
CHAPTER 6 IMPORT PROJECT FROM ESTIMATOR

Export Project from Estimator

This section explains how to export a project from Estimator so it can be imported into AASHTOWare Project Preconstruction.

1. Log into Estimator (*Figure 1*) using these credentials.

User name: **user**

Password: **password**



Figure 1

2. Open the project in Estimator

File | Open

Browse to and select project

OR

Select the project from the “recent projects” list (*Figure 2*).

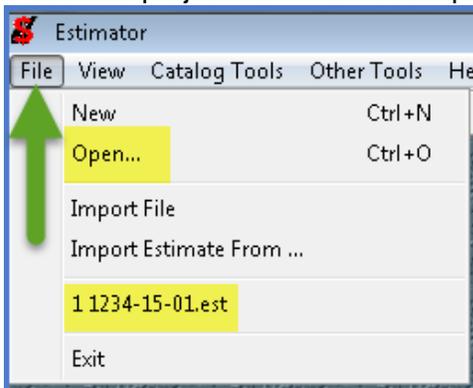


Figure 2



3. Select **File | Export Estimate File** (Figure 3).

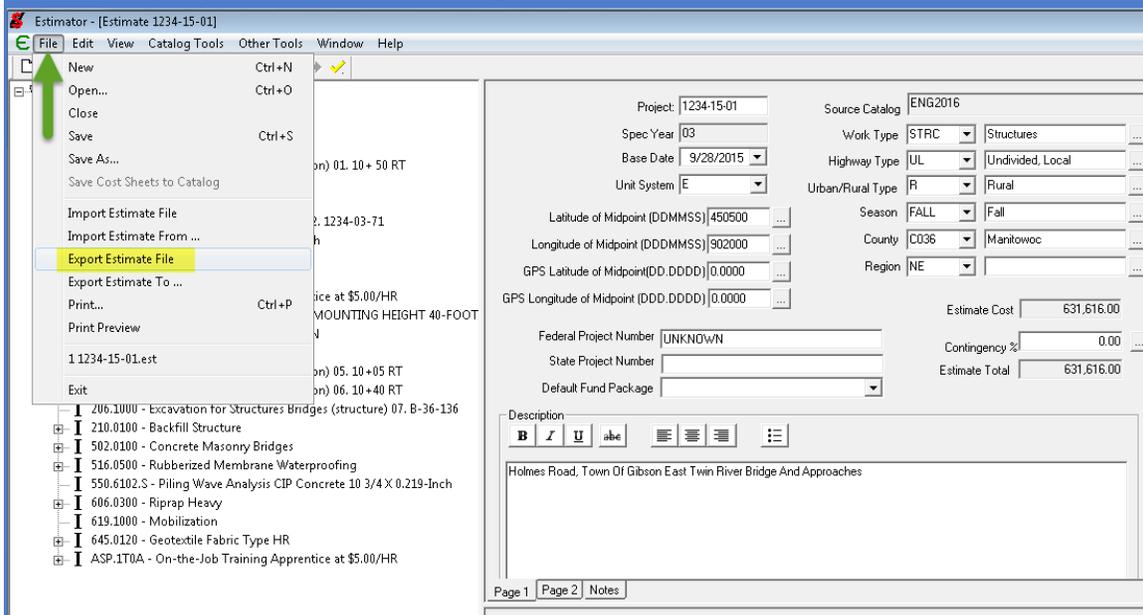


Figure 3

4. When the *Export As* window appears, save the Estimator export file to a folder on your region server, consultant server, local PC hard drive (Figure 4). Save the project as an XML estimate file with the project number plus the “ToPrecon” suffix. (Example: 1234-15-01ToPrecon.xml). Click **<Save>**.

