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CHECKLIST AND ILLUSTRATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS

.01 The checklist and illustrative financial statements included in this section are not designed to be applied to the financial statements of government contractors.

.02 The checklist and illustrative financial statements have been developed by the staff of the Technical Information Division of the AICPA as nonauthoritative technical practice aids. Readers should be aware of the following:

- The checklist and illustrative financial statements are "tools" and in no way represent official positions or pronouncements of the AICPA.
- The checklist and illustrative financial statements are to be used in conjunction with the "Checklists and Illustrative Financial Statements for Corporations" (FSP sections 2000—2600) and have been updated to include relevant accounting pronouncements through FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 122, FASB Interpretation No. 41, FASB Technical Bulletin No. 94-1, AICPA Statement of Position No. 95-1, AICPA Practice Bulletin No. 14, AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide, Audits of Construction Contractors (with conforming changes as of May 1, 1994), and FASB Emerging Issues Task Force consensuses reached through May 18-19, 1995. The checklist and illustrative financial statements should be modified, as appropriate, for subsequent pronouncements. In determining the applicability of a pronouncement, its effective date should also be considered.
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- The checklist and illustrative financial statements do not include all disclosures and presentation items
 promulgated. The referenced standards should be reviewed if clarification is needed to determine
 whether the disclosure indicated is required or suggested, and to what extent each disclosure is relevant
 to the statements being presented.

.03 Users of the checklist and illustrative financial statements are urged to refer directly to applicable authoritative pronouncements when appropriate. If you have further questions, call the AICPA Technical Hotline.

Note: This publication was extracted from sections 8,000 through 8,300 of the AICPA Financial Statement Preparation Manual (FSP).

Introduction

.01 The range of size and sophistication of companies in the construction industry has produced a variety of construction-type contracts and types of business enterprises that use them.

.02 The organizational structure, resources, and capabilities of contractors tend to vary with the type of construction activity.

.03 Common accounting and reporting practices by contractors include:

- The predominant practice is to present balance sheets with assets and liabilities classified as current and noncurrent on the basis of one year or the operating cycle. An unclassified balance sheet is also acceptable.
- Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings are classified as current assets, and billings in excess of
 costs and estimated earnings are classified as current liabilities.
- Net debit balances for certain contracts should not be offset against net credit balances of other unrelated contracts.
- Contractors frequently participate in joint ventures, corporations, and general or limited partnerships. These may be reported as investments or combined or consolidated in the financial statements.
- The percentage-of-completion method of contract accounting is preferable, but the completed-contract method is also acceptable in certain circumstances.
- The method of revenue recognition should be disclosed.
- A provision for losses on a contract should be made as soon as the losses become evident, regardless of the method of accounting for the contract, and reported as a liability or deducted from any related accumulated costs.
- Contractors are encouraged to present backlog information.

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Financial Statements and Notes Checklist

.01 This checklist has been developed by the staff of the Technical Information Division of the AICPA as a nonauthoritative practice aid and is to be used in conjunction with the "Checklists and Illustrative Financial Statements for Corporations" (FSP sections 2000—2600). This checklist has been developed especially for use in audits of construction contractors. Included are only the disclosures typically required in financial statements of construction contractors. Accordingly, users should carefully consider the need to modify the checklist for any additional disclosure requirements and/or reporting situations encountered during the engagement.

.02 For each item, place a check mark in the "Yes," "No," or "N/A" (not applicable) column. Add additional explanations such as "N/M" (not material) if necessary.

.03 Explanation of References:

AAG =	Reference to section number or appendix in AICPA Audit and Accordance Construction Contractors (with conforming changes as of May 1, 199	•	uide, At	ıdits of
AC =	Reference to section number in FASB Accounting Standards—Currer	nt Text		
APB =	AICPA Accounting Principles Board Opinion			
ARB =	AICPA Accounting Research Bulletin			
SFAS =	FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards			
SOP =	AICPA Statement of Position			
.04 Checklist Qu	uestionnaire			
		Yes	No	N/A

- General A. Accounting Policies 1. Is the method of reporting affiliates disclosed relative to: a. The consolidation policy when consolidated statements are presented? [ARB 51, par. 5 (AC C51.108)] b. Investments in joint ventures? [AAG, par. 6.21; APB 18, par. 20 (AC I82.110)] c. Other affiliates? [AAG, par. 6.21; APB 18, par. 20 (AC I82.110)] 2. If the operating cycle exceeds one year, is the range of contract durations disclosed? [AAG, par. 6.21] 3. Income recognition: a. Is the method of recognizing income (percentage-of-completion or completed-contract) disclosed? [AAG, par. 6.21; SOP 81-1 (AAG, App. A), par. 21] b. If the percentage-of-completion method is used, is the method of computing percentage of completion (such as cost to cost, labor hours, units of output, etc.) disclosed?
 - c. If the completed-conract method is used:

[AAG, par. 6.21; SOP 81-1 (AAG, App. A), par. 45]

