



## **BIDDING COST CHECKLIST**

### Hard Costs

- Power (This may take a month or two to really get an accurate reading)
- Welding Wire
- Welding Gas (If you use gas)
- Safety Gear (gloves, mask lenses, etc.)

### Individual Job Costs

- Materials Costs For The Project

During the design process it is crucial that you note every component that will be used. For items like raw steel that are sold in 20' sticks but priced by the foot, **make sure you calculate your pricing for buying the whole 20' stick.** Few suppliers are willing to cut off a piece and charge you only for what you used. All suppliers are willing to cut off a piece and charge you for the whole thing plus a cutting fee.

Also, **don't forget about the tax,** unless you have a Tax ID #. Most people forget about the sales tax when pricing the materials.

Do your best to calculate shipping costs if you're ordering components elsewhere. You can call for the costs but it usually takes them a while to get it to you.

- Labor Costs (will you need help - how much - will you pay hourly or by the day)
- Tools (will any specialty tools be needed - rent/buy)
- Supplies (grinding discs, primer, paint, mounting hardware, etc.)
- Transportation & Installation  
**How are you going to get your creation to where it needs to be?** Do you have truck, if so, how much gas will it take. Do you need to rent a truck or trailer?

As far as installation goes, if your installing something like a heavy balcony, you're probably going to need to rent a raisable platform like a Genie Lift. These things are very important to think of since they're usually pricy to rent and you don't want that coming out of your pocket.