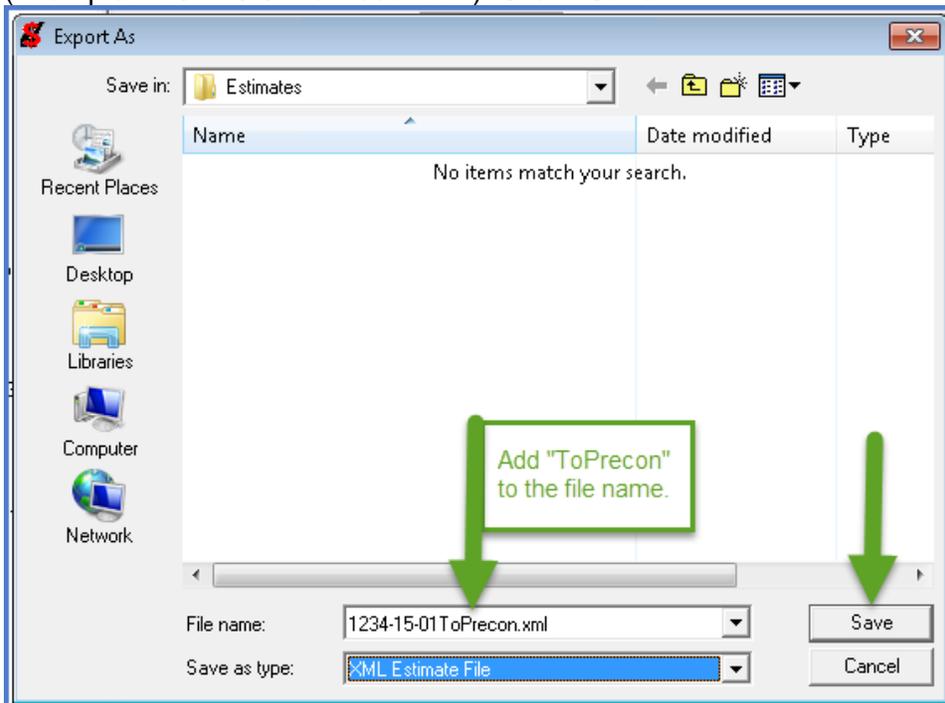
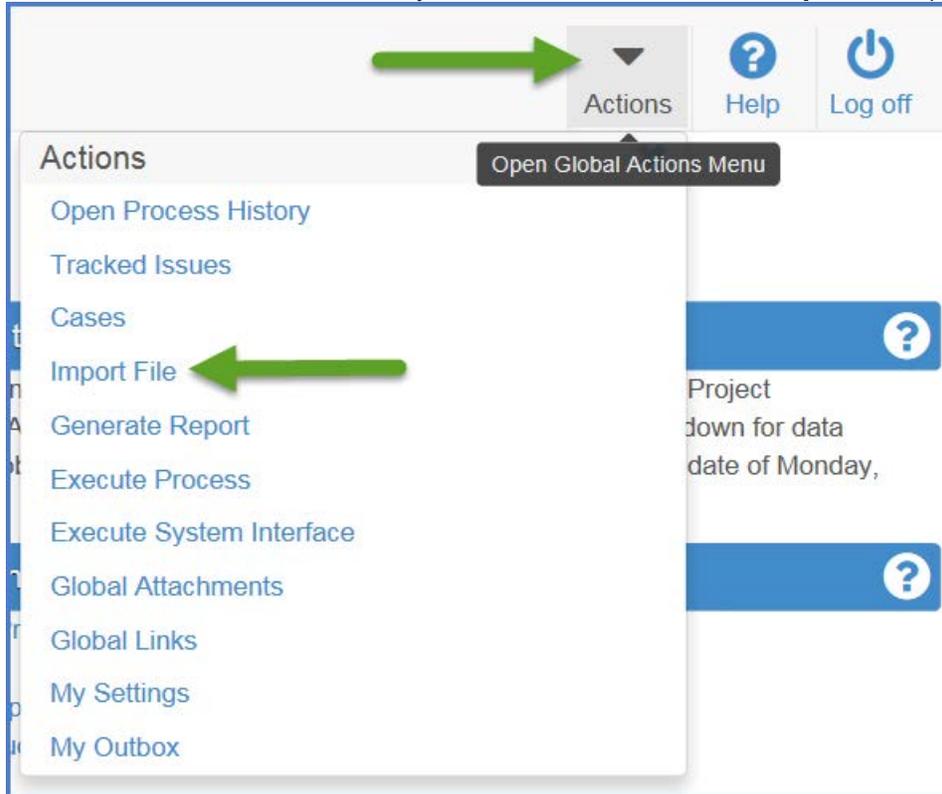


Figure 4

Import Project into AASHTOWare Project Preconstruction

This section explains how to import the Estimator project into AASHTOWare Project Preconstruction.

1. After initial system logon and role selection within AASHTOWare Project Preconstruction, select the **Global Actions** arrow from your dashboard and select **Import File** (Figure 5).



(Figure 5)

