## Northwestern | FACILITIES CONNECT

#### **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**



All Users

## **ESTIMATE REQUEST PROCESS**



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#### **DOCUMENT SUMMARY**

This job guide provides step-by-step instruction for the complete Estimate Request process in Facilities Connect, from submitting the initial Estimate Request to the request to Preform the Estimated Work.

The purpose of this document is to serve as guided reference and/or new hire training on building equipment asset functionality.

#### **VERSION INFORMATION (THIS DOCUMENT)**

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Owner **NU Facilities** 

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#### ▼ GETTING STARTED

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#### **Understanding Estimate Types**

There are two types of initial estimate requests. Choose the one that most closely reflects your need.

#### **Budgetary Allowance Cost Estimate**

- There is **NO** fee and a Chartstring is **NOT** required.
- Presents a high-level range of expected costs and timelines, based on similar work.
- Appropriate for determining if the project will align with the available funding or schedule.
- Provided based on the customer's description of the scope without a site visit, investigation, or contractor engagement.
- Operations may return request for a more detailed estimate.
- The Detailed Construction Estimate can be requested after receiving the initial BAC Estimate.

#### **Detailed Construction Estimate**

- A departmental charge associated, and a **Chartstring is required**.
- Developed with a greater level of detail, and very often with support from a design team and/or contractors.
- Intended to be used for finalizing a project budget and, while not guaranteed, is intended to present a more detailed and accurate cost estimate

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For most Facilities Connect Users, Request Central will appear on the Facilities Connect Home Screen. (A)

For Facilities Connect users with expanded Facilities Management responsibilities, Request Central will appear within the Requests Tab. (B)

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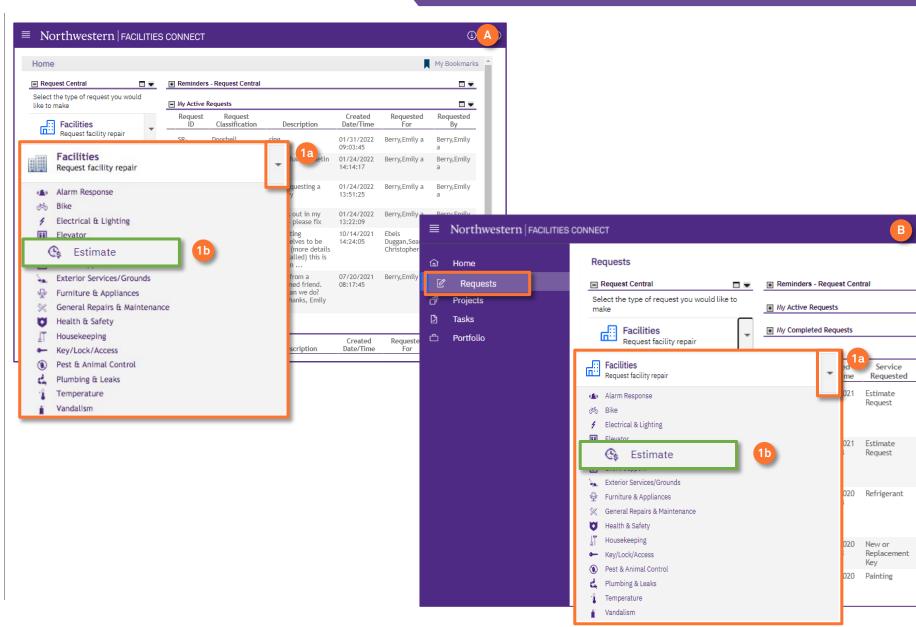
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**Budgetary Allowance Cost Estimate** 

From Request Central,

- 1) Ensure the toggle arrow is pointing down to reveal the available **Request Categories**.
- 2) Click on Estimate.

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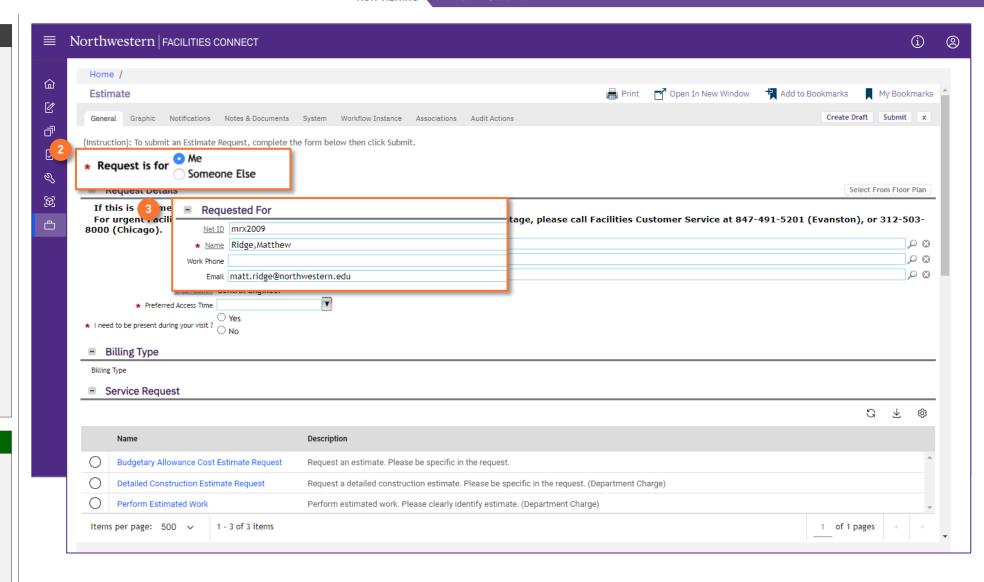
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- 2) If the request is for you, keep the **Me** radio button checked.
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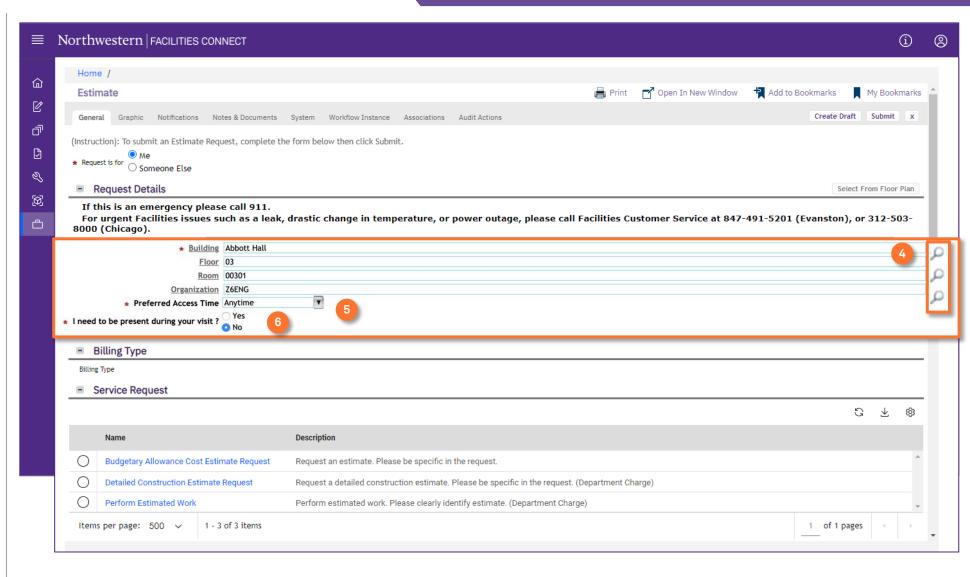
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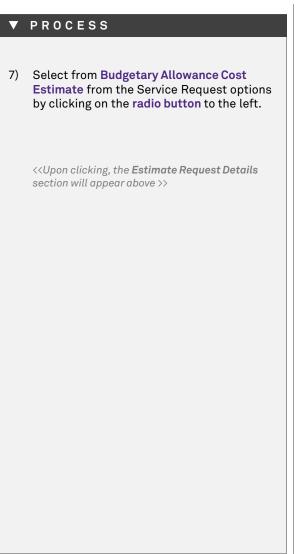


