Create and Send a Proposal

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Pathway: *Accounts > Search > Account (Customer Service Screen) > Orders, Quotes and Contracts*

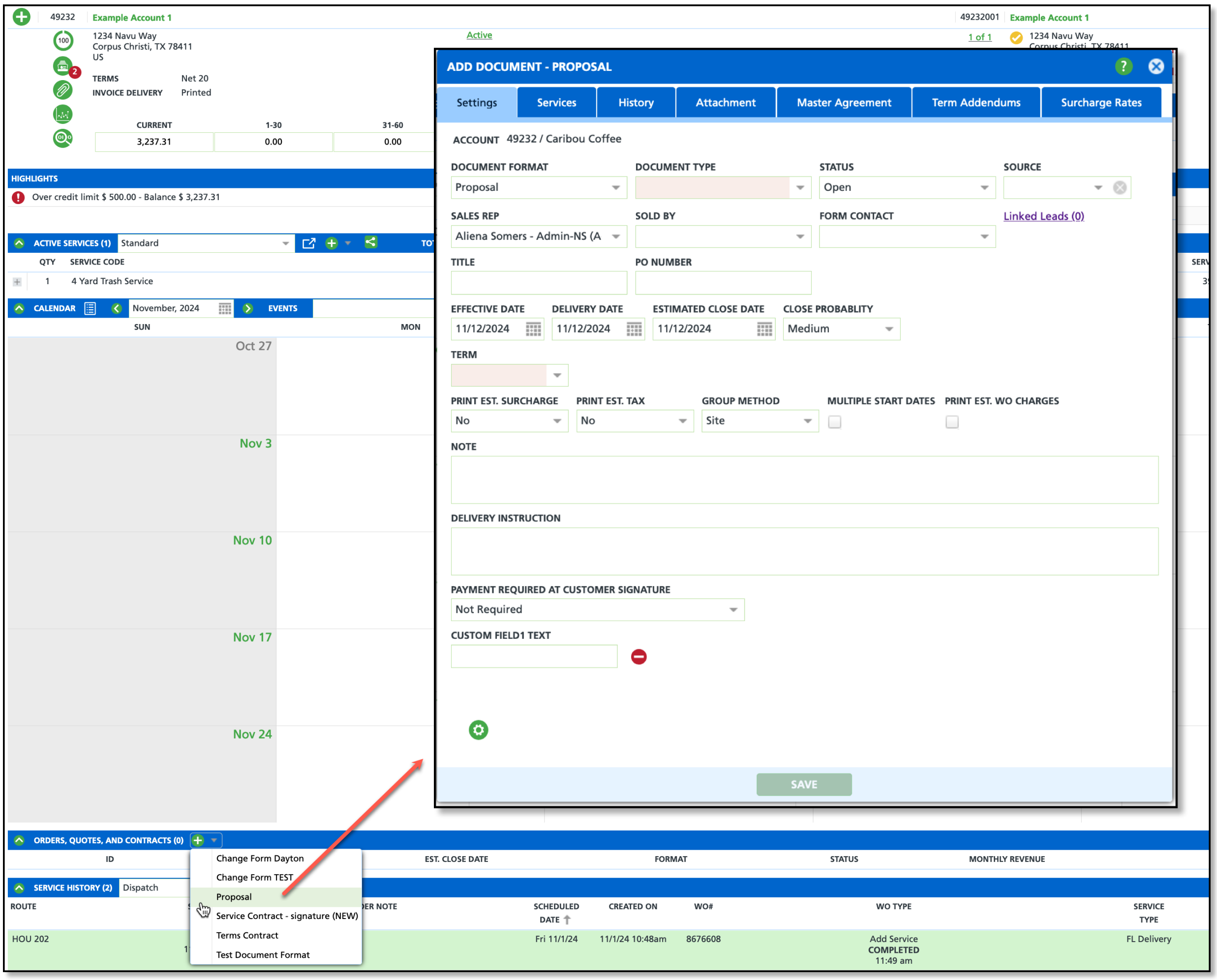
This article details the Add Proposal form available in the *Orders, Quotes and Contracts* section of a site. Proposals are created for a variety or reasons (rate changes, service changes, new services, etc.) and are available to both active and prospect accounts. After a proposal is issued, it is tracked in the following sales CRM tools:

- Sales Pipeline Summary
- Sales Pipeline Opportunities

Create a Proposal

Settings

The Settings tab establishes the basics of the document and qualifies it as either an 'Opportunity' or 'Quote'. Because a proposal document does not include a signature section it is considered an opportunity and tracked in the Pipeline Opportunities dashboard using the 'Proposal' filter.



Field Descriptions

Field	Description

Document Format	Identifies the document's format and determines how/where it will be tracked in the Sales Pipeline CRM tools. Form Format setup is located in *Setup > Document Formats > Format.*
Document Type	Indicates a reason code for the proposal. *Example: Change In Service, New Business, Increase in Service, etc.* Document Type setup is located in *Setup > Document Formats > Type.*

Status	Indicates the current status of the proposal and will automatically update if the proposal is sent, viewed or signed in the system. Status options include:
	• **Open**
	  ◦ Applies once a proposal is created.
	  ◦ *'Open'* status allows for edits to fields in the Settings tab.
	• **Submitted to Client**
	  ◦ Displays after the proposal has been emailed from the system to the customer or prospect.
	  ◦ 'Submitted to Client' status allows for edits to fields in the Settings tab.
	• **Void**
	  ◦ Select Void to indicate the proposal was created in error.
	  ◦ *'Void'* status prevents edits to fields in the Settings tab.
	• **Lost**
	  ◦ Select Lost to indicate the proposal was lost (i.e. went with a competitor).
	  ◦ *'Lost'* status prevents edits to fields in the Settings tab.

Source	Indicates how the sale originated (referral, internal, employee, and etc.).
Sales Rep	Identifies the sales representative responsible for the proposal or agreement. Form notifications, dashboard tracking and credit for a sale/approval are sent to the sales representative selected.
Sold By	Identifies who made the sale. Provides flexibility to record who made the sale if it was someone other than the sales representative.
Form Contact	Identifies the account contact the proposal/agreement will be sent to. Account Contacts must be created first or they will not display as a drop down selection. *Related Article:* Add Account Contact
Linked Leads	Option to link an existing lead service to the proposal/agreement. Linked leads reduces double entry by allowing a user to copy services from the lead to the quote. ***Important** - Leads will continue to populate in the Sales Pipeline - Leads dashboard until linked. Linking to a document closes the lead. *Related Articles:* Add a Lead; Pipeline Leads
Title	Option to enter the title for the Form Contact.
PO Number	Option to enter a PO number if one exists.

Effective Date	The date proposed services and billing will begin.
Delivery Date	Indicates the customer’s preferred date to receive service equipment.
Estimated Close Date	The expected date the sale will close and drives the Sales Pipeline Opportunities dashboard.
Close Probability	Probability of a successful sale (identified by the sales representative).
Term	The initial term length of the service agreement.
Renewal Term	Indicates the automatic renewal term length.
Note	Notes added here display in the Comments section of the proposal.
Delivery Instruction	Internal note that displays on the delivery work order for the driver to see and does not appear on additional service work orders.
Custom Field1 Text	Open field to print additional information not otherwise included on the proposal. Field name can be customized in *Setup > Document Format > Formats (Settings tab).*