		Yes	No	N/A
	(1) Is the reason for selecting that method disclosed? [AAG, par. 6.21]			
	(2) Are the criteria employed to determine substantial completion disclosed? [SOP 81-1 (AAG, App. A), par. 52]			
	d. Where applicable, is the policy with respect to combining or segmenting contracts disclosed? [SOP 81-1 (AAG, App. A), par. 21]			
	e. If the basic accounting policy is percentage-of-completion, but the completed-contract method is used for a single contract or group of contracts because the criteria for the use of percentage-of-completion are not present, is such a departure from the basic policy disclosed? [AAG, par. 2.06; SOP 81-1 (AAG, App. A), par. 25]			
4.	Is the following contract cost information disclosed:			
	a. The aggregate amount included in contract costs representing unapproved change orders, claims, or similar items subject to uncertainty concerning their determination or ultimate realization, in addition to a description of the nature and status of the principal items making up such aggregate amounts, and the basis on which such items are recorded (e.g., cost or realizable value)? [AAG, par. 6.21; SOP 81-1 (AAG, App. A), par. 65]			
	b. The amount of progress payments netted against contract costs at the date of the balance sheet? [AAG, par. 6.21]			
5.	If a loss on a contract is disclosed, is the:			
	a. Provision in the income statement included in contract cost (as opposed to a reduction in revenue) or shown separately as a component of the cost included in the computation of gross profit? [SOP 81-1 (AAG, App. A), par. 88]			
	b. Allowance in the balance sheet shown separately as either a liability (a current liability if a classified balance sheet) or deduction from the related accumulated costs? [SOP 81-1 (AAG, App. A), par. 89]			
6.	For costs deferred either in anticipation of future sales (pre-contract costs) or as a result of an unapproved change order, are the policy of deferral and the amounts involved disclosed? [AAG, par. 6.21]			
В.	Accounting Changes			
1.	For special changes requiring restatement, such as a change in method of accounting for long-term construction contracts, are the following disclosed:			
	a. Nature of the change?			
	b. Justification for the change?			
	c. Effect on income before extraordinary items and net income (and related earnings-per-share amounts, if applicable) in the period of the change for all periods presented? [APB 20, pars. 27—28 (AC A06.123—.124 and A35.114—.115)]			
C.	Related-Party Transactions and Economic Dependency			
1.	If it appears that there are affiliated members of a group under common control whose operations are closely interrelated and economically interdependent, are combined financial statements presented, unless consolidated financial statements are appropriate under ARB 51 and SFAS 94 (AC C51)? [AAG, par. 4.03]			
2.	If combined financial statements are presented, is the following information disclosed:			

		Yes	No	N/A
	a. A statement to the effect that the statements are not those of a separate legal entity?			
	b. The names and year-ends of the major entities included in the combined group?			
	c. The nature of the relationship between the companies?			
	d. The capital of each entity, either in detail by entity if the number of entities is small or, if detailed disclosure is not practicable, in condensed form with an explanation as to how the information was accumulated? [AAG, par. 4.04]			
D.	Contingencies and Commitments ¹			
	If backlog information is disclosed, are signed contracts on hand (whose cancellations are not anticipated) disclosed separately from letters of intent? [AAG, par. 6.23]			
2.	Are disclosure requirements of state statutes (such as "lien" laws restricting certain contract-related funds) considered? [AAG, par. 11.14]			
3.	If material, are the amounts of claims revenue recognized disclosed in the notes to the financial statements? [SOP 81-1 (AAG, App. A), par. 65]			
4.	If the reporting entity has retail land sales operations, are the following disclosed regarding improvements:			
	a. For major sales areas for each of the next five years:			
	(1) Estimated total costs?			
	(2) Estimated expenditures?			
	b. Recorded obligations? [SFAS 66, par. 50 (AC Rel. 150)]			
E.	Interest Costs			
1.	If interest costs are capitalized for long-term construction contracts, is the total interest incurred and capitalized disclosed for each period presented? [SFAS 34, par. 21 (AC I67. 118)]			
Bala	nce Sheet			
Α.	General			
1.	If a company has an operating cycle for most of its contracts of one year or less but periodically obtains some contracts that are significantly longer and a classified balance sheet is presented, is there:			
	a. A separate classification for the items that relate to contracts that deviate from the company's normal operating cycle?			
	b. Disclosure for the items that relate to contracts that deviate from the company's normal operating cycle? [AAG, par. 6.02]			
2.	If the operating cycle exceeds one year, an unclassified balance sheet is preferable; however, if an unclassified balance sheet would not result in a meaningful presentation, are the following contract-related items generally classified as current under the operating cycle concept:			
	a. Contract-related assets:			
	(1) Accounts receivable on contracts (including retentions)?			

¹ See disclosures for SOP 94-6, *Disclosure of Certain Significant Risks and Uncertainties*, in the Corporate Checklist, FSP Section 2000, Section S, Risks and Uncertainties. Construction contractors frequently encounter events that give rise to the disclosure that it is at least reasonably possible that a change in estimate will occur in the near term due to the large number of estimates inherent in construction contractor financial statements. In addition, contractors also experience vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations by having a single source of supplier or only employing union labor. The auditor should pay particular attention to SOP 94-6 disclosures for construction contractors.

