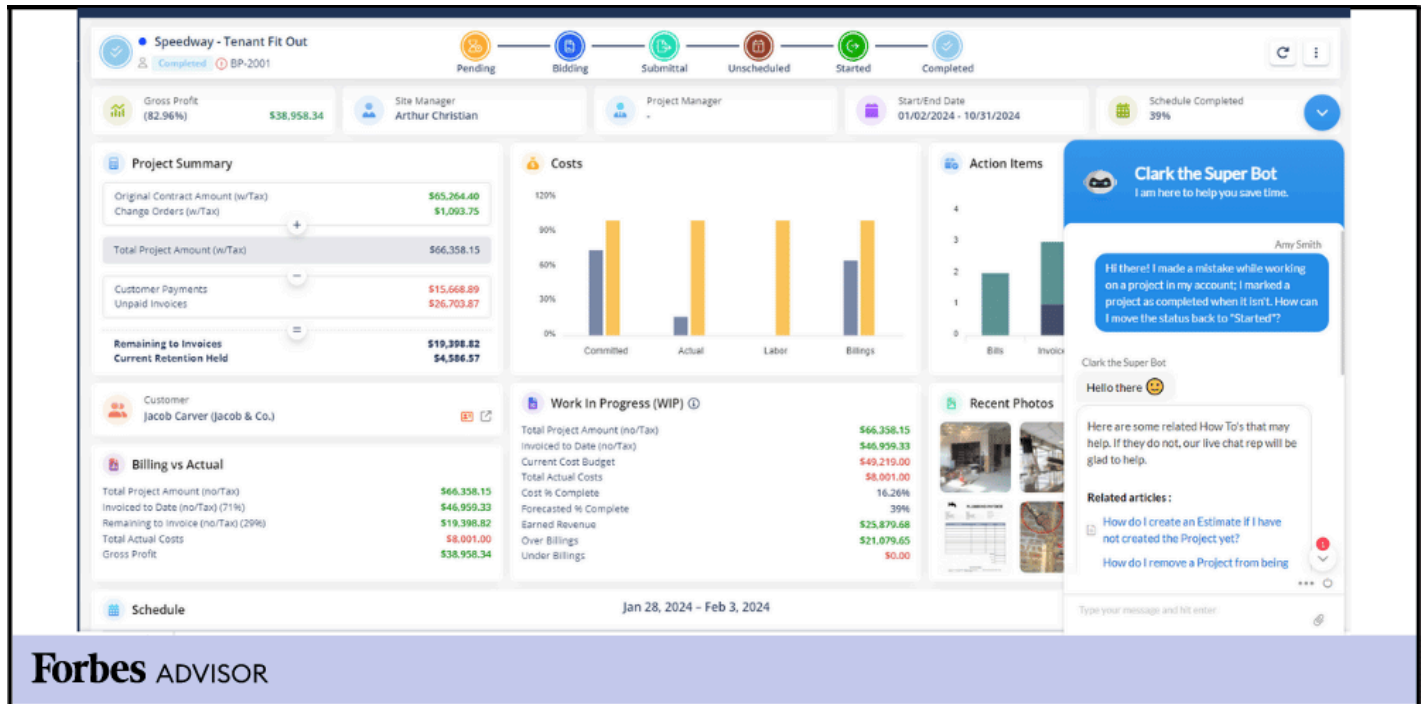
Contractor Foreman Security

As is the case with any software as a service, you want to ensure your data is safe with the company. Contractor Foreman keeps all data on Amazon Web Servers. As far as permissions go, that's up to you. As admin, you have the ability to restrict or grant access to files, data and projects at your discretion.

Contractor Foreman Customer Service and Support

One of the most surprising things we learned about Contractor Foreman is that it doesn't have the best documentation for self-guided help. Instead, it relies on walk-through videos and training to help you learn how to use its software. There is a knowledge base you can use to try to find the question you have and an answer from the software's support team. Otherwise, you can send in a ticket or contact support via live chat.

Live chat is available 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET. We contacted support with a question about the software and our first interaction was with a bot. Only minutes after requesting a chat with a live agent we were connected. Our question was answered within about



Additional Features

Although we typically use this section to talk about uncommon features, we're only going to spotlight one of those. We also want to draw attention to one of the most misunderstood policies of Contractor Foreman so you know what to expect.