2. On the Import component, click **<Select File...>** (Figure 6).

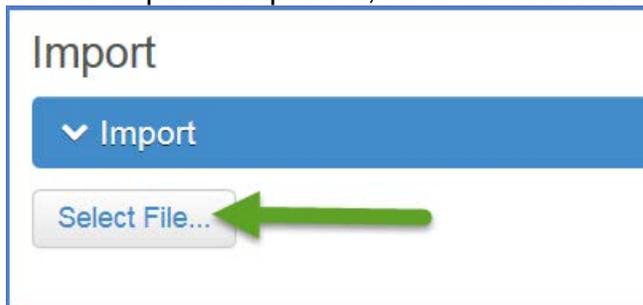


Figure 6

3. Browse to the Estimator project file, highlight the project and click <Open> (Figure 7.)

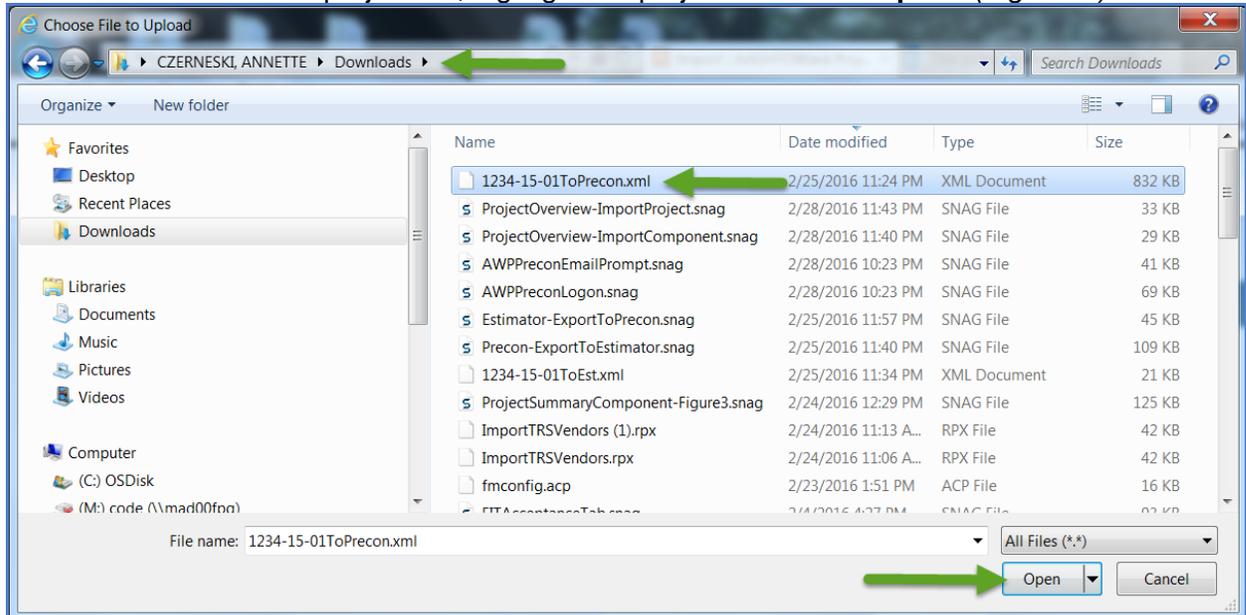


Figure 7

4. On the Estimator Import component (Figure 8) review the following sections prior to importing the project.
 - a. **Action - Import Project**
NOTE: At this time we are not using the 'Checkin Project', 'Checkin Proposal' or 'Import Contract Progress Schedule Projection using XML File' actions.
 - b. **Options**
Select the appropriate import option if you are importing a project that already exists in the system. This is based on projects that originated in FIIPS and uploaded to AASHTOWare Project Preconstruction.
NOTE: Exceptions would be Performance Based Maintenance (PBM), Local Force Account (LFA), Emergency (EM), or Design Bid Build (DBB) projects.
 - i. **“Update existing items and ignore blanks”**
This option is selected by default and the option that designers are most likely to use. Fields in the Estimator import file that contain data are imported into the project; fields that are blank in the Estimator import file are ignored and project data is not overwritten.
 - ii. **“Update the existing items and blanks overwrite”**
Fields in the Estimator import file that contain data are imported into the project; fields that are blank in the Estimator import file are imported into the project which could potentially overwrite existing information with a blank field.
 - iii. **“Delete all existing items before loading” – See Important Notes below**
This option deletes all existing items in the project before it imports the new project file.
 - iv. **** “Delete project before loading” – See Important Notes below**
To delete the entire project record before it imports the new project file.
 - c. Click <Import> to complete the import process.



NOTES:

- Because the information is deleted before loading, if you choose the option to “**Delete all existing items before loading**” or “**Delete the project before loading**”, the system deletes the items and project even if an error is subsequently detected in the incoming project data and the import process fails.
- Any data imported from FIIPS will be lost if the “**Delete all existing items before loading**” or “**Delete the project before loading**” options are selected.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Import" with a yellow warning bar at the top that says "There are unsaved changes." Below the title bar is a blue header with "Estimator Import" and an "Import" button with a dropdown arrow and a help icon. A "Select File..." button is visible. The main content area shows a file named "1234-15-01ToPrecon.xml" (851514 bytes). Under the "Action" section, there are four radio button options: "Import Project" (selected), "Checkin Project", "Checkin Proposal", and "Import Contract Progress Schedule Projection using xml file". The "Name" field contains "1234-15-01" and the "Description" field contains "Holmes Road, Town Of Gibson East Twin River Bridge And Approaches". Under the "Options" section, there are four radio button options: "Update existing items and ignore blanks" (selected), "Update existing items and blanks overwrite", "Delete all existing items before loading", and "Delete project before loading". Three green arrows with letters 'a', 'b', and 'c' point to the "Action" section, the "Options" section, and the "Import" button respectively.

Figure 8