			Yes	No	N/A
	(2)	Unbilled contract receivables?			
	(3)	Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings?			
	(4)	Other deferred contract costs?			
		Equipment and small tools specifically purchased for, or expected to be used solely on, an individual contract?			_
	b. Con	ntract-related liabilities:			
	(1)	Accounts payable on contracts (including retentions)?			
	(2)	Accrued contract costs?			
	(3)	Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings?			
		Deferred taxes resulting from the use of a method of income recognition for tax purposes different from the method used for financial reporting purposes?			
	(5)	Advance payments on contracts for mobilization or other purposes?			
		Obligations for equipment specifically purchased for, or expected to be used solely on, an individual contract regardless of the payment terms of the obligations?			
		Provisions for losses on contracts (except in circumstances where the related costs are accumulated on the balance sheet, in which case the provision may be deducted from the related accumulated costs)? [AAG, pars. 6.01—.08; SOP 81-1 (AAG, App. A), par. 89]			
В.	Receiv				
-	Are thunapp	e amount, nature, and status of billed or unbilled receivables representing roved change orders, claims, or similar items subject to uncertainty sed, including amounts expected to be collected after one year?			
_	-	par. 6.24]			
2.	contra	ceivables representing the recognized sales value of performance under cts that are neither billed nor billable to customers at the balance-sheet date sed with a general description of the prerequisite for billing?			
		the amounts to be collected after one year disclosed? .G, par. 6.25]			
3.	receive	opears that revenue from claims is recorded only when the amounts are ed or awarded, is the total of such claims disclosed? B1-1 (AAG, App. A), par. 66; SFAS 5, par. 17 (AC C59.118)]			
4.	If reco	eivables include amounts maturing after one year, are the following sed:			
		amount maturing after one year and, if practicable, the amounts maturing ach year?			
	afte on	erest rates on major receivable items, or on classes of receivables, maturing or one year or an indication of the average interest rate or the range of rates all receivables? AG, par. 6.27			
5.	paid b includ the ye	ivables appear to include amounts representing balances billed but not yet y customers under retainage provisions, is disclosure made of the amounts ed, the amounts expected to be collected after one year, and, if practicable, ars in which the amounts are expected to be collected? pars. 6.03 and 6.28]			
6.	as non	tentions receivable not due within the company's operating cycle classified current in a classified balance sheet? pars. 6.10 and 6.28]			
7.	-	reivables from retail land sales operations, are the following disclosed:			
		turities for each of the next five years?			

		Yes	No	N/A
	b. Delinquent amounts and methods of determination?			
	c. Weighted average and range of stated interest rates? [SFAS 66, par. 50 (AC Rel.150)]			
c.	Investments			
	Do the following disclosures relating to significant joint ventures appear appropriate:			
	a. The name of each joint venture, the percentage of ownership, and any important provisions of the joint venture agreement? [AAG, par. 3.27]			
	b. If the joint venture's financial statements are not fully consolidated with those of the venturer, separate or combined financial statements of the ventures in summary form, including disclosure of accounting principles of the ventures that differ significantly from those of the venturer? [AAG, par. 3.27]			
	c. Intercompany transactions during the period and the basis of intercompany billings and charges? [AAG, par. 3.27]			
	d. Liabilities and contingent liabilities arising from the joint venture arrangement? [AAG, par. 3.27]			
	e. Other disclosures for real estate venture and equity method investments? [SOP 78-9, par. 12; APB 18, par. 20 (AC I82.110)]			
2.	Is an investment in a joint venture that is presented on the cost or equity method classified as noncurrent unless the venture is expected to be completed and liquidated during the current operating cycle? [AAG, par. 6.11]			
3.	Are losses in excess of an investment in a joint venture presented as a liability? [AAG, Par. 6.11]			
D.	Property and Equipment			
1.	If it appears that equipment acquired for a specific contract will be used only on that contract and will be consumed during the life of the contract or disposed of at the conclusion of the contract, is such equipment classified as a contract cost? [AAG, par. 6.12]			
Ε.	Current Liabilities			
1.	For billings, costs, and estimated earnings:			
	a. If costs and estimated earnings exceed billings on some contracts, and billings exceed costs and estimated earnings on others, are the contracts segregated so that amounts classified as assets include only those on which costs and estimated earnings exceed billings, and amounts classified as liabilities include only those on which billings exceed costs and estimated earnings? [AAG, pars. 6.16—.19; ARB 45, par. 12 (AC Co4.109)]			
	b. Are billings and related costs and estimated earnings presented separately in the balance sheet or in the notes to the financial statements? [AAG, par. 6.18]			
	c. Are billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings classified as a current liability (except that billings in excess of total estimated contract completion costs and earnings to date should be classified as deferred income)? [AAG, par. 6.13]			
F.	Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits			
1.	If payables appear to include retentions, do the statements or notes disclose their amount, the portion (if any) expected to be paid after one year and, if practicable, the years in which the amounts are expected to be paid? [AAG, par. 6.03]			

	1 65	NO	N/A
 Are retentions payable that do not appear due within the company's operating cycle classified as noncurrent in a classified balance sheet? [AAG, par. 6.10] 			
3. Are the disclosures and classifications appropriate regarding the income tax effects of differences between financial and tax reporting of:			
a. Long-term construction contracts?			
b. Investments in joint ventures and partnerships? [AAG, par. 6.15; SFAS 109, par. 43 (AC I27.142)]			
Accompanying Information			
A. Supplemental Disclosures			
 Is disclosure of the following supplementary information considered by contractors using the percentage-of-completion method: 			
a. Earnings from contracts?			
b. Contracts completed?			
c. Contracts in progress?			
d. Backlog information? [AAG, App. G]			

Illustrative Financial Statements

.01 These checklists include disclosures commonly encountered in a construction contractor's financial statements and reporting issues likely to be encountered by accountants who audit these types of financial statements; they **do not** include all disclosures required by GAAP or all reporting situations required by GAAS. Further, the illustrative financial statements are intended to provide sample financial statement formats and disclosures for a hypothetical construction contractor; they are not intended to illustrate all disclosures required by GAAP, nor do they illustrate all of the disclosures covered in the checklist.

.02 The following illustrative auditor's reports and financial statements demonstrate the practical applications of the reporting practices discussed in the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide, Construction Contractors (the Guide). Some of the illustrations have been modified for subsequent pronouncements. Specific types of construction contractors have been selected to illustrate diversity of reporting practices; it is not intended that these illustrations represent either the only types of disclosure or the only statement formats that would be appropriate. Construction contractors are urged to develop financial statement formats that are appropriate for their individual circumstances while being consistent with the accounting and reporting practices discussed in the Guide.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors Percentage Contractors, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Percentage Contractors, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 19X8 and 19X7, and the related consolidated statements of income and retained earnings and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Percentage Contractors, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 19X8 and 19X7, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

[Signature]

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[City, State]*
February 18, 19X9

^{*} Optional if office location is on auditor's letterhead.