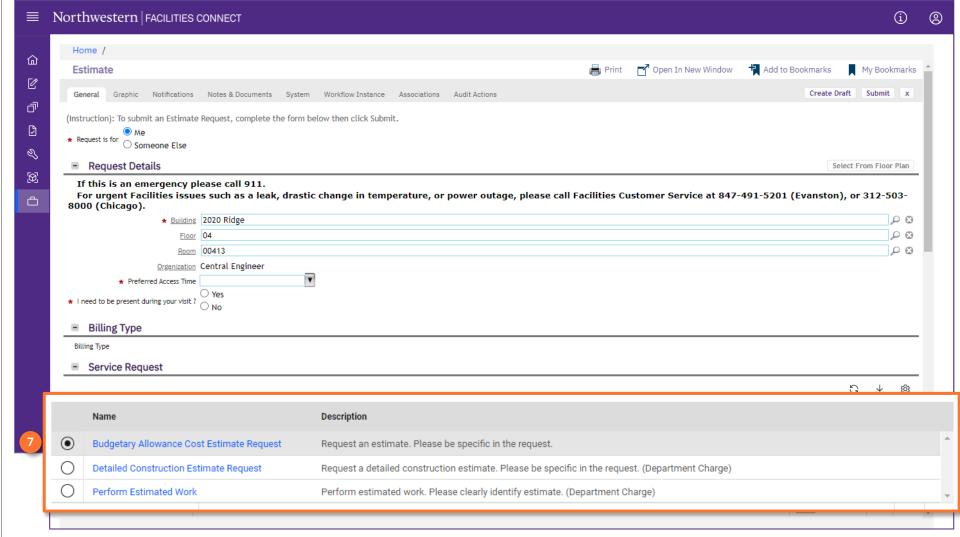


## **▼** PROCESS Click on the Search buttons and select a Building, Floor, and Room. Click on the Preferred Access Time dropdown menu and select a timeframe. Click on the Yes or No radio button to decided whether the Requestor needs to be present during the work.



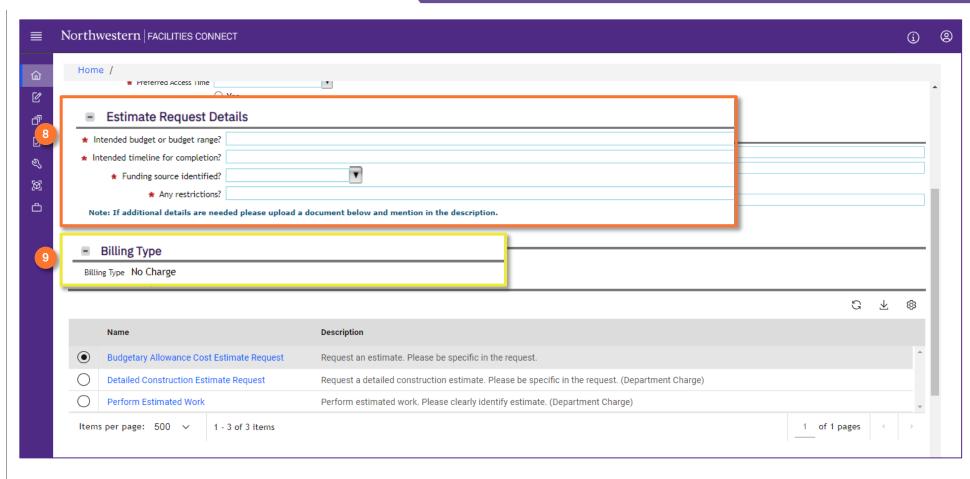








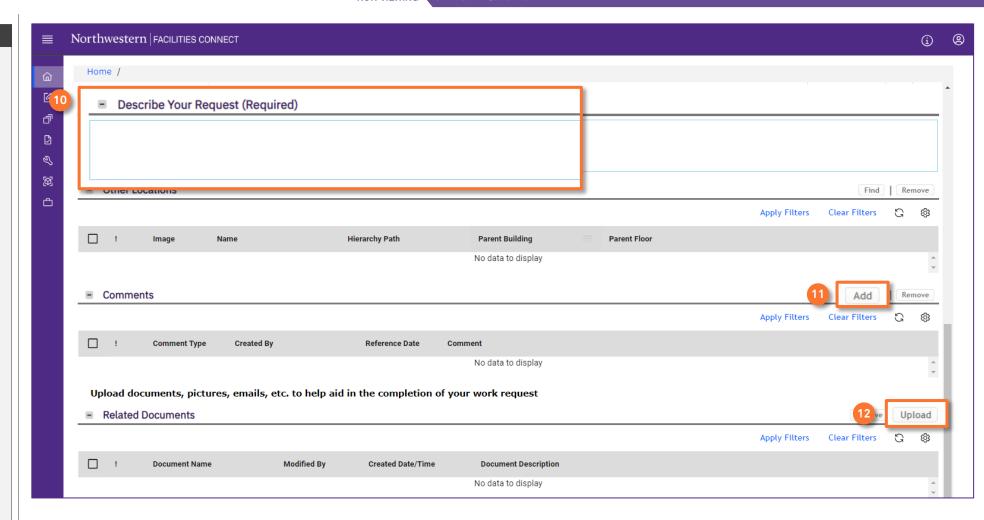
#### **▼** PROCESS In the Estimate Request Details section, complete the following information: Intended budget or budget range estimated amount to spend on entire project. Intended timeline for completion estimated date range from beginning to intended use. Funding source – select Yes or No from dropdown Restrictions - Any restrictions around implementing the work. For example: o if the work can only be performed outside of business hours o must be completed during a specific calendar window o if there are constraints around noise/vibration or other disruptions, etc. Please note that **NO** Chartstring is required.