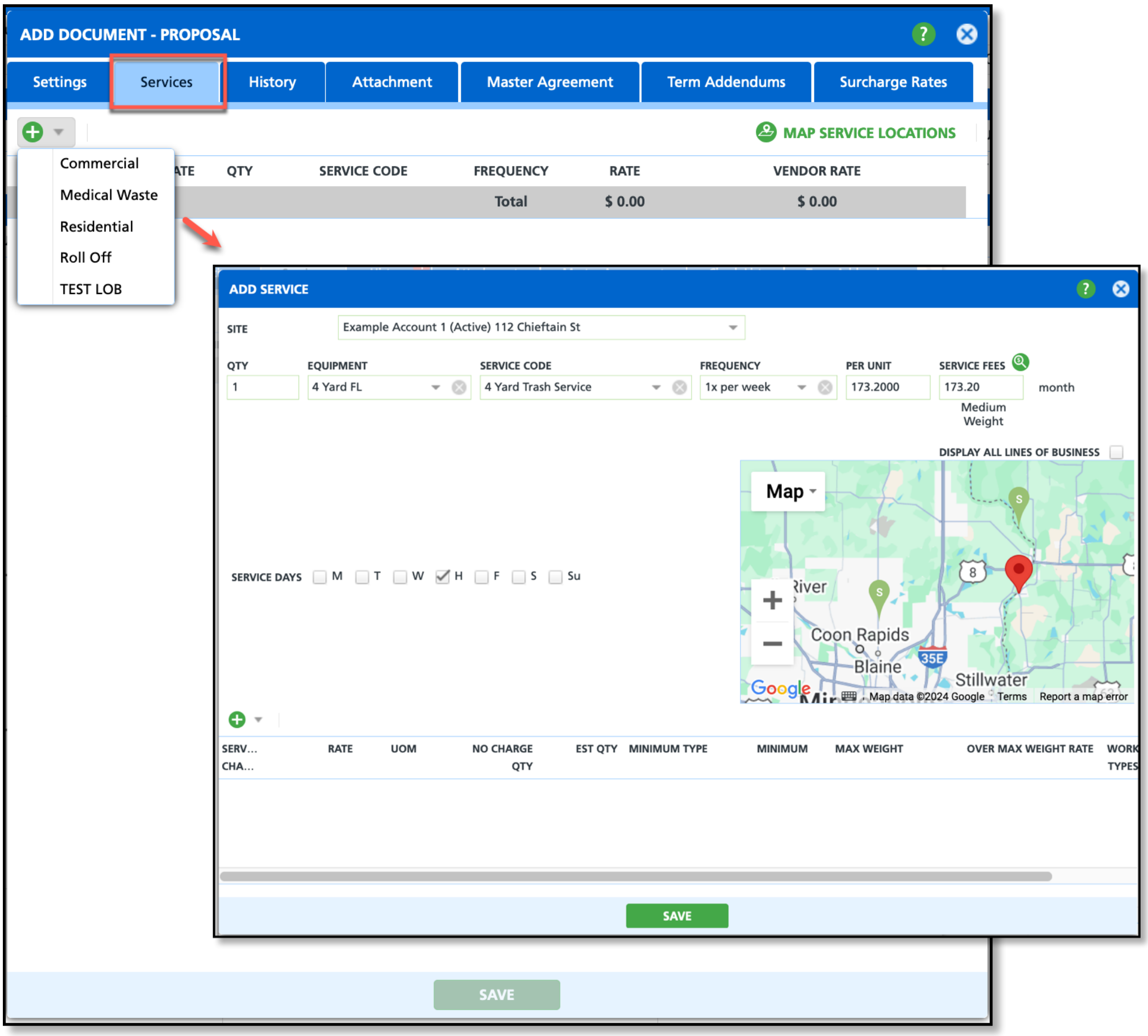
Payment Required at Customer Signature
 	
(Applies to contracts)
	Option to require a deposit for services to begin. If a payment is required, the contract can not be saved until payment has been collected using either a bank account or Credit Card. Payment requirement options include:
	• **Not Required (default)**
	  ◦ Customer and Sales Rep can sign the contract without collection of a deposit.
	• **Specific Amount**
	  ◦ Upon signing, the customer will be required to enter a payment using either a bank account or credit card. If selected, a "Required Payment Amount" field is displayed to enter the required amount.
	• **One Month Recurring Fees Including Taxes and Surcharges**
	  ◦ System calculated based on service rates, and the taxes and surcharges that apply.
	• **One Month Recurring Fees**
	  ◦ System calculated based on the service rates.

Print Est. Surcharge	Option to display estimated surcharges on the printed proposal. Surcharge group must be assigned to site prior to adding services to the proposal or service agreement. To re-calculate the estimated surcharges the service rate must be updated or removed and re-added to the form.
Print Est. Tax	Option to print the estimated tax on the proposal. Service fees must be entered on the Services tab to calculate.
Group Method	Option to group services/charges on the proposal by Site, Line of Business (LOB) or Material.
Multiple Start Dates	Allows the user to define a unique start date for each service added to the form and is primarily used for broker agreements and not a regular sales proposal.

Print Est WO Charges	Option to include the (estimated) work order charges on the proposal.

Services

The Services tab identifies the service(s) and additional charges the proposal includes. Services are entered in one of two ways, copied from a lead or, manually added.



Add Service

1. Click the **green '+'** icon from the Services screen.
2. Select the Line of Business the service is for.
3. Enter a **Quantity** amount for the equipment.
4. Select the **Equipment** the service requires.
5. Select the **Service Code**.
6. Select the **Frequency** the site will be serviced.
7. Enter a rate in the **Per Unit** field. The amount entered here will be multiplied against the value entered in the QTY field to calculate the Service Fees.
8. Optional: if a daily inactivity rental fee applies to the equipment, enter it in the **Daily Rate** field.

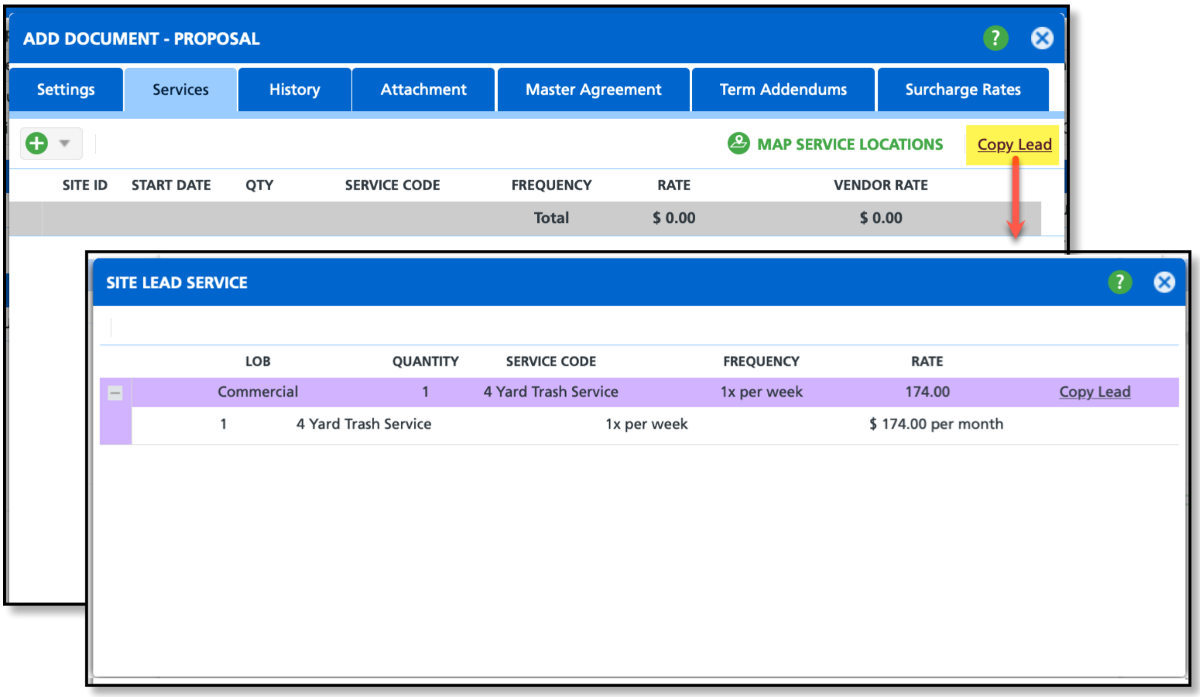
Add Service Charges

Add additional rates in the Service Charges section for anything the customer may call in and request. The account is only charged when the added service is used.