These illustrative financial statements are intended to provide sample financial statement formats and disclosures for a hypothetical construction contractor; they are not intended to illustrate all disclosures required by GAAP or all of the disclosures covered in the checklist.

PERCENTAGE CONTRACTORS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Balance Sheets

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December 31, 19X8 and 19X7

Assets	19X8	19X7
Cash and cash equivalents (including certificates of deposit of \$40,300 in		
19X8)	\$ 304,400	\$ 221,300
Contract receivables (Notes 2 and 16)	3,789,200	3,334,100
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted	-,, -,,	0,000,000
contracts (Notes 3 and 16)	80,200	100,600
Inventory, at lower of cost, on a first-in, first-out	00,200	200,000
basis, or market	89,700	99,100
Prepaid charges and other assets (Note 11)	118,400	83,200
Advances to and equity in joint venture (Note 4)	205,600	130,700
Note receivable, related company (Note 5)	175,000	150,000
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and	170,000	150,000
amortization (Notes 6 and 8)	976,400	1,019,200
	\$5,738,900	\$5,138,200
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Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity Notes payable (Note 8)	\$ 468,100 197,600 2,543,100	\$ 578,400 251,300 2,588,500
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted		
contracts (Notes 3 and 16)	242,000	221,700
Accrued income taxes	52,000	78,600
Other accrued liabilities	36,600	36,000
Due to consolidated joint venture minority interests	154,200	26,200
Deferred income taxes (Note 13)	619,200	408,000
	4,312,800	4,188,700
Commitments and contingencies (Note 10)		
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock—\$1 par value, 500,000 authorized		
shares, 300,000 issued and outstanding shares	300,000	300,000
Retained earnings	•	649,500
Total shareholders' equity		949,500
		<u>.</u>
	\$5,738,900	\$5,138,200

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Income and Retained Earnings

Years Ended December 31, 19X8 and 19X7

	19X8	19X7
Contract revenues earned (Notes 12 and 16)	\$22,554,100 20,359,400	\$16,225,400 14,951,300
Gross profit	2,194,700 895,600	1,274,100 755,600
Income from operations	1,299,100	518,500
Other income (expense) Equity in earnings from unconsolidated joint venture (Note 4) Gain on sale of equipment	49,900 10,000 (69,500)	5,700 2,000 (70,800)
	(9,600)	(63,100)
Income before income taxes	1,289,500 662,900	455,400 225,000
Net income (per share, \$2.09 (19X8); \$.77 (19X7))	626,600 649,500 (150,000)	230,400 569,100 (150,000)
Retained earnings, end of year	\$ 1,126,100	\$ 649,500

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows*

Years Ended December 31, 19X8 and 19X7

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	19X8	19X7
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 626,600	\$ 230,400
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash	•	•
provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	167,800	153,500
Gain on sale of equipment	(10,000)	(2,000)
Equity earnings from unconsolidated joint venture	(49,900)	(5,700)
Increase (decrease) in deferred incomé taxes	211,200	(75,900)
Increase in contract receivables	(461,400)	(10,200)
Provisions for losses on accounts receivable	6,300	1,100
Net increase in billings related to costs and estimated earnings on		
uncompleted contracts	40,700	10,500
Decrease (increase) in inventory	9,400	(3,600)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid charges and other assets	(35,200)	16,100
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(45,400)	113,200
Decrease in accrued income taxes	(26,600)	(2,400)
Increase in other accrued liabilities	600	21,200
Net cash provided by operating activities	434,100	446,200
Cash flows from investing activities (Note 15)		
Proceeds from equipment sold	25,000	5,000
Acquisition of equipment	(140,000)	(175,000)
Advances to joint venture	(25,000)	(9,700)
Increase in note receivable, related company	(25,000)	(50,000)
Net cash used in investing activities	(165,000)	(229,700)
Cash flows from financing activities (Note 15)		
Principal payments on notes payable	(110,300)	(90,300)
Principal payments under capital lease obligation	(53,700)	(9,700)
Increase in joint venture minority interest	128,000	26,200
Cash dividends paid	(150,000)	(150,000)
Net cash used in financing activities		(223,800)
		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	83,100	(7,300)
Cash, beginning of year	221,300	228,600
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 304,400	\$ 221,300
		
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Supplementary data:		
Cash equivalents include certificates of deposit with maturities of one to three		
months		
Interest paid	\$ 73,500	\$ 75,100
Income taxes paid	\$ 478 300	\$ 313,200
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.		

^{*} The indirect method is illustrated.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 19X8 and 19X7

Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies

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Company's activities and operating cycle. Percentage Contractors, Inc. (the Company) is engaged in a single industry: the construction of industrial and commercial buildings. The work is performed under cost-plus-fee contracts, fixed-price contracts, and fixed-price contracts modified by incentive and penalty provisions. These contracts are undertaken by the Company or its wholly owned subsidiary alone or in partnership with other contractors through joint ventures. The Company also manages, for a fee, construction projects of others.

The length of the Company's contracts varies but is typically about two years. Therefore, assets and liabilities are not classified as current and noncurrent because the contract-related items in the balance sheet have realization and liquidation periods extending beyond one year.

Principles of consolidation. The consolidated financial statements include the Company's majority-owned entities, a wholly owned corporate subsidiary and a 75 percent-owned joint venture (a partnership). All significant intercompany transactions are eliminated. The Company has a minority interest in a joint venture (partnership), which is reported on the equity method.