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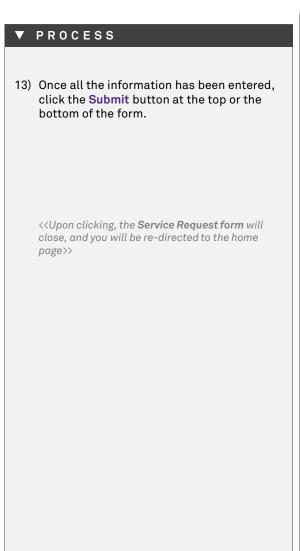
- 10) Fill in any additional details about the project or estimate in the **Description box.** Please provide <u>as much information as possible</u> on the intended scope of work.
- 11) If needed, use the Add button to insert additional comments.
- 12) If needed, use the **Upload** button to insert related documents, such photographs or sketches, that can help clarify the scope description.

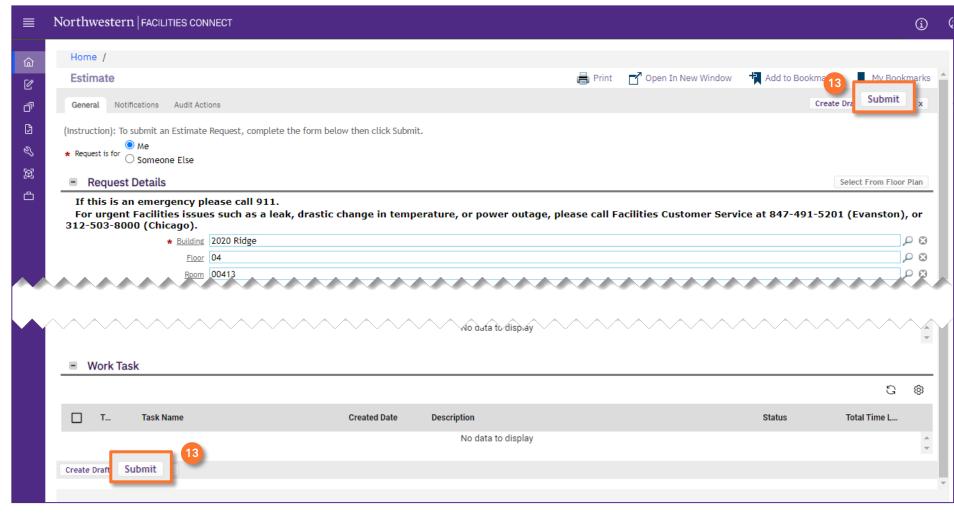




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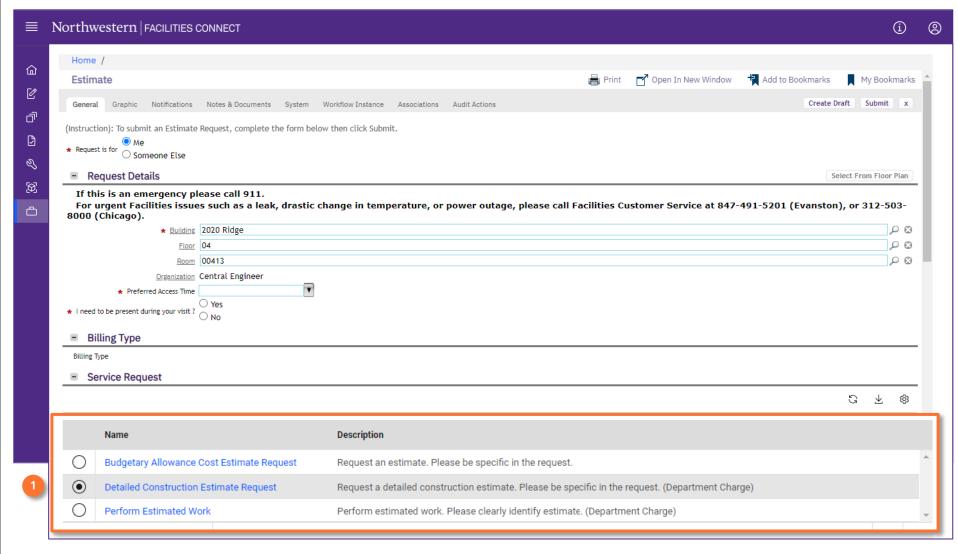
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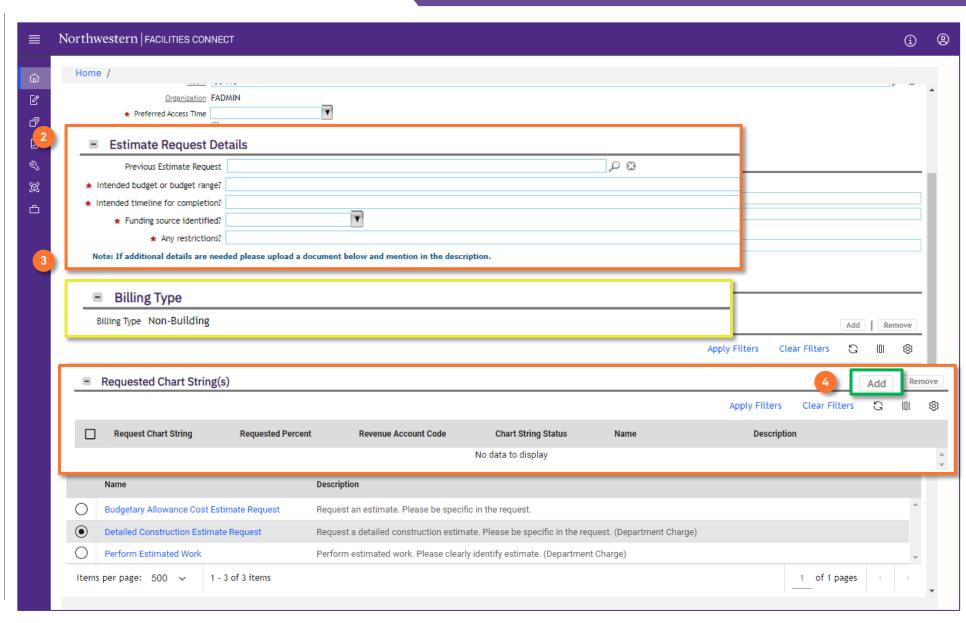
## **▼** PROCESS **Detailed Construction Estimate** To enter the second type of Estimate Request, complete the same steps as Process 1.2, except for the service request type: 1) Select from Detailed Construction Estimate from the Service Request options by clicking on the radio button to the left. <<Upon clicking, the Estimate Request Details section will appear above >>