1. Select the **green '+'** icon displayed below the service map.
2. Select the service charge you would like to add.
3. Click within the **Rate** column of the service charge line item to enter a rate for the service.

Copy Lead

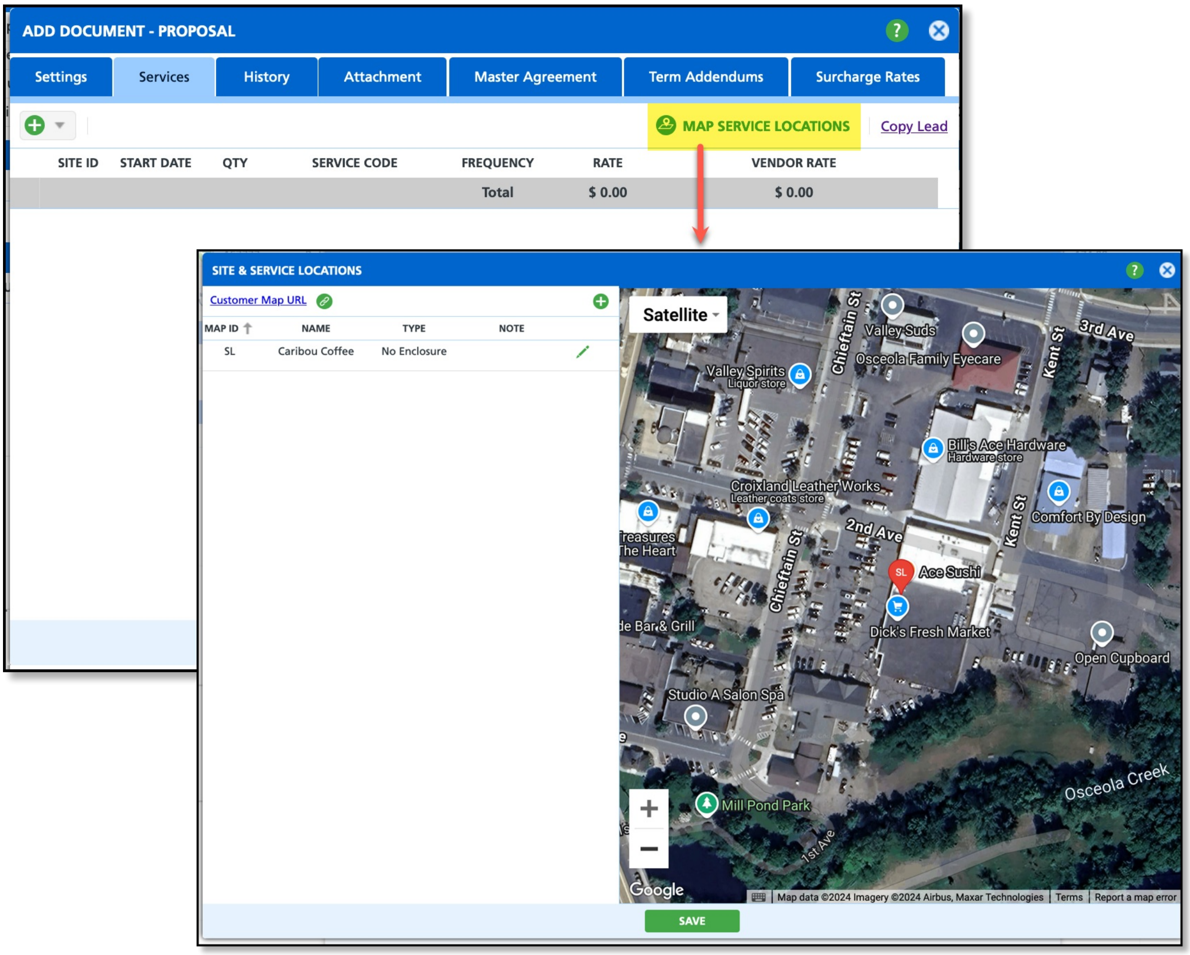
If a lead was previously created for the account, and the service recorded in the lead matches the service proposal, select **Copy Lead** to auto-fill the fields in the Add Service screen.



1. Select **Copy Lead** from the Services tab of the Add Proposal screen.
2. Review the service(s) displayed in the customer service 'Lead Service' screen and select **Copy Lead link** for the service you would like copied. Upon selection, the 'Add Service From Lead' screen will open.
3. Review the service information copied into the 'Add Service From Lead' screen and edit and/or complete additional fields as needed.
4. Select **Save** when finished.

Map Service Locations

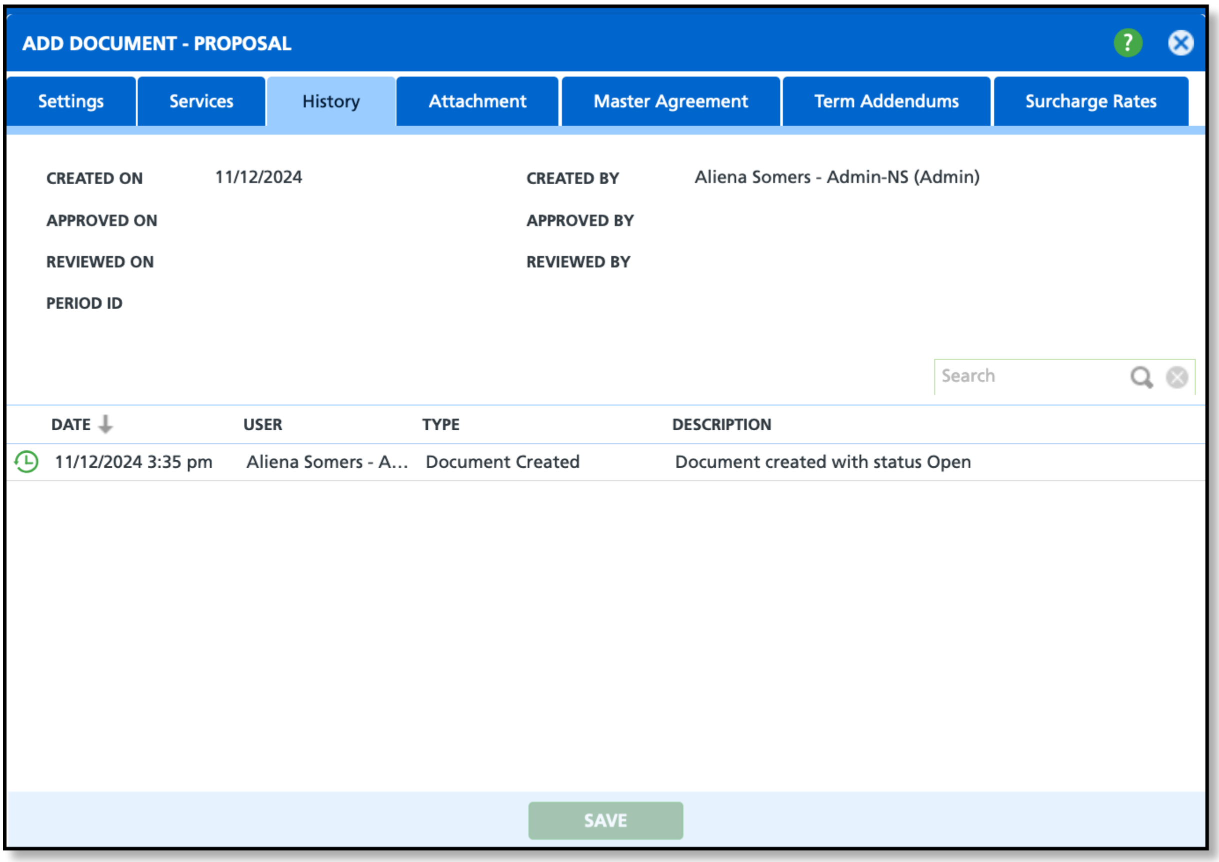
Select 'Map Service Locations' to display a Satellite or Map view of the sites included in the proposal. When the map opens, a location pin displays over each site. If needed, use the drag and drop feature to relocate a site's pin to the approximate location the site should be serviced from. For example, if the service container is located on the west side of the parking lot, drag and drop the pin in that location to direct the driver where to go.