Revenue and cost recognition. Revenues from fixed-price and modified fixed-price construction contracts are recognized on the percentage-of-completion method, measured by the percentage of labor hours incurred to date to estimated total labor hours for each contract.* This method is used because management considers expended labor hours to be the best available measure of progress on these contracts. Revenues from cost-plus-fee contracts are recognized on the basis of costs incurred during the period plus the fee earned, measured by the cost-to-cost method.

Contracts to manage, supervise, or coordinate the construction activity of others are recognized only to the extent of the fee revenue. The revenue earned in a period is based on the ratio of hours incurred to the total estimated hours required by the contract.

Contract costs include all direct material and labor costs and those indirect costs related to contract performance, such as indirect labor, supplies, tools, repairs, and depreciation costs. Selling, general, and administrative costs are charged to expense as incurred. Provisions for estimated losses on uncompleted contracts are made in the period in which such losses are determined. Changes in job performance, job conditions, and estimated profitability, including those arising from contract penalty provisions, and final contract settlements may result in revisions to costs and income and are recognized in the period in which the revisions are determined. Profit incentives are included in revenues when their realization is reasonably assured. An amount equal to contract costs attributable to claims is included in revenues when realization is probable and the amount can be reliably estimated.

The asset, "Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts," represents revenues recognized in excess of amounts billed. The liability, "Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts," represents billings in excess of revenues recognized.

^{*}There are various other alternatives to the percentage-of-labor-hours method for measuring percentage of completion, which, in many cases, may be more appropriate in measuring the extent of progress toward completion of the contract (labor dollars, units of output, and the cost-to-cost method and its variations).

Property and equipment. Depreciation and amortization are provided principally on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Amortization of leased equipment under capital leases is included in depreciation and amortization.

Pension plan. The Company has a pension plan covering substantially all employees not covered by union-sponsored plans. Pension costs charged to earnings include current-year costs and the amortization of prior-service costs over 30 years. The Company's policy is to fund the costs accrued.

Income taxes. Construction contracts are reported for tax purposes on the completed-contract method and for financial statement purposes on the percentage-of-completion method. Accelerated depreciation is used for tax reporting, and straight-line depreciation is used for financial statement reporting.

Note 2: Contract Receivables

	December 31, 19X8	December 31, 19X7
Contract receivables Billed		
Completed contracts	\$ 621,100	\$ 500,600
Contracts in progress	2,146,100	1,931,500
Retained	976,300	866,200
Unbilled	121,600	105,400
	3,865,100	3,403,700
Less allowances for doubtful collections	75,900	69,600
	\$3,789,200	\$3,334,100

Contract receivables at December 31, 19X8, include a claim, expected to be collected within one year, for \$290,600 arising from a dispute with the owner over design and specification changes in a building currently under construction. The changes were made at the request of the owner to improve the thermal characteristics of the building and, in the opinion of counsel, gave rise to a valid claim against the owner.

The retained and unbilled contract receivables at December 31, 19X8, included \$38,600 that was not expected to be collected within one year.

Note 3: Costs and Estimated Earnings on Uncompleted Contracts

	<i>D</i>	ecember 31, 19X8	De	ecember 31, 19X7
Costs incurred on uncompleted contracts	\$1	5,771,500 1,685,900		2,165,400 1,246,800
Less billings to date		7,457,400 7,619,200		3,412,200 3,533,300
	\$	(161,800)	\$	(121,100)
Included in accompanying balance sheets under the following captions: Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings				
on uncompleted contracts	\$	80,200	\$	100,600
on uncompleted contracts		(242,000)		(221,700)
	\$	(161,800)	\$	(121,100)

Note 4: Advances to and Equity in Unconsolidated Joint Venture

The Company has a minority (one-third) interest in a general partnership joint venture formed to construct an office building. All of the partners participate in construction, which is under the general management of the Company. Summary information on the joint venture follows:

	December 31, 19X8	December 31, 19X7
Current assets	\$ 483,100 220,500	\$280,300 190,800
Less: Liabilities		471,100 154,000
Net assets	\$ 466,800	\$317,100
Revenue	\$3,442,700	\$299,400
Net income	\$ 149,700	\$ 17,100
Company's interest Share of net income	\$ 49,900	\$ 5,700
Advances to joint venture Equity in net assets	\$ 50,000 155,600	\$ 25,000 105,700
Total advances and equity	\$ 205,600	\$130,700

(For the purposes of illustrative financial statements, the one-line equity method of presentation is used in both the balance sheet and the income statement. However, the pro rata consolidation method is acceptable if the investment is deemed to represent an undivided interest.)

Note 5: Transactions With Related Party

The note receivable, related company, is an installment note bearing annual interest at $9^{1}/4\%$, payable quarterly, with the principal payable in annual installments of \$25,000, commencing October 1, 19Y0.

The major Company stockholder owns the majority of the outstanding common stock of this related company, whose principal activity is leasing land and buildings. The Company rents land and office facilities from the related company under a ten-year lease ending September 30, 19Y6, at an annual rental of \$19,000.

Note 6: Property and Equipment

	December 31, 19X8	December 31, 19X7
Assets Land Buildings Shop and construction equipment Automobiles and trucks Leased equipment under capital leases	262,500 827,600 104,400	\$ 57,500 262,500 727,600 89,100 300,000
	1,552,000	1,436,700
Accumulated depreciation and amortization Buildings	70,000	130,000 195,500 42,000 50,000
Net property and equipment	\$ 976,400	417,500 \$1,019,200

Note 7: Accounts Payable

Accounts payable include amounts due to subcontractors, totaling \$634,900 at December 31, 19X8, and \$560,400 at December 31, 19X7, which have been retained pending completion and customer acceptance of jobs. Accounts payable at December 31, 19X8, include \$6,500 that is not expected to be paid within one year.