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#### **▼** PROCESS In the Estimate Request Details section, complete the following information: Previous Estimate Request - use the Search button to locate any related requests entered previously. Intended budget or budget range estimated amount. Intended timeline for completion estimated date range. Funding source – select Yes or No from dropdown Restrictions - Any restrictions around implementing the work. For example: o if the work can only be performed outside of business hours o must be completed during a specific calendar window o if there are constraints around noise/vibration or other disruptions, etc. Please note that a Chartstring is required. Click the Add button to enter the Chartstring information in the request.



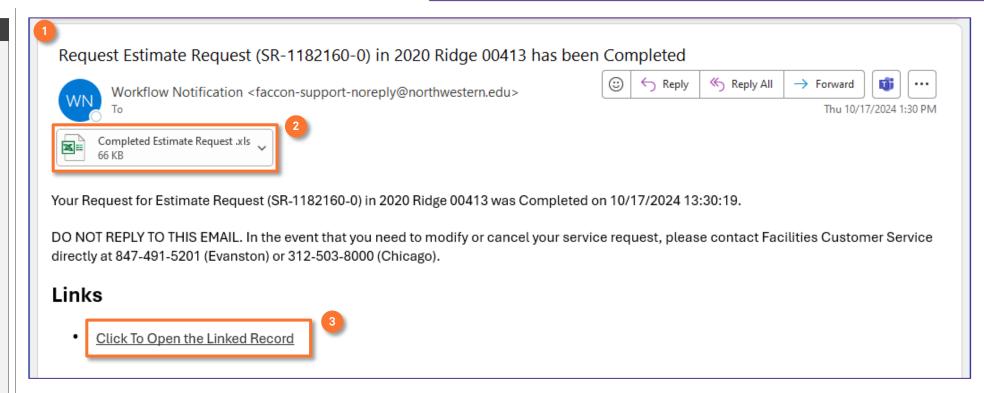
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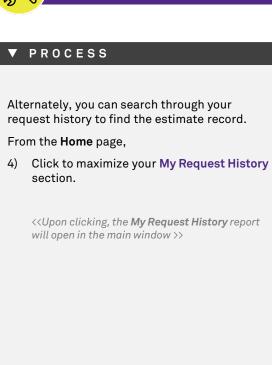
#### **Locate Completed Estimate**

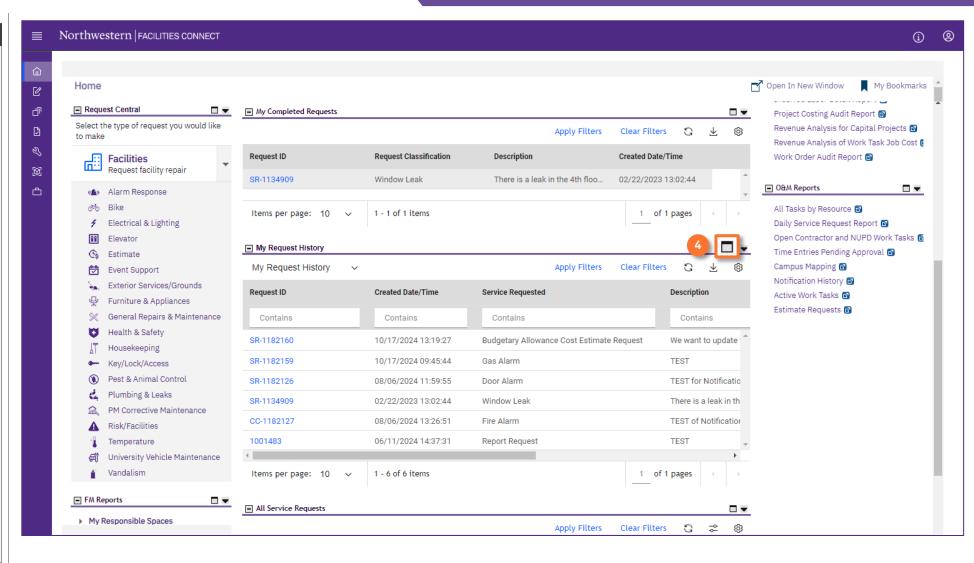
- 1) Once the appropriate shop has reviewed the estimate, you will receive an email notifying you that the request is complete.
- 2) The Estimate Request Form will be attached to that email.
- 3) For more information, you can click the link at the bottom of the email to open the Estimate Request record in Facilities Connect.





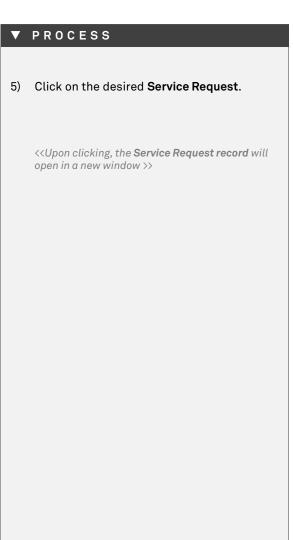
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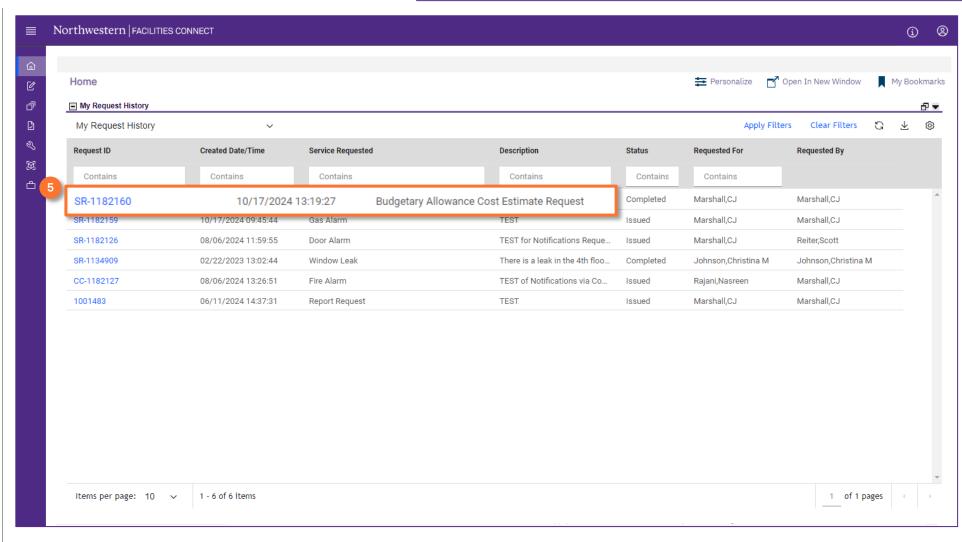