History

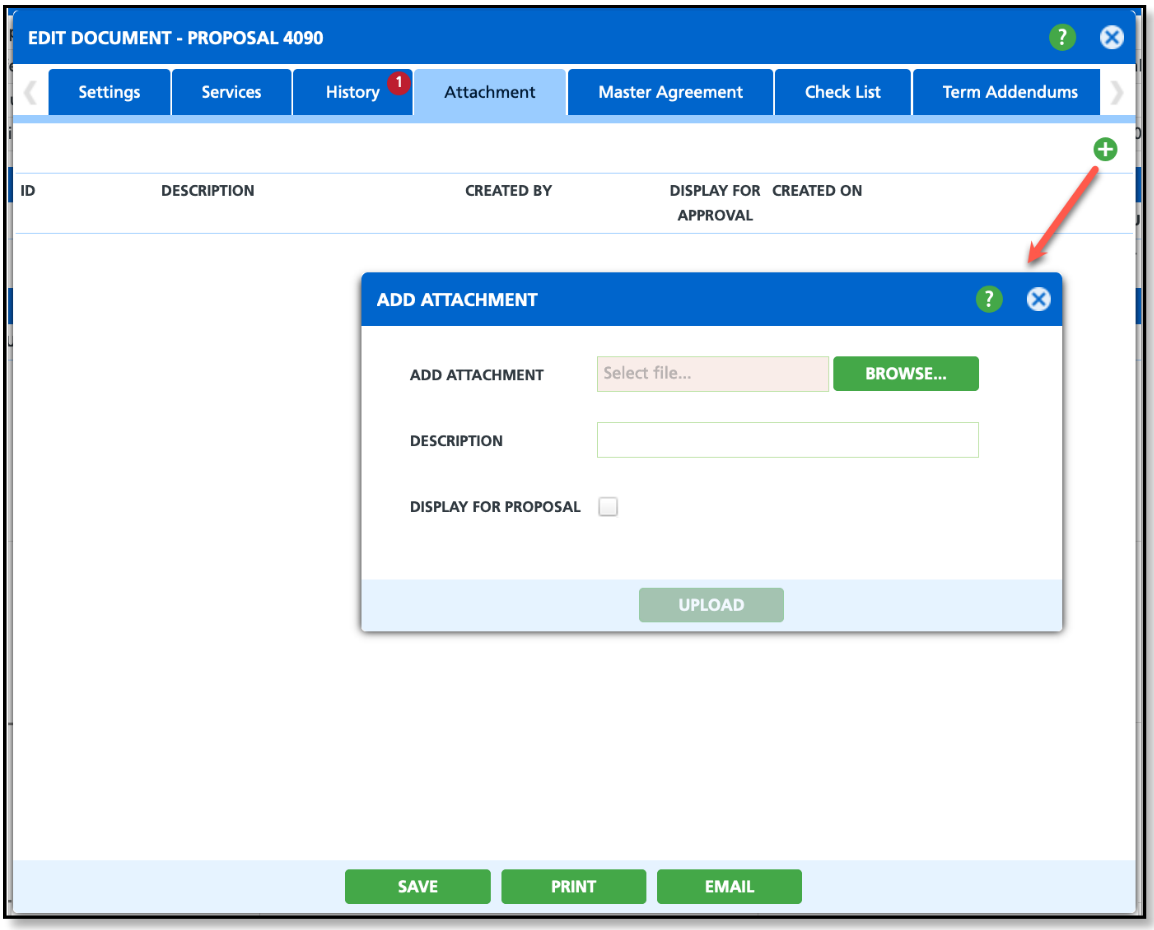
The History tab provides a log of actions performed on a document, ensuring full transparency and accountability. It captures key activities such as:

- Email history
- Each instance the form was viewed
- The date the form was approved
- The signature date an agreement was signed
- The date a Proposal Expiration alert was issued. Alert notifications are issued 90 days from, 60 days from, 30 days from and day of expiration.



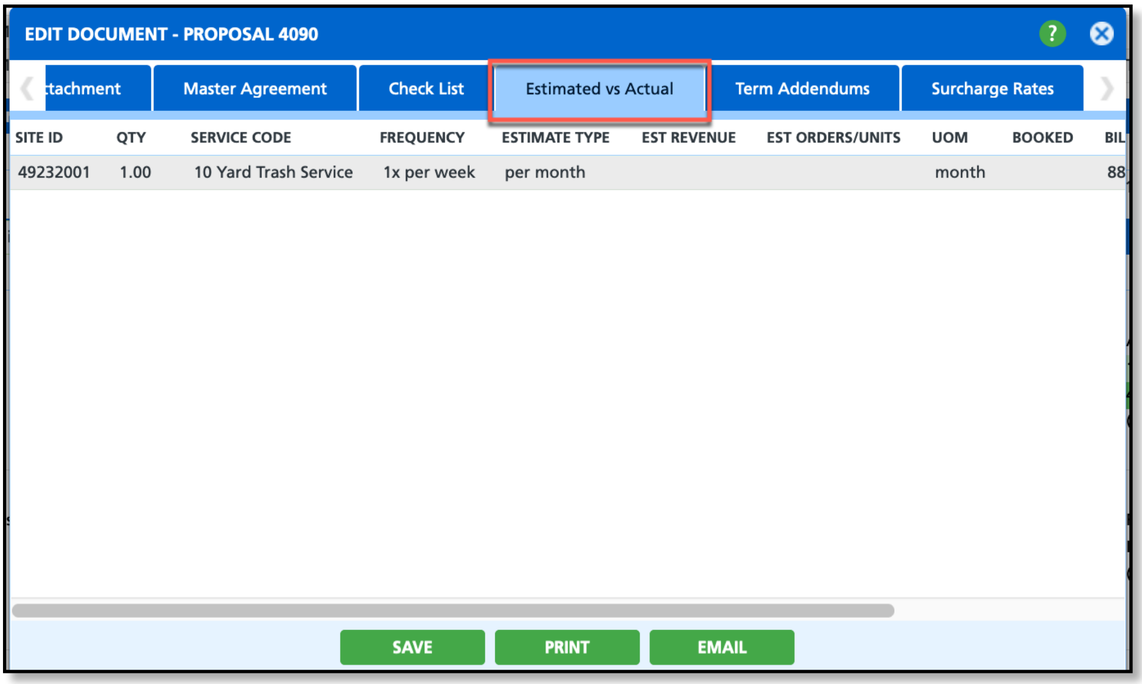
Attachment

Use the Attachments tab to attach and save PDF documents with the proposal. Select 'Display for Proposal' if the attachment should be displayed with the proposal when printed or emailed.



Estimated vs Actual

The Estimated vs Actual tab displays a service's estimated revenue compared to the actual revenue calculated when service begins. By default, this tab does not display unless enabled in Service Code Setup.