Note 8: Notes Payable*

	December 31, 19X8	December 31, 19X7
Unsecured note payable to bank, due in quarterly installments of \$22,575 plus interest at 1% over prime	\$388,100	\$478,400
at 10% through December 19Y2	80,000	100,000
	\$468,100	\$578,400

At December 31, 19X8, the principal payments due totaled \$110,300 annually.

Note 9: Lease Obligations Payable

The Company leases certain specialized construction equipment under leases classified as capital leases. The following is a schedule showing the future minimum lease payments under capital leases by years and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of December 31, 19X8:

Year ending December 31	
19X9	\$ 76,500
19Y0	76,500
19Y1	76,500
Total minimum lease payments	229,500
Less amount representing interest	31,900
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$197,600

At December 31, 19X8, the present value of minimum lease payments due within one year is \$92,250. Total rental expense, excluding payments on capital leases, totaled \$86,300 in 19X8 and \$74,400 in 19X7.

^{*}SFAS No. 47, Disclosure of Long-Term Obligations, also requires disclosure of maturities of long-term obligations for each of the five years following the balance-sheet date.

Note 10: Contingent Liability

A claim for \$180,000 has been filed against the Company and its bonding company arising out of the failure of a subcontractor of the Company to pay its suppliers. In the opinion of counsel and management, the outcome of this claim will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

Note 11: Pension Plan

[Deleted—See FASB Statement No. 87, Employer's Accounting for Pensions (AC P16), for current disclosure requirements.]

Note 12: Management Contracts

The Company manages or supervises commercial and industrial building contracts of others for a fee. These fees totaled \$121,600 in 19X8 and \$1,700 in 19X7 and are included in contract revenues earned.

Note 13: Income Taxes

Note: See FASB Statement No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes* (AC I27), for additional disclosure requirements that are applicable for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1992.

The provision for income taxes consists of the following:

	Decem	ıber 31,
	19X8	19X7
Currently payable	\$451,700	\$300,900
Contract related		(80,900) 5,000
Troperty and equipment related		
	\$662,900 ======	\$225,000
The components of the balance of deferred income taxes were:		
Contract related		\$389,800
Property and equipment related	25,200	18,200
	\$619,200	\$408,000

Note 14: Backlog *

The following schedule shows a reconciliation of backlog representing signed contracts, excluding fees from management contracts, in existence at December 31, 19X7 and 19X8:

Balance, December 31, 19X7	1,067,100
New contracts, 19X8	28,900,300
Balance, December 31, 19X8	

In addition, between January 1, 19X9 and February 18, 19X9, the Company entered into additional construction contracts with revenues of \$5,332,800.

Note 15: Noncash Investing and Financing Activities

In 19X7, the Company purchased equipment on open account amounting to \$24,000 and incurred capitalized lease obligations for new equipment amounting to \$14,000.

^{*} The presentation of backlog information, although encouraged, is not a required disclosure.

Note 16: Major Customers and Risk Concentrations

In 19X8 and 19X7, respectively, two and three customers accounted for 56% and 48% of contract revenues earned.

The Company grants credit, generally without collateral, to its customers, which are located primarily in the New England area. Management believes that its contract acceptance, billing, and collection policies are adequate to minimize potential credit risk. At December 31, 19X8, real estate operators, manufacturers and others respectively accounted for 62%, 30% and 8% of contract receivables, and 45%, 33% and 22% of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts. In 19X8 and 19X7, respectively, 52% and 47% of contract revenues were earned from Connecticut sources.

The Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by its subcontractors. At December 31, 19X8, the Company was contingently liable under guarantees of certain subcontractors' obligations maturing in 19X9 and aggregating \$479,000, including a Connecticut subcontractor's obligations amounting to \$298,000.

Independent Auditor's Report on Accompanying Information

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors Percentage Contractors, Inc.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying information, contained in the following schedules 1 through 3, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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[City, State]*
February 18, 19X9

^{*} Optional if office location is on auditor's letterhead.

Schedule 1

Earnings from Contracts

Years Ended December 31, 19X8 and 19X7

	19X8				19X7
	Revenues earned	Cost of revenues earned	Gross profit (loss)	G	ross profit (loss)
Contracts completed during the year \$ Contracts in progress at year-end 1 Management contract fees earned	6,290,800 6,141,700 121,600	\$ 5,334,000 14,636,900 51,800 46,700 128,000 162,000	\$ 956,800 1,504,800 69,800 (46,700) (128,000) (162,000)	\$	415,300 921,400 1,700 (38,100) (26,200)
\$2	2,554,100	\$20,359,400	\$ 2,194,700	\$	1,274,100

Schedule 2

Contracts Completed

Year Ended December 31, 19X8

Contr	act		Contract totals		Befo	re January 1, 1	9X8	During the year ended December 31, 19X8		
Number	Туре	Revenues earned	Cost of revenues	Gross profit (loss)	Revenues earned	Cost of revenues	Gross profit (loss)	Revenues earned	Cost of revenues	Gross profit (loss)
1511	В	\$ 5,475,300	\$ 4,802,500	\$ 672,800	\$3,223,400	\$2,932,700	\$290,700	\$2,251,900	\$1,869,800	\$382,100
1605	Α	695,000	880,900	(185,900)	596,100	558,100	38,000	98,900	322,800	(223,900)
1624	Α	140,700	150,700	(10,000)	29,600	31,800	(2,200)	111,100	118,900	(7,800)
1711	Α	2,725,100	2,391,700	333,400	1,654,100	1,510,000	144,100	1,071,000	881,700	189,300
1791	В	4,770,100	4,288,900	481,200	3,028,500	2,929,600	98,900	1,741,600	1,359,300	382,300
1792	Α	635,000	457,900	177,100				635,000	457,900	177,100
Small cor	ntracts	413,400	349,500	63,900	32,100	25,900	6,200	381,300	323,600	57,700
		\$14,854,600	\$13,322,100	\$1,532,500	\$8,563,800	\$7,988,100	\$575,700	\$6,290,800	\$5,334,000	\$956,800
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Contract types A—Fixed-price B—Cost-plus-fee