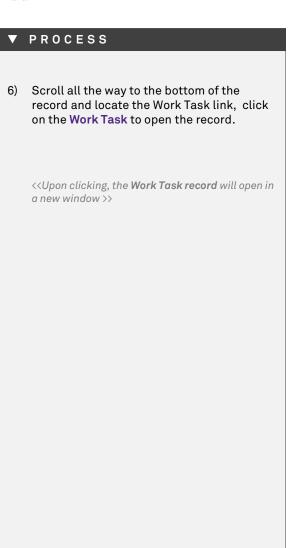
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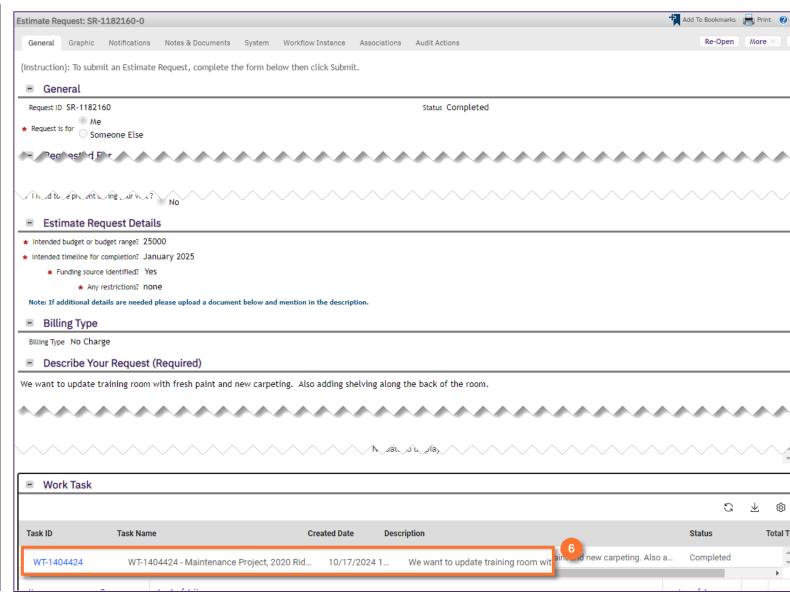






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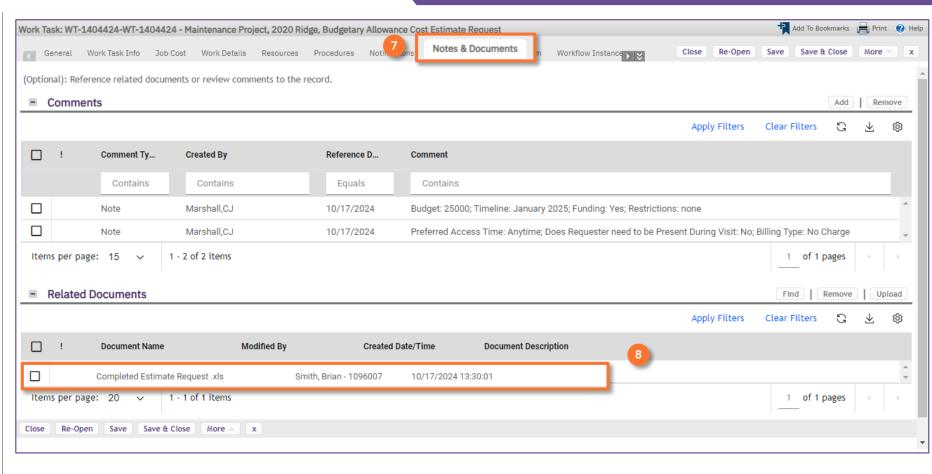






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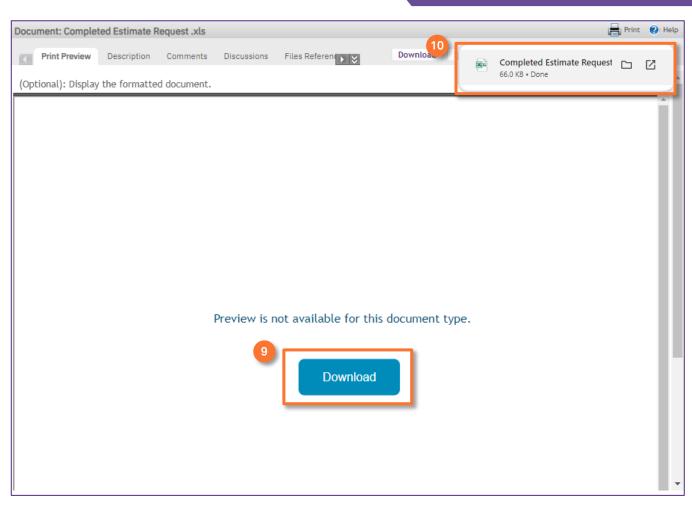
# **▼** PROCESS 7) Navigate to the Notes & Documents tab. Locate the Related Documents section and click on the Completed Estimate Form attached. << Upon clicking, the **Document download page** will open in a new window >>





NOW VIEWING ESTIMATE REQUEST RECORD

# **▼** PROCESS 9) Click on the Download button. 10) The document will appear in the upper right-hand corner. Click the document to open. << Upon clicking, the **Estimate Request Form** will open in a new window >>





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#### **Review the Estimate Request Form**