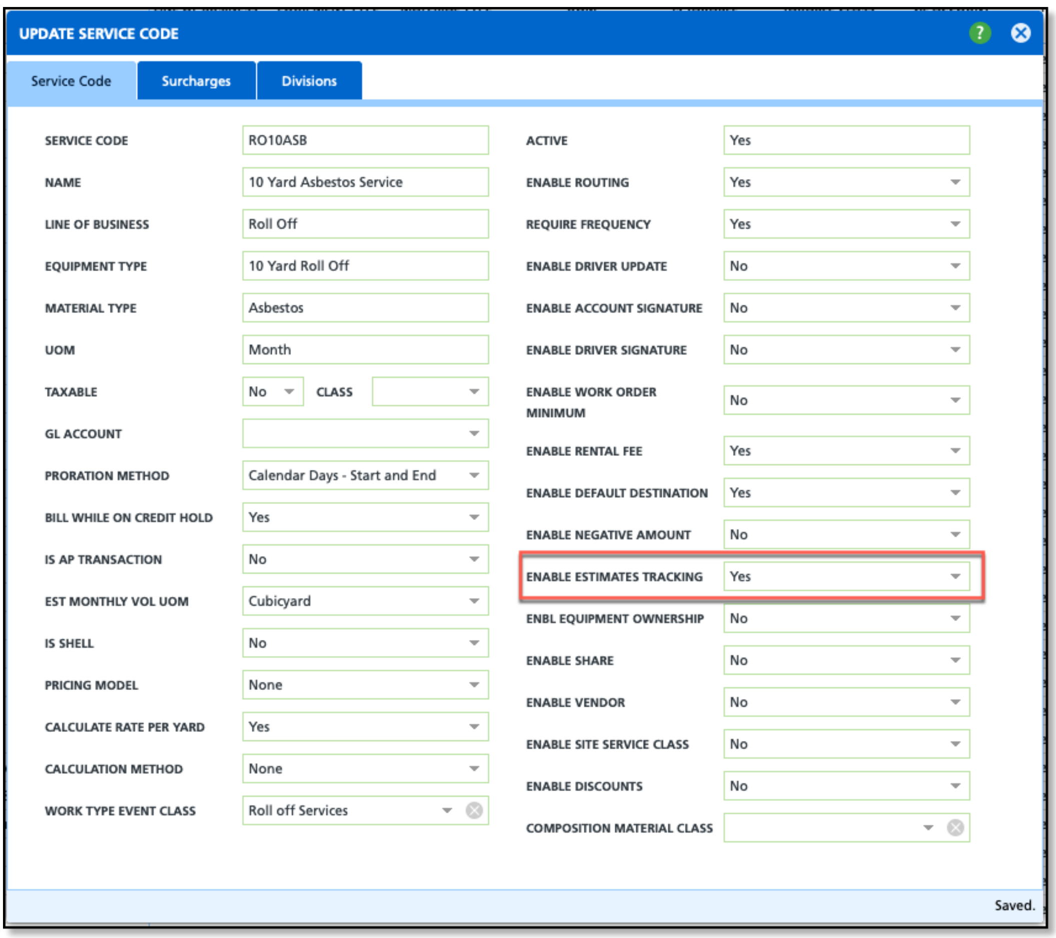
Field Descriptions

Field	Description
Estimate Type	Displays the selection made in the 'Estimated' field when the service was added in the Services tab.
Est Revenue	Displays the value entered in the 'Revenue' field when the service was added in the Services tab.
Est Orders/Units	Displays the value entered in the 'Units' field when the service was added in the Services tab.
UOM	Displays the UOM (Unit of Measure) selected in the 'UOM' field when the service was added in the Services tab.
Booked	
Billed Qty	
Billed Revenue	

Enable the Estimated vs Actual Tab

Pathway: *Setup > Services > Service Code*

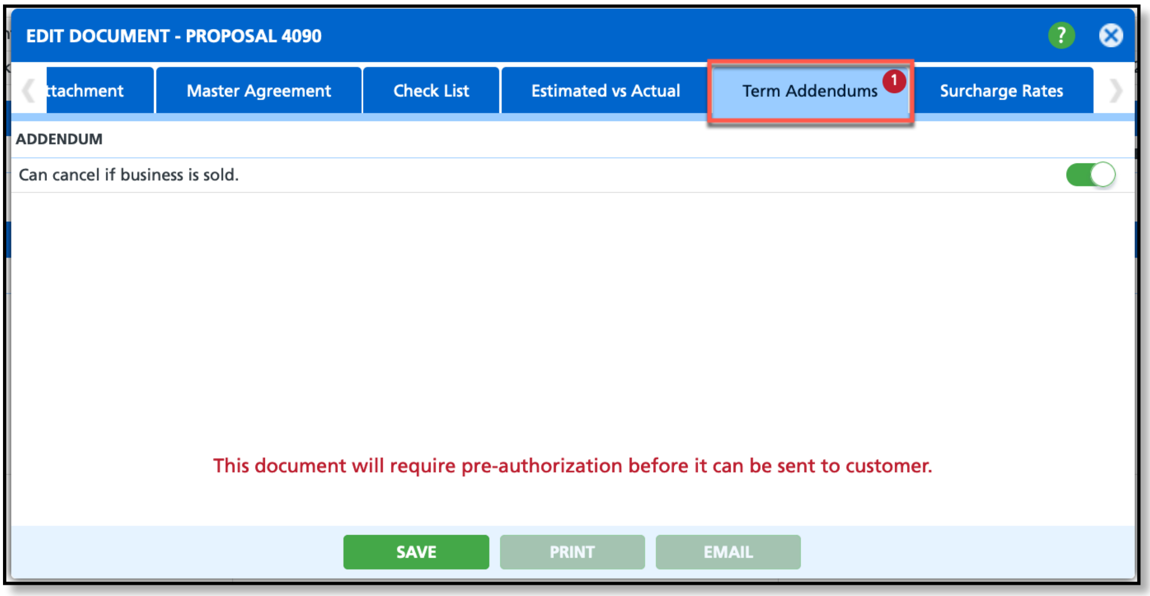
The Estimated vs Actual tab will only display if the proposal includes at least one service code where *Enable Estimates Tracking* is set to 'Yes'. Otherwise, the tab will be hidden from view. By default, the Enable Estimates Tracking field is set to 'No' in Service Code setup.



Term Addendums

If Term Addendums apply to a proposal, they can be enabled on the Term Addendums tab.

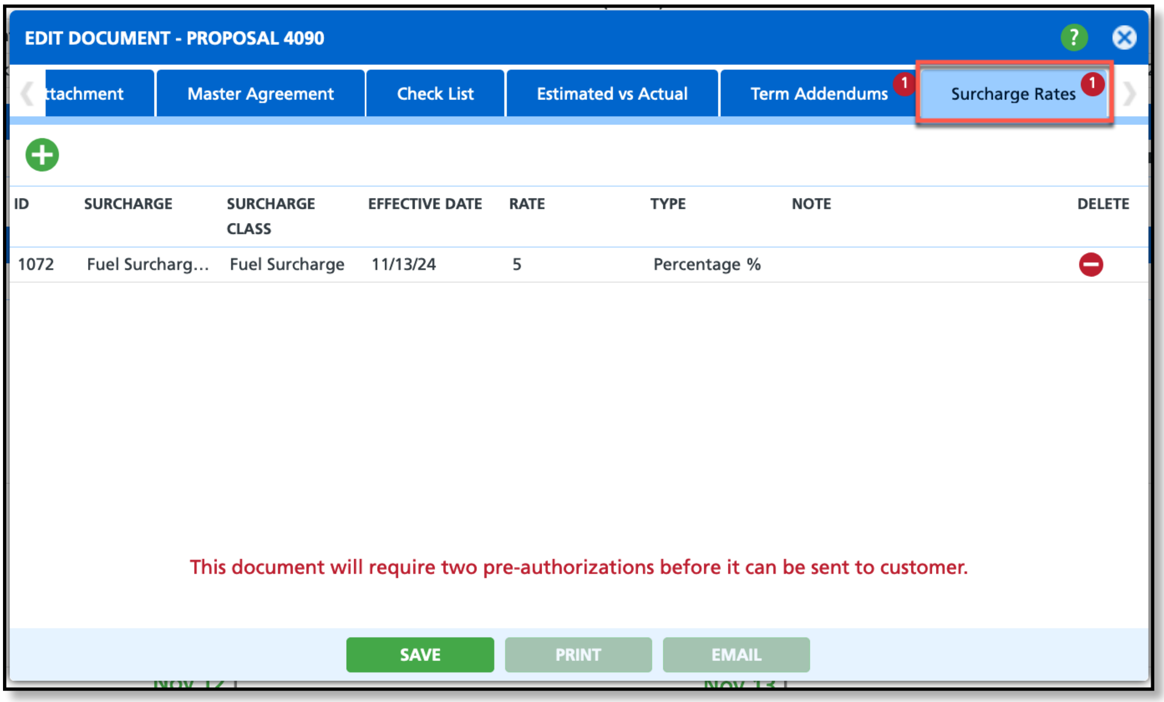
Addendum availability is managed in **Setup > Document Format > Format** and depends on the Form Type. Additionally, an **optional** pre-authorization process can be configured to ensure approval before sending the proposal to the customer if it includes an addendum.