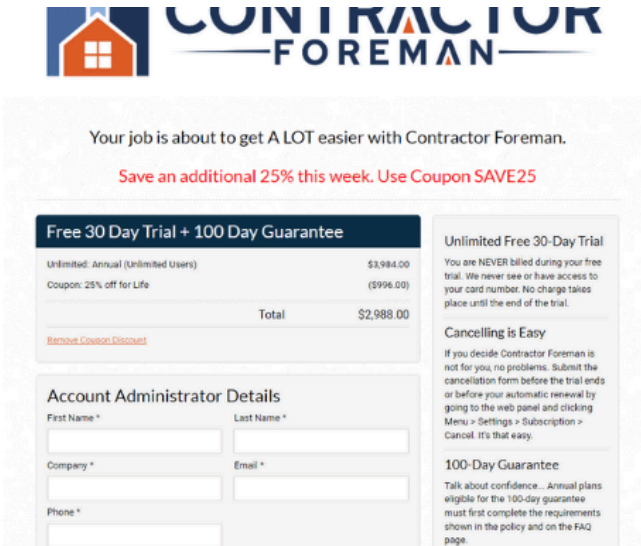
Online Payments

Most of the construction management software meant for small businesses include the ability to accept payments online but this isn't always the case for the bigger software companies. You can integrate Stripe and accept payments from clients from your phone or tablet. This option is only available on Standard plans and higher. The Basic plan allows you to record in-person payments (cash, check, etc.).

Cancellation

Contractor Foreman gives you 30 days to test its software, which is a generous free trial. However, it requires you to enter your payment information and sign up for the plan you want to try. The company assures you in its documentation that you won't be charged before 30 days are up. If you cancel before that 30-day mark, you should not see a charge from the company at all.

If you choose to go forward with a subscription, you will be charged and your 100-day guarantee begins, which is where a lot of confusion seems to live. You have to complete private training before the company will grant a refund and release you from your contract. You won't get 100% of your money back; the amount you get back is based on when you request a refund. Earlier is better, but you only have five days to get 75% back, less than 30 days for 50% back and so on.



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Contractor Foreman Alternatives and How They Compare

	Contractor Foreman	Buildertrend	Fieldwire	Houzz Pro
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Starting Price	\$49 per month	\$449 per month	\$39 per user per month	\$85 per month
Free Trial	30 days	X	Free plan	30 days
Project Management	✓	✓	✓	✓
Resource Management	✓	X	X	X
Cost Items	✓	✓	X	✓
BIM Viewer	X	X	✓	X
Change Orders	✓	✓	✓	✓
RFIs	✓	✓	✓	X
Budgeting	✓	✓	X	✓

When you compare Contractor Foreman to some of the most popular construction management software for small businesses, you'll quickly see that it wins in most categories. However, there are plenty of businesses that don't need all the features that Contractor Foreman provides, so it may be a better option to choose one with fewer or more niche features. Here we compare a handful of some of the options in the industry.

Contractor Foreman includes more features and flexibility than Buildertrend. Though Buildertrend’s client portal is excellent and the software overall is a great pick for residential builders.

Contractor Foreman vs. Fieldwire

Comparing Contractor Foreman to Fieldwire seems like it makes sense: They have similar price points and many of the same features but there are some big differences. Fieldwire includes a BIM viewer, which is important if you want to provide or use 3D drawings for plans (either for staff or clients); Contractor Foreman doesn’t offer this feature. However, Fieldwire doesn’t include specific tools for finances, so there are no bidding, estimates, proposals or budgeting features.

Contractor Foreman vs. Houzz Pro

It’s difficult to compare Contractor Foreman to Houzz Pro because they aren’t in the same league or even for the same customer. Houzz Pro focuses more on marketing and securing jobs for smaller outfits and doesn’t provide the same management or construction features that Contractor Foreman offers.

Who Is Contractor Foreman Best For?

Given the robust feature set and affordable pricing, Contractor Foreman is a good fit for any size GC or trade partner. You can manage just about anything you need.

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Our Experience/Expert Take

equipment, projects, finances and documentation all from one source.

We didn't love everything about it. Sometimes it wasn't obvious how we should interact with the interface. Setup is a long process and while having everything customizable offers great flexibility, it could be overwhelming if you're new to this type of construction management software. To combat that, we suggest taking full advantage of any training included in your package. Also, the cancellation policy is rigid but the team has good intentions; Contractor Foreman's team knows it has a good product but it takes time to learn how to use it to its full potential.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- + **Does Contractor Foreman integrate with QuickBooks?**
 - + **What does Contractor Foreman do**
 - + **Does Contractor Foreman have an open API?**
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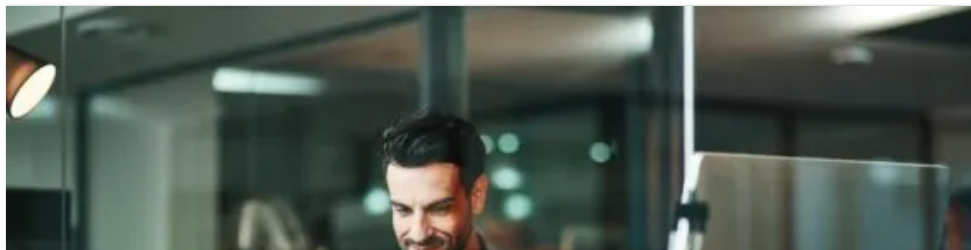
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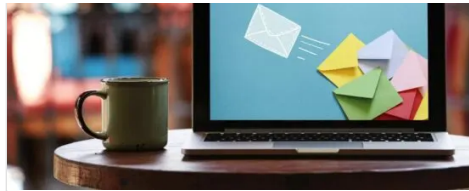
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