Abstract: A system and method for conducting business to optimize the performance of construction project agreements to the benefit of an owner and a manufacturer. An agent enters into business arrangements with entities involved in a construction project in order to provide manufacturer product pricing to an owner, while increasing the manufacturer’s overall market share in the particular project.
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