Surcharge Rates

If surcharge rates apply to a service, they can be added from the Surcharge Rates tab.

After selecting the green add icon, click within each field to select the surcharge, set the effective start date, specify the rate, and choose the rate type. Additionally, an **optional** pre-authorization process can be configured to ensure approval before sending the proposal to the customer if it includes surcharge rates that are different from the established rate in setup.



Additional Information

- **Surcharge Setup Location:** Surcharge availability is dependent upon the Service Code. To adjust what surcharges are displayed go to *Setup > Services > Service Code.*

Enable a Pre-Authorization Process *(Optional)*

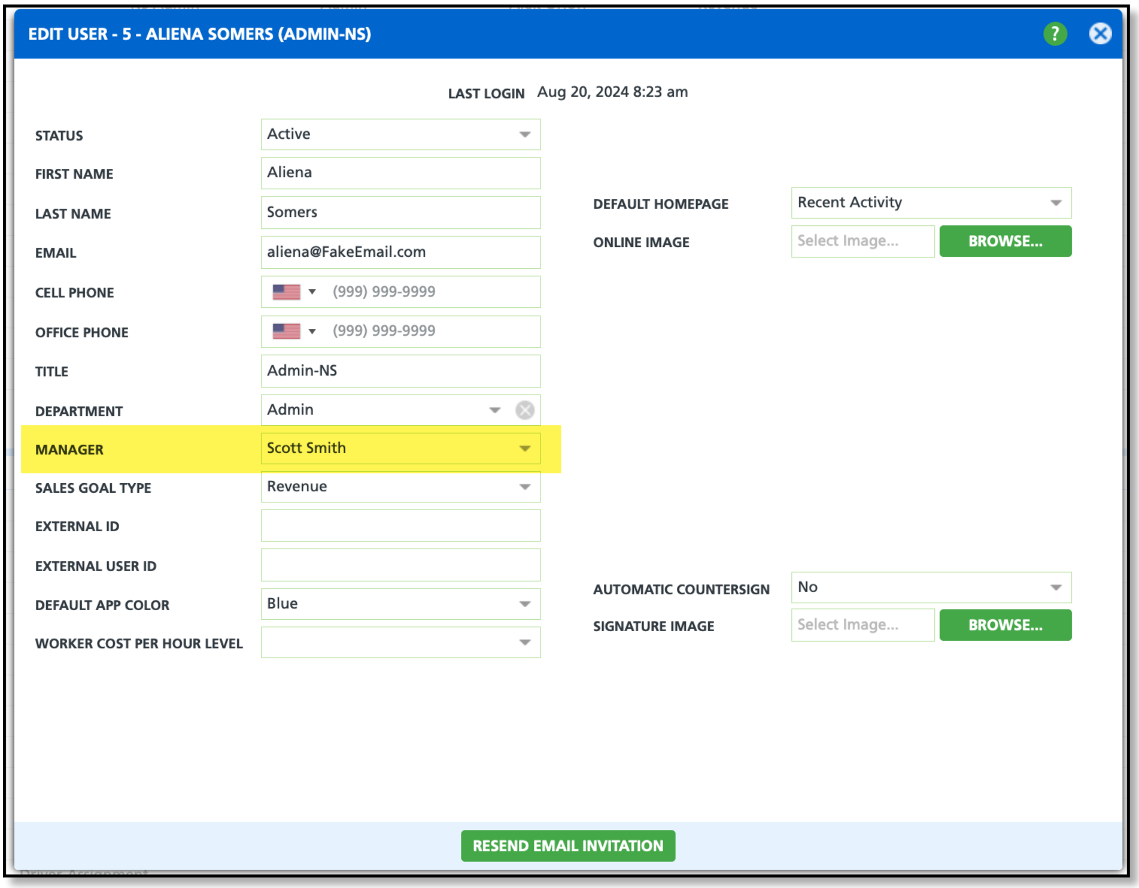
To ensure proposals undergo the appropriate level of review, businesses can configure a pre-authorization process before sending proposals to customers. This flexible setup allows for a tailored approval process, requiring either a single pre-authorization from the user's manager or a two-step process that includes oversight from a higher-level manager.

Authorization Logic

Pathway: *Setup > System > User*

Identification of Approver

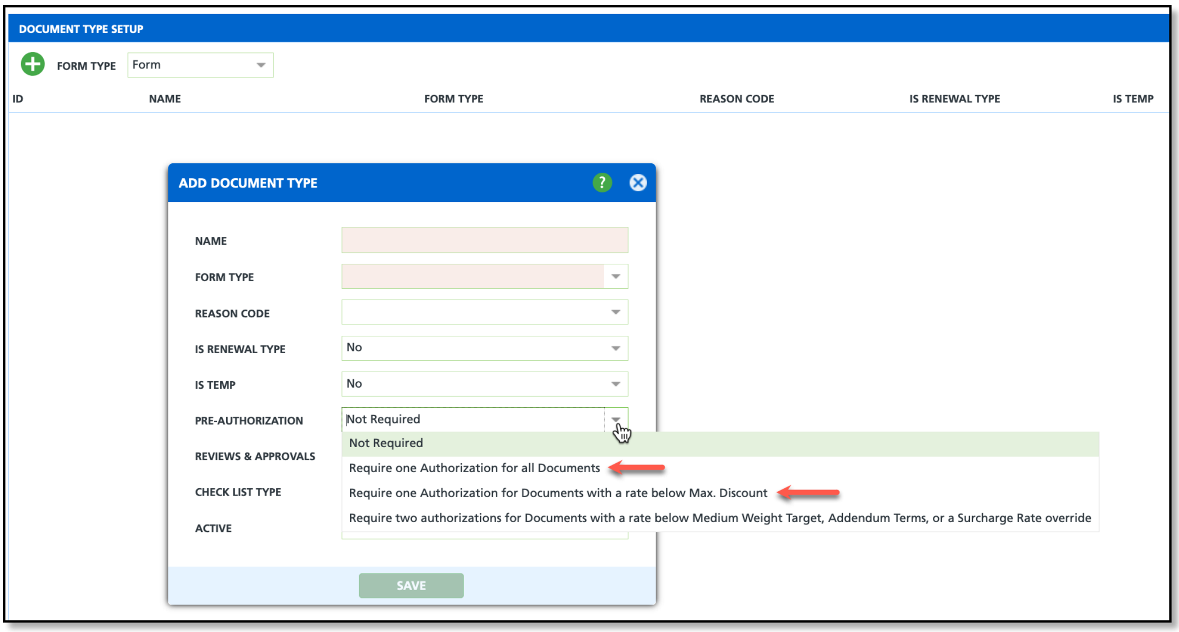
The system identifies the approver based on the manager listed in the *Manager* field of the user profile for the individual who drafted the proposal. If a second authorization is required, the system refers to the manager listed in the first approver's user profile.