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PERCENTAGE CONTRACTORS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Schedule 3 Contracts in Progress December 31, 19X8

Contra	ct	Total co	ontract		From	inception to	December 3	1, 19X8			mber 31, X8	For the yea	ar ended Dec 19X8	rember 31,
Number	Туре	Revenues	Estimated gross profit (loss)	Revenues earned	Total costs incurred	Cost of revenues	Gross profit (loss)	Billed to date	Estimated cost to complete	Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings	Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings	Revenues earned	Cost of revenues	Gross profit (loss)
1845	A	\$ 6,750,200	\$ 877,000	\$ 5,890,500				\$ 5,976,000	\$ 628,700	\$15,100		\$ 5,664,200	\$ 4,984,500	\$ 679,700
1847	В	1,471,800	127,100	1,250,400	1,139,800	1,139,800	110,600	1,195,800	204,900	54,600		962,800	899,000	63,800
1912	Α	451,800	(130,100)	108,600	238,700	238,700	(130,100)	98,100	343,200	10,500		98,600	191,500	(92,900)
1937	В	11,125,000	847,900	7,337,900	7,045,500	6,721,100	616,800	7,808,000	3,231,600		\$145,700	6,981,900	6,469,900	512,000
1945	Α	3,650,100	497,000	2,395,200	2,061,300	2,061,300	333,900	2,491,500	1,091,800		96,300	2,395,200	2,061,300	333,900
Small contra	acts	51,300	8,400	49,800	41,700	41,700	8,100	49,800	1,200			39,000	30,700	8,300
		\$23,500,200	\$2,227,300	\$17,032,400	\$15,771,500	\$15,346,500	\$1,685,900	\$17,619,200	\$5,501,400	\$80,200	\$242,000	\$16,141,700	\$14,636,900	\$1,504,800

Contract types A—Fixed-price B—Cost-plus-fee

Independent Auditor's Report

The Stockholders and Board of Directors

Completed Contractors, Inc.

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We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Completed Contractors, Inc. as of December 31, 19X8 and 19X7, and the related statements of income and retained earnings and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Completed Contractors, Inc. as of December 31, 19X8 and 19X7, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

[Signature]

[City, State]*
February 18, 19X9

^{*} Optional if office location is on auditor's letterhead.

COMPLETED CONTRACTORS, INC.

.13 Balance Sheets

December 31, 19X8 and 19X7

Assets	19X8	19X7
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 242,700	\$ 185,300
Contract receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$10,000 and \$8,000) (Note 2)	893,900	723,600
Costs in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts (Note 3)	418,700	437,100
Inventories at lower of cost or realizable value on first-in, first-out	110). 00	107,100
basis (Note 4)	463,600	491,300
Prepaid expenses	89,900	53,900
Total current assets	2,108,800	1,891,200
Cash value of life insurance	35,800	32,900
Property and equipment, at cost		
Building	110,000	110,000
Equipment	178,000	163,000
Trucks and autos	220,000	200,000
	508,000	473,000
Less accumulated depreciation	218,000	203,200
	290,000	269,800
Land	21,500	21,500
	311,500	291,300
	\$2,456,100	\$2,215,400
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities		
Current maturities, long-term debt (Note 6)	\$ 37,000	\$ 30,600
Accounts payable	904,900	821,200
Accrued salaries and wages	138,300 53,000	155,100 36,200
Accrued and other liabilities	116,400	55,550
Billings in excess of costs on uncompleted contracts (Note 3)	34,500	43,700
Total current liabilities	1,284,100	1,142,350
Long-term debt, less current maturities (Note 6)	245,000	241,000
	1,529,100	1,383,350
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock—\$10 par value, 50,000 authorized shares, 23,500 issued and outstanding shares	235,000	235,000
Additional paid-in capital	65,000	65,000
Retained earnings	627,000	532,050
Total stockholders' equity	927,000	832,050
	\$2,456,100	\$2,215,400
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

COMPLETED CONTRACTORS, INC.

Statements of Income and Retained Earnings

Years Ended December 31, 19X8 and 19X7

	19X8	19X7
Contract revenues	\$9,487,000	\$8,123,400
Costs and expenses Cost of contracts completed General and administrative expenses Interest expense	8,458,500 684,300 26,500	7,392,300 588,900 23,000
	9,169,300	8,004,200
Income before income taxes	317,700 164,000	119,200 54,200
Net income (\$6.54 and \$2.77 per share)	153,700	65,000
Balance, beginning of year Dividends paid (\$2.50 per share)	532,050 (58,750)	525,800 (58,750)
Balance, end of year	\$ 627,000	\$ 532,050
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows*

Years Ended December 31, 19X8 and 19X7

	19X8	19X7
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 153,700	\$ 65,000
Depreciation	54,800 2,000 (172,300) 18,400	50,300 1,000 (37,500) (49,100)
Decrease (increase) in inventories Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses Increase in cash value of life insurance Increase in accounts payable Increase (decrease) in accrued salaries and wages Increase (decrease) in accrued income taxes Increase (decrease) in accrued and other liabilities Decrease in billings in excess of costs on uncompleted contracts	27,700 (36,000) (2,900) 83,700 (16,800) 16,800 60,850 (9,200)	(3,400) 16,500 (2,685) 24,600 24,300 (6,300) (33,100) (16,300)
Net cash provided by operating activities	180,750	33,315
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchase of property and equipment	(75,000)	(53,500)
Net cash used in investing activities	(75,000)	(53,500)
Cash flows from financing activities: Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt Principal payments on long-term debt Cash dividends paid	44,000 (33,600) (58,750)	68,000 (15,500) (58,750)
Net cash used in financing activities	(48,350)	(6,250)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	57,400 185,300	(26,435) 211,735
Cash, end of year	\$ 242,700	\$ 185,300
Supplementary data: Interest paid	\$ 28,000 \$ 147,200	\$ 25,000 \$ 52,000
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

^{*} The indirect method is illustrated.