Requestor Instructions Tab

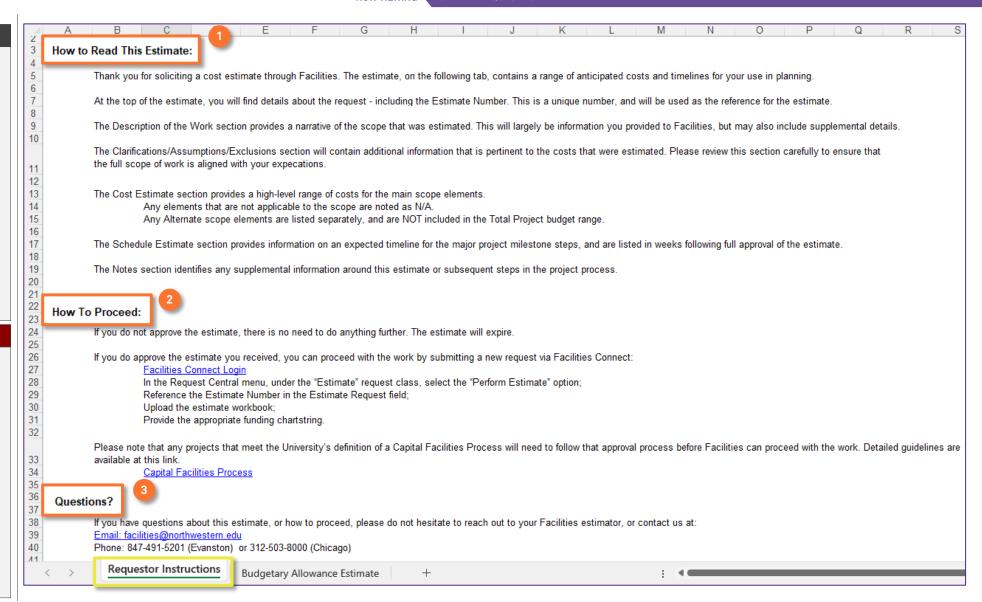
- 1) How to Read this Estimate: details about each section of the Estimate Form.
- How to Proceed: Next steps if you approve the estimate.
- 3) Questions: Facilities contact information.

#### ▼ IMPORTANT

If you do not wish to continue with completing the estimate work, simply save the completed form for your records.

The completed form will be valid for **90 days** if you decide to have the work completed at a later date.

Otherwise, a new **Estimate Request** will be required.





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#### **Review the Estimate Request Form**

#### Estimate Tab

- 4) Project Details: project information, including the Estimate Number. This is a unique number and will be used as the reference for the estimate.
- 5) Description of Work: provides a narrative of the scope that was estimated. This will largely be information you provided to Facilities but may also include supplemental details.
- 6) Clarifications/Assumptions/Exclusions: additional information that is pertinent to the costs that were estimated. Please review this section carefully to ensure that the full scope of work is aligned with your expectations.

#### Northwestern FACILITIES **BUDGETARY ALLOWANCE COST ESTIMATE** PROJECT: Training Room Refresh Estimate No.: 567891 Contact: CJ Marshall Date Prepared: 10/1/2024 Dept.: Business Infrastructure Building: 2020 Ridge Ave Bldg. no.: 8844 Phone: e-mail: **Room:** 404 Description of Work: Fresh paint and new carpenting. Also adding shelves along the back of the room Clarifications/Assumptions/Exclusions: standard paint to be used, carpeting and shelving to be purchased by NU preferred vendor, **Budgetary Range** Detailed Estimate, if Required Design Services 12,500 -Construction Costs 2.000 -Contingency Risk Permit Fees Management Fees & Shop Support 14,500 - \$ Total Project Alternates (Additional cost): Schedule Estimate (excluding alternates): Range of Weeks Construction Estimate Project Approval Design Construction Bidding **Budgetary Allowance Estimate** Requestor Instructions



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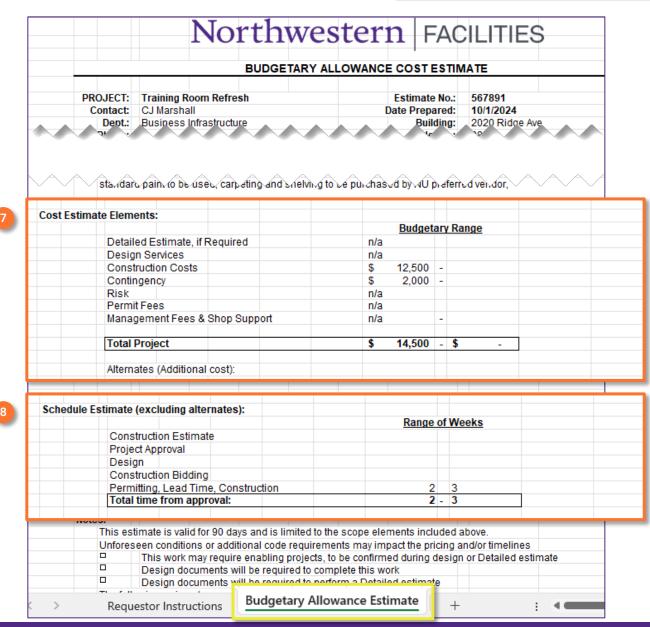
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#### **Review the Estimate Request Form**

#### Estimate Tab

- Cost Estimate Elements: provides a highlevel range of costs for the main scope elements.
  - Any elements that are not applicable to the scope are noted as N/A.
  - Any Alternate scope elements are listed separately, and are NOT included in the Total Project budget range.
- 8) Schedule Estimate: provides information on an expected timeline for the major project milestone steps and are listed in weeks following full approval of the estimate.





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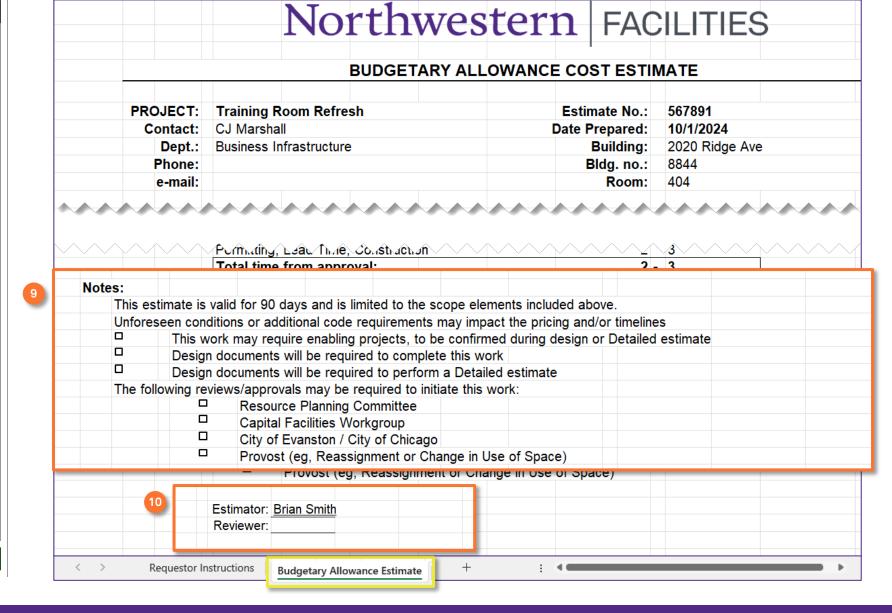
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#### **Fstimate Tab**

- Notes: identifies any supplemental information around this estimate or subsequent steps in the project process.
- **10) Estimator:** the shop personnel that completed the Estimate.