Setup to Require 1 Authorization

For the system to require a single pre-authorization before the proposal can be sent to the customer, the following must be true:

- In *Setup > Document Formats > Type*, the 'Pre-Authorization' field is set to either "*Require one Authorization for all Documents*" OR "*Require one Authorization for Documents with a rate below Max. Discount.*"



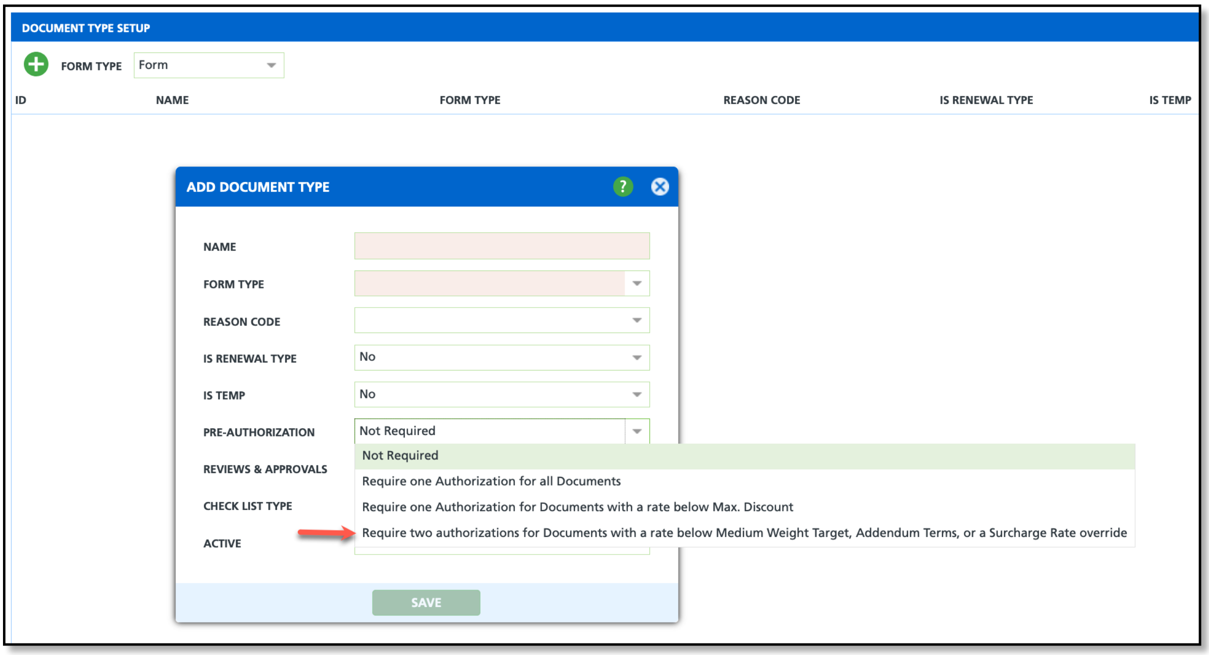
Setup and Logic to Require 2 Authorizations

For the system to require two pre-authorizations before the proposal can be sent to the customer, the following must be true:

- In *Setup > Document Formats > Type*, the 'Pre-Authorization' field is set to *"Require two authorizations for Documents with a rate below Medium Weight Target, Addendum Terms, or a Surcharge Rate Override"*

And any <u>two</u> of these are true:

- The Service Fees rate entered by the user is less than the medium weight rate.
- The proposal includes a Terms Addendum.
- The proposal includes a surcharge rate override where the rate is lower than the default rate.

- 

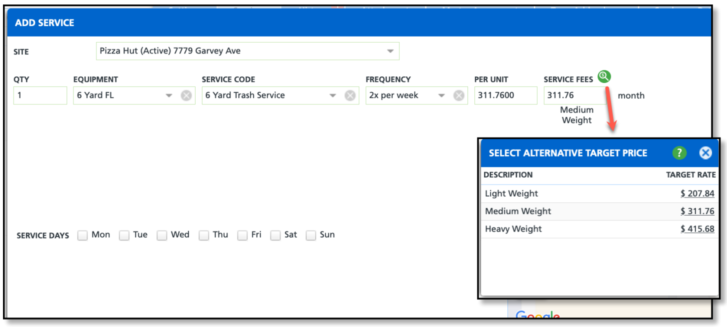
Illustrated Logic for 2 Authorizations

Rate Below Medium Weight Target

The logic for triggering 'Rate below Medium Weight Target' requires the following setup:

- Cost/Target Pricing must be established for the division.
- The service code must have 'Target Pricing (Weight Class)' selected as the Pricing Model.
- The material type for the service code must match the material type for the line of business.

Once this setup is complete, the Target Price icon will display next to Service Fees after a frequency for the service is selected. Changing this to a lower rate (below medium) will trigger the authorization requirement.



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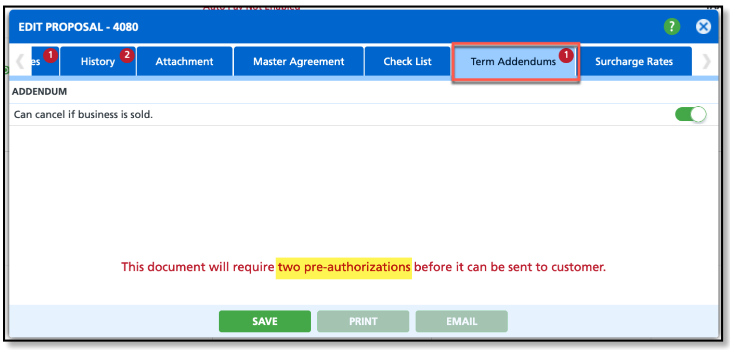
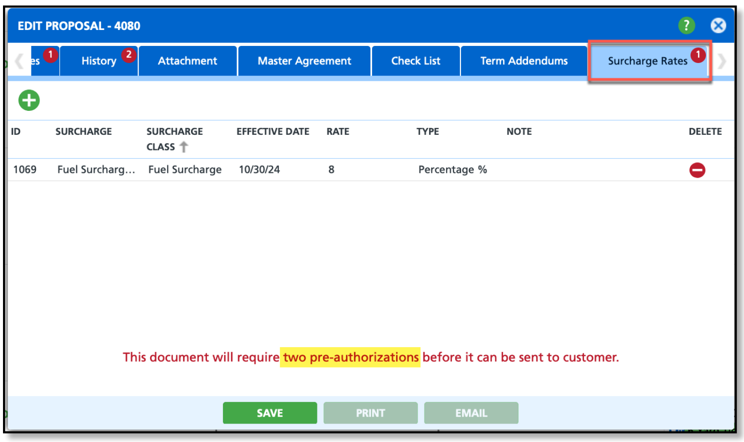


The logic for triggering two pre-authorizations with term addendums requires enabling one of the available addendums in the proposal.

Surcharge Rate Override

The logic for triggering two pre-authorizations with a surcharge rate override requires adding a surcharge and applying a rate that is different than the surcharge's default rate.