COMPLETED CONTRACTORS, INC.

Notes to Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 19X8 and 19X7

Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies

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Company's activities. The Company is a heating and air-conditioning contractor for residential and commercial properties. Work on new structures is performed primarily under fixed-price contracts. Work on existing structures is performed under fixed-price or time-and-material contracts.

Revenue and cost recognition. Revenues from fixed-price construction contracts are recognized on the completed-contract method. This method is used because the typical contract is completed in two months or less and financial position and results of operations do not vary significantly from those which would result from use of the percentage-of-completion method. A contract is considered complete when all costs except insignificant items have been incurred and the installation is operating according to specifications or has been accepted by the customer.

Revenues from time-and-material contracts are recognized currently as the work is performed.

Contract costs include all direct material and labor costs and those indirect costs related to contract performance, such as indirect labor, supplies, tools, repairs, and depreciation costs. General and administrative costs are charged to expense as incurred. Provisions for estimated losses on uncompleted contracts are made in the period in which such losses are determined. Claims are included in revenues when received.

Costs in excess of amounts billed are classified as current assets under costs in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts. Billings in excess of costs are classified under current liabilities as billings in excess of costs on uncompleted contracts. Contract retentions are included in accounts receivable.

Inventories. Inventories are stated at cost on the first-in, first-out basis using unit cost for furnace and air-conditioning components and average cost for parts and supplies. The carrying value of furnace and air-conditioning component units is reduced to realizable value when such values are less than cost.

Property and equipment. Depreciation is provided over the estimated lives of the assets principally on the declining-balance method, except on the building where the straight-line method is used.

Pension plan. The Company has a pension plan covering all employees not covered by union-sponsored plans. Pension costs charged to income include current-year costs and the amortization of prior-service costs over 30 years. The Company's policy is to fund the costs accrued.

Note 2: Contract Receivables

	December 31, 19X8	December 31, 19X7
Completed contracts, including retentions	\$438,300	\$408,600
Current accounts		276,400 46,600
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	903,900	731,600 8,000
	\$893,900	\$723,600

Retentions include \$10,300 in 19X8, which is expected to be collected after one year.

Note 3: Costs and Billings on Uncompleted Contracts

	December 31, 19X8	December 31, 19X7
Costs incurred on uncompleted contracts	2,140,400 1,756,200	\$ 1,966,900 1,573,500
\$	384,200	\$ 393,400
Included in accompanying balance sheets under the following captions:		
Costs in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts \$ Billings in excess of costs on uncompleted contracts	418,700 (34,500)	\$ 437,100 (43,700)
<u>\$</u>	384,200	\$ 393,400
Note 4: Inventories		
	December 31, 19X8	December 31, 19X7
Furnace and air-conditioning components		\$308,700 182,600
2 and and cappace	\$463,600	\$491,300

Furnace and air-conditioning components include used items of \$78,400 in 19X8 and \$71,900 in 19X7 that are carried at the lower of cost or realizable value.

Year Ended December 31,

Note 5: Income Taxes

A reconciliation of the statutory federal tax rate to the effective tax rate on pretax income is as follows:

	19X8	19X7	
Statutory federal tax rate	11.4	46.0% (4.4) 4.9	
Total effective tax rate	51.6%	45.5%	
Note 6: Long-Term Debt			
	December 31, 19X8	December 31, 19X7	
Notes payable, bank Notes due in quarterly installments of \$2,500,			
plus interest at 8%	\$140,000	\$150,000	
plus interest at prime plus $1^1/2\%$		58,000	
Due in quarterly payments of \$3,500, including interest at 9%			
interest at 9%	55,000	63,600	
	282,000	271,600	
Less current maturities	37,000	30,600	
	\$245,000	\$241,000	

As of December 31, 19X8, long-term debt matures as follows:

19Y0 38,000 19Y1 39,000 19Y2 40,000 19Y3 37,000 Thereafter through 19Y5 91,000 282,000	19X9	\$ 37,000
19Y2 40,000 19Y3 37,000	19Y0	38,000
19Y3	19Y1	39,000
	19Y2	40,000
Thereafter through 19Y5	19Y3	37,000
282,000	Thereafter through 19Y5	91,000
		282,000

Note 7: Pension Plans

[Deleted—See FASB Statement No. 87, Employers' Accounting for Pensions (AC P16), for current disclosure requirements.]

Note 8: Backlog *

The estimated gross revenue of work to be performed on signed contracts was \$4,691,000 at December 31, 19X8, and \$3,617,400 at December 31, 19X7. In addition to the backlog of work to be performed, there was gross revenue, to be reported in future periods under the completed-contract method used by the Company, of \$2,460,000 at December 31, 19X8, and \$2,170,000 at December 31, 19X7.

Note 9: Risk Concentrations

The Company's contract revenues and receivables, and costs on uncompleted contracts, are each divided approximately equally between residential and commercial sources, which are primarily located within 50 miles of its home office in Millburn, Connecticut. The Company generally requires a deposit of up to 20% of the contract price before commencing work and bills the balance upon completion.

^{*} The presentation of backlog information, although encouraged, is not a required disclosure.

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