

Free customer worksheet bundle

Metal Building Planning Kit

Use this kit before you request a quote, compare estimates, or book a project review. The goal is simple: clarify the building, the site, the budget scope, and the quote assumptions before money or time gets wasted.



Best use

Fill this out when you know the property and rough use, but you are still deciding size, openings, site readiness, or whether a quote is apples-to-apples.

What to send Steven

ZIP code, intended use, rough size, timeline, site photos, pad or slab notes, and any competing quote details that look unclear.

Quick start

- 01 Start with the project planner on page 2.
- 02 Use the site-readiness and budget checks on page 3 before scheduling or assuming what is included.
- 03 Use the quote comparison worksheet on page 4 before choosing the lowest number.
- 04 Book a 15-minute building plan review when the project is real enough to price but still has open questions.

Project Planner

Write down enough detail to make the first quote conversation useful. Perfect specs are not required, but vague inputs create weak quotes.

Project ZIP / city / state

Primary use: garage, shop, RV cover, storage, farm, business, other

Rough size: width x length x height

Timeline: ASAP, 0-30 days, 1-3 months, 3-6 months, researching

Budget range or comfort zone

Must-have openings: roll-up doors, walk-in doors, windows, lean-to, clearance

Use-case questions

- What needs to fit inside or under the building?
- Will vehicles, trailers, lifts, or equipment need turn-in room?
- Is enclosed storage more important than open covered access?
- Will this building need expansion, office space, or heavier daily use later?

Sizing checks

- Width: does the door and parking layout actually work?
- Length: is there room for storage, work benches, or future needs?
- Height: are RVs, lifts, trailers, or equipment clearance handled?
- Openings: do doors and windows support the daily workflow?

Site And Budget Reality

A metal building quote is only useful when the site and scope assumptions are visible. Use this page to catch the common missing pieces.

Site readiness checklist

- Land or site location is known enough to review region and local requirements.
- Pad, slab, or installation surface is planned or already in place.
- Access path has room for delivery, crew movement, and equipment where needed.
- Drainage, slope, trees, fences, utilities, and nearby structures have been considered.
- Permit, drawings, and local building department questions are identified early.
- Useful photos show the whole footprint and working room around it.

Budget scope map

- Building shell package
- Delivery or freight assumptions
- Installation or erection labor
- Concrete, pad, grading, or site prep
- Doors, windows, insulation, trim, anchors, and accessories
- Permits, engineering, drawings, inspections, or local requirements

Budget warning

Do not compare one quote that includes delivery, installation, doors, and site assumptions against another quote that only shows a shell package. The Planning Kit is meant to make those differences visible.

Questions to ask before the number feels real

What local loads or codes affect this project? What site work is outside the building package? What changes the price later? What has to be confirmed before contract, deposit, delivery, or install scheduling?

Quote Comparison Worksheet

Use this before choosing a quote. The goal is not to make every quote identical. The goal is to know what each number really includes.

Scope / Item	Quote A	Quote B	Unknown / notes
Size, height, roof style			
Gauge, framing, certification			
Doors, windows, openings			
Insulation, trim, accessories			
Delivery / freight			
Install / erection labor			
Concrete / site prep			
Permits / drawings / engineering			
Warranty and exclusions			

Send this for review

If you already have a quote, send the quote, your ZIP code, intended use, and any site notes. Steven can help identify what is clear, missing, or worth asking about.

Book a plan review

Use a 15-minute review when you want a clear next step before spending time on the wrong building path. Book at scheduler.zoom.us/metal-america/design-pricing-call.