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**Review the Estimate Request Form** 

Full view of the Estimate Form

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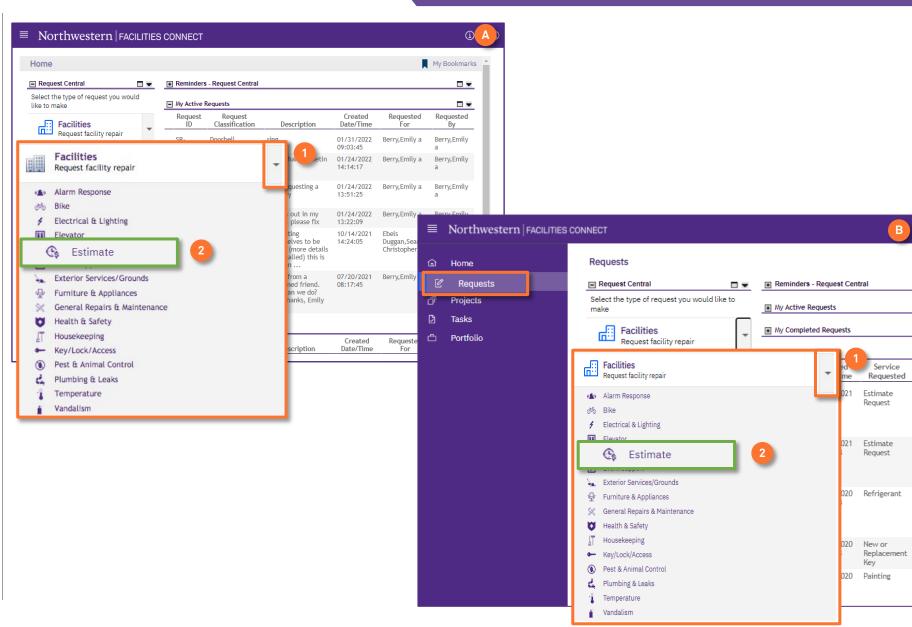
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#### **Perform Estimated Work Request**

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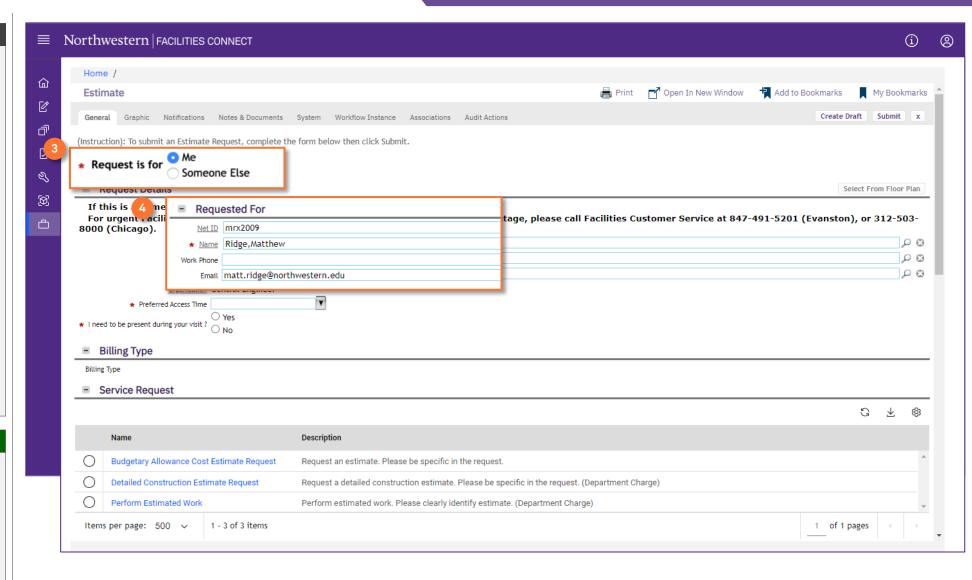
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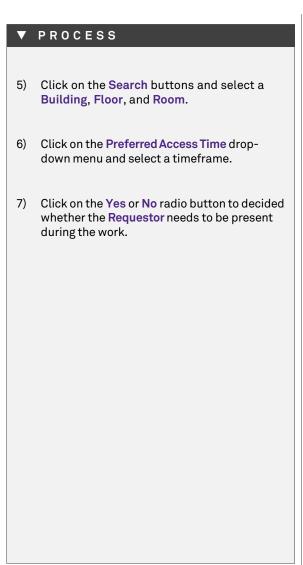
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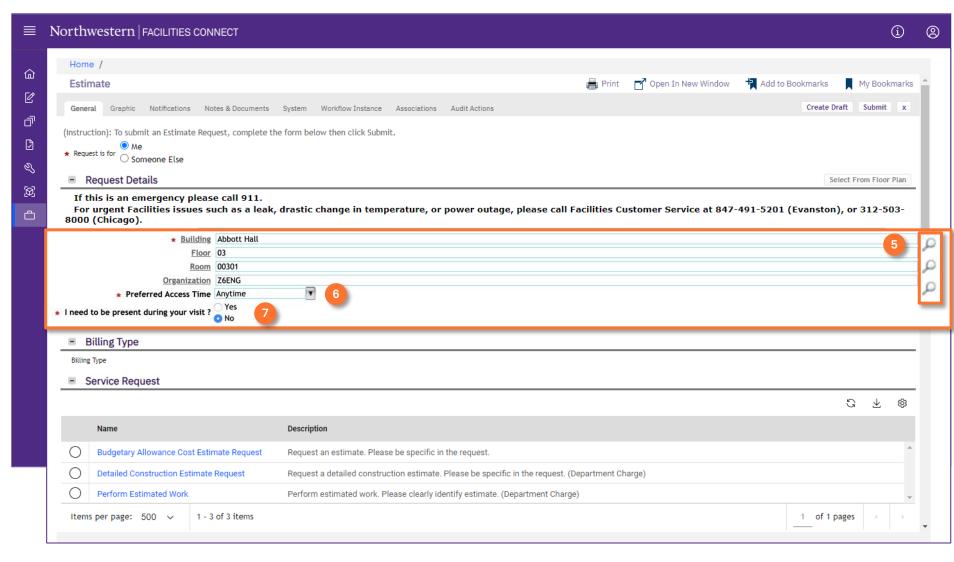
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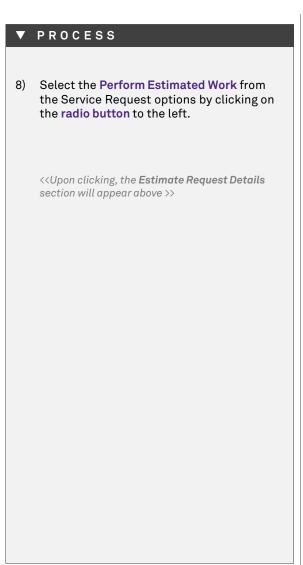
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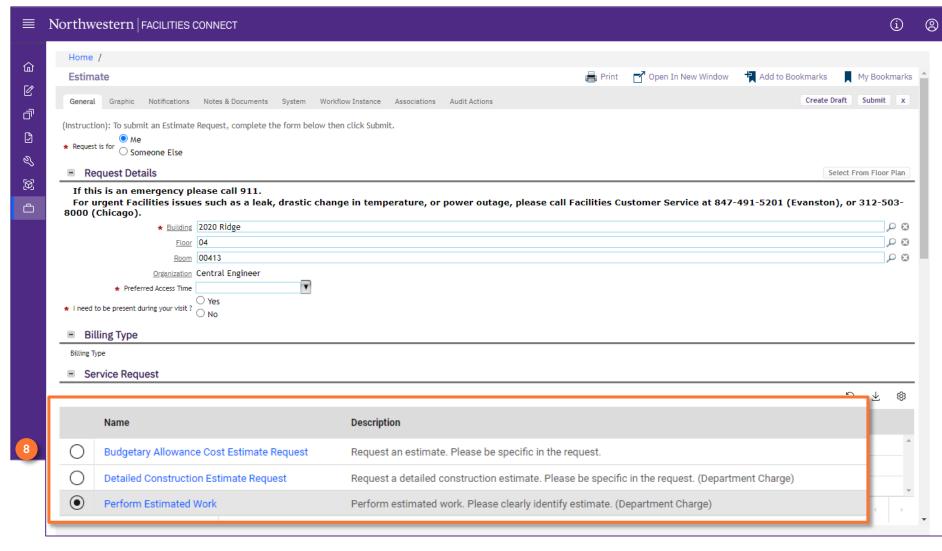






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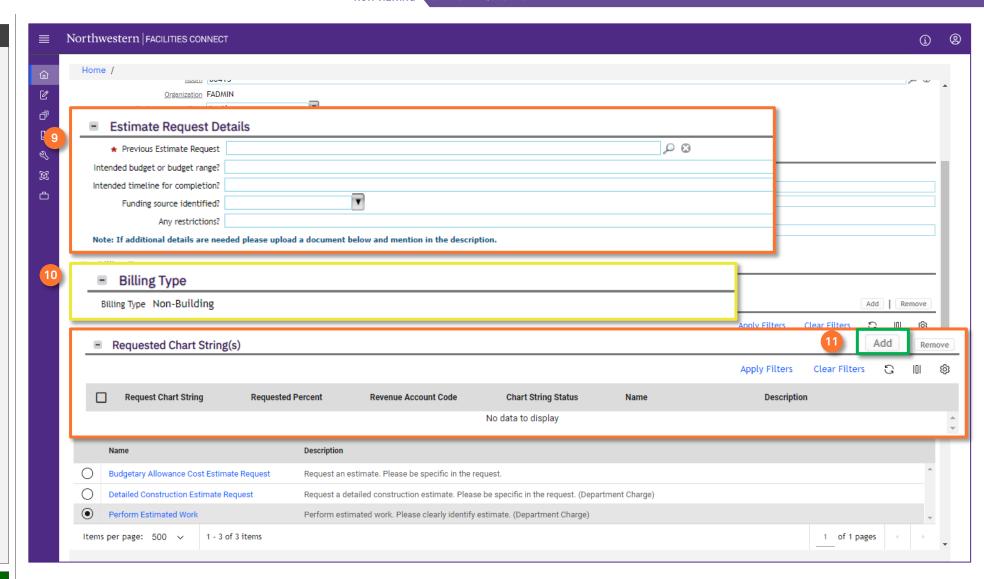
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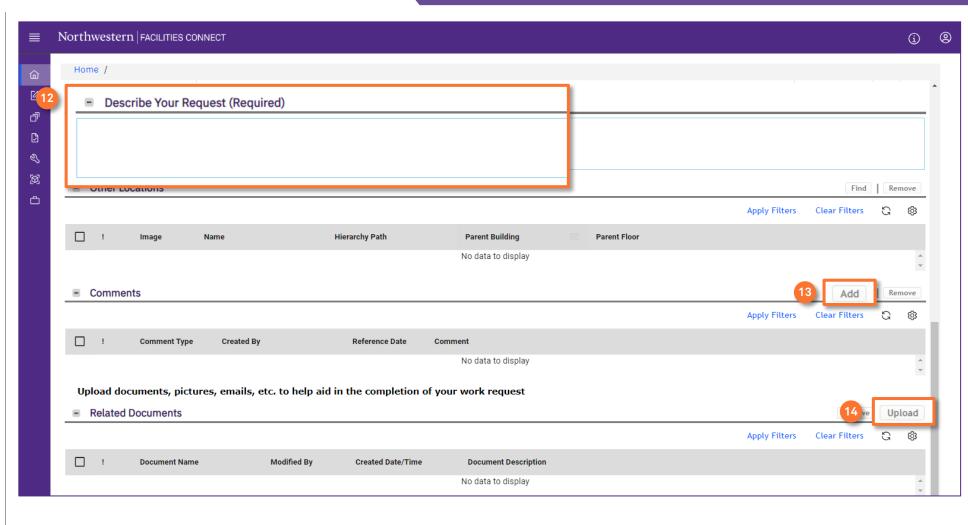
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- 10) Please note that a Chartstring is **required**.
- 11) Click the **Add** button to enter the Chartstring information in the request.







# **▼** PROCESS 12) Fill in any additional details about the project or estimate in the Description box. 13) If needed, use the Add button to insert additional comments. 14) If needed, use the Upload button to insert related documents.





## **▼** PROCESS 15) Once all the information has been entered, click the Submit button at the top or the bottom of the form. <<Upon clicking, the Service Request form will close, and you will be re-directed to the home page>> ► INFORMATION

If you have any questions on the Estimate
Request Process, reach out to Facilities
Customer Service at (847) 491-5201 (Evanston)
or (312) 503-8000 (Chicago).