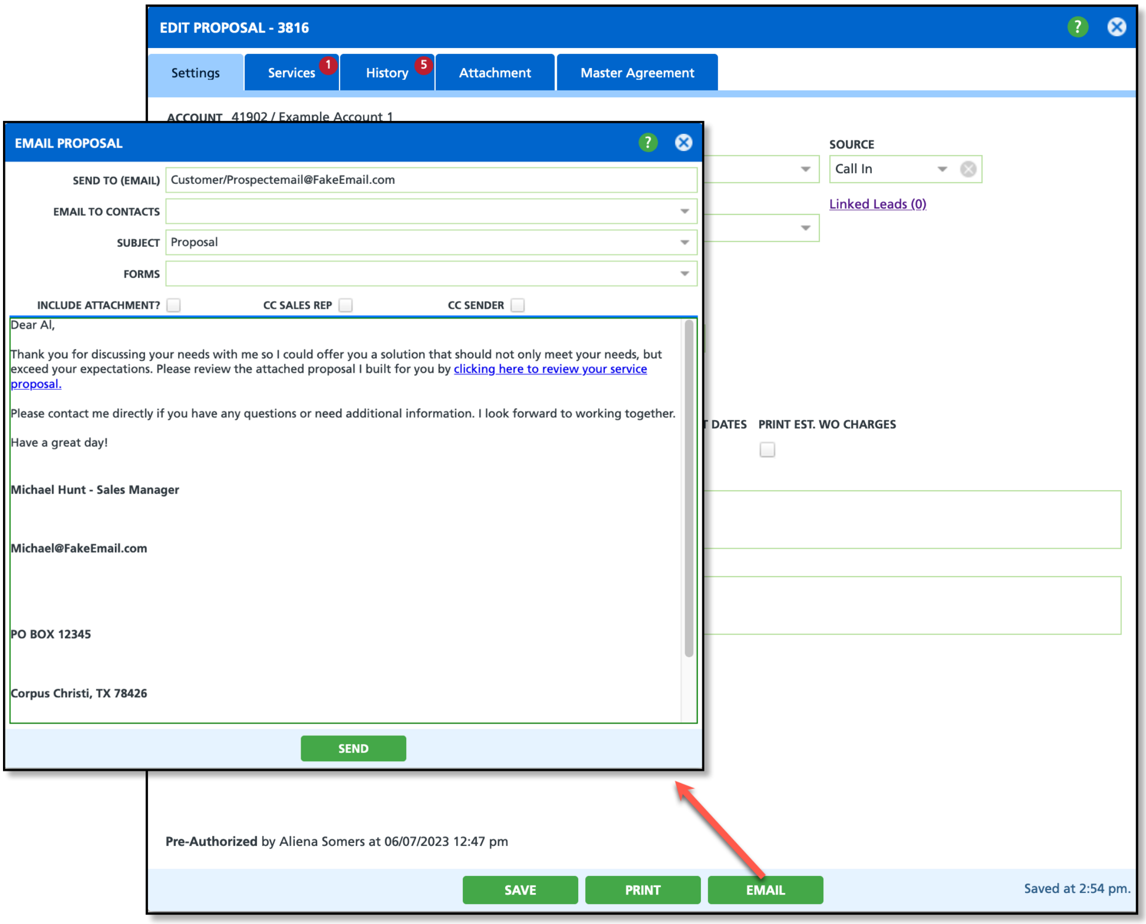


Send Proposal

After the proposal has been created, the option to email it directly to the customer for review and approval is available.

Send Proposal

Once the customer has opened the proposal, the sales representative will receive a blue notification indicating it has been viewed.

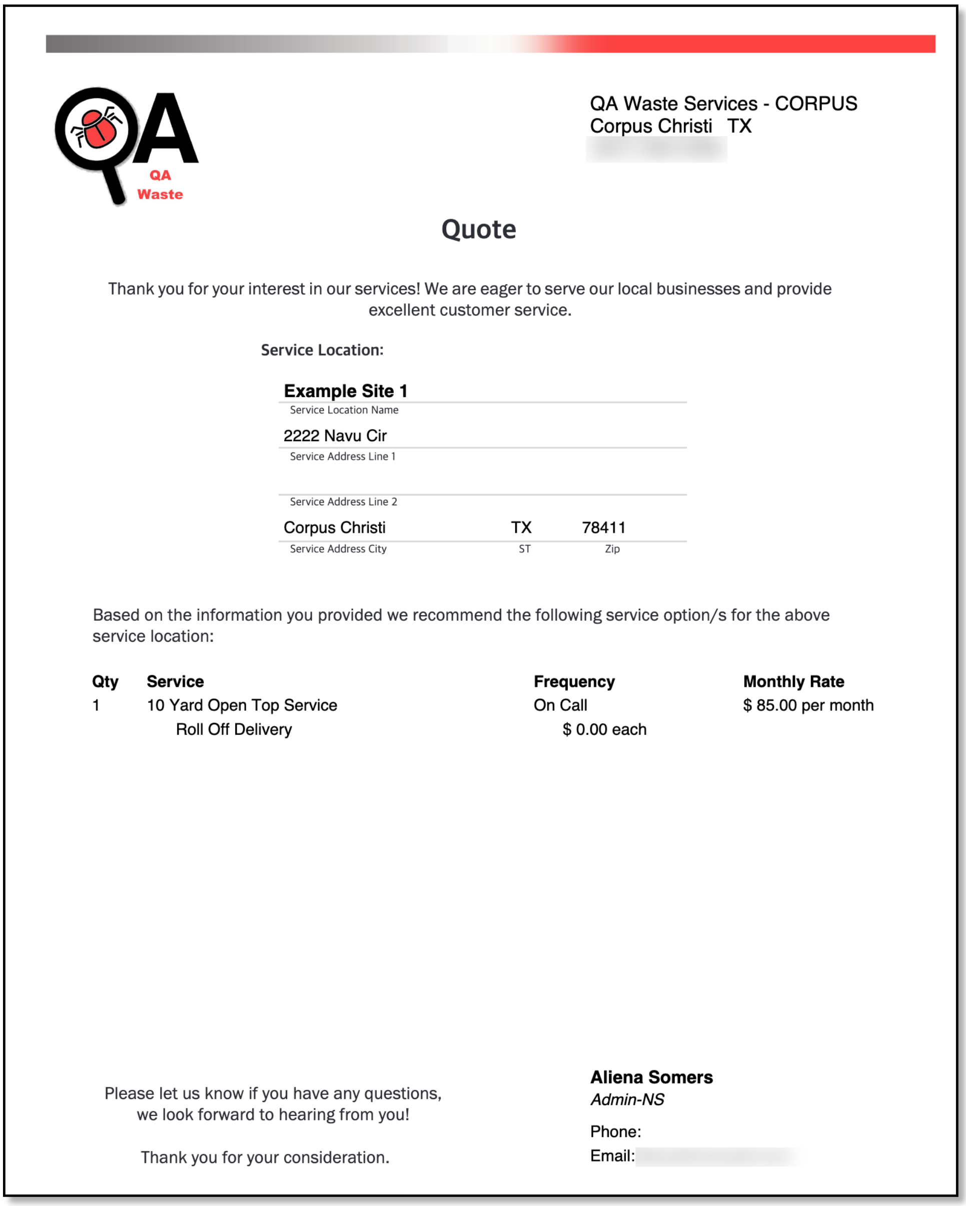


Email Proposal

1. Enter the email address of the person the proposal should be sent to in the **Send to (Email)** field **if** they are not listed as a contact in the "Email To Contacts" drop-down; otherwise, select a pre-existing contact from the drop down.
2. Select an email template from the **Subject** drop down. This will populate the message in the Body section of the email.
3. Select to **Forms** drop down to add a form such as a Cancellation Policy or anything else you would like a customer to have along with the proposal.
4. Review the body of the email message and edit as needed. Click **Send** when the proposal is ready to be sent.

Proposal Example

The following is an example of a printed or emailed proposal. Proposals will vary dependent on your template setup.



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Corpus Christi TX

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Quote

Thank you for your interest in our services! We are eager to serve our local businesses and provide excellent customer service.

Service Location:

Example Site 1
Service Location Name

2222 Navu Cir
Service Address Line 1

Service Address Line 2

Corpus Christi	TX	78411
Service Address City	ST	Zip

Based on the information you provided we recommend the following service option/s for the above service location:

Qty	Service	Frequency	Monthly Rate
1	10 Yard Open Top Service	On Call	$ 85.00 per month
	Roll Off Delivery	$ 0.00 each	

Please let us know if you have any questions,
we look forward to hearing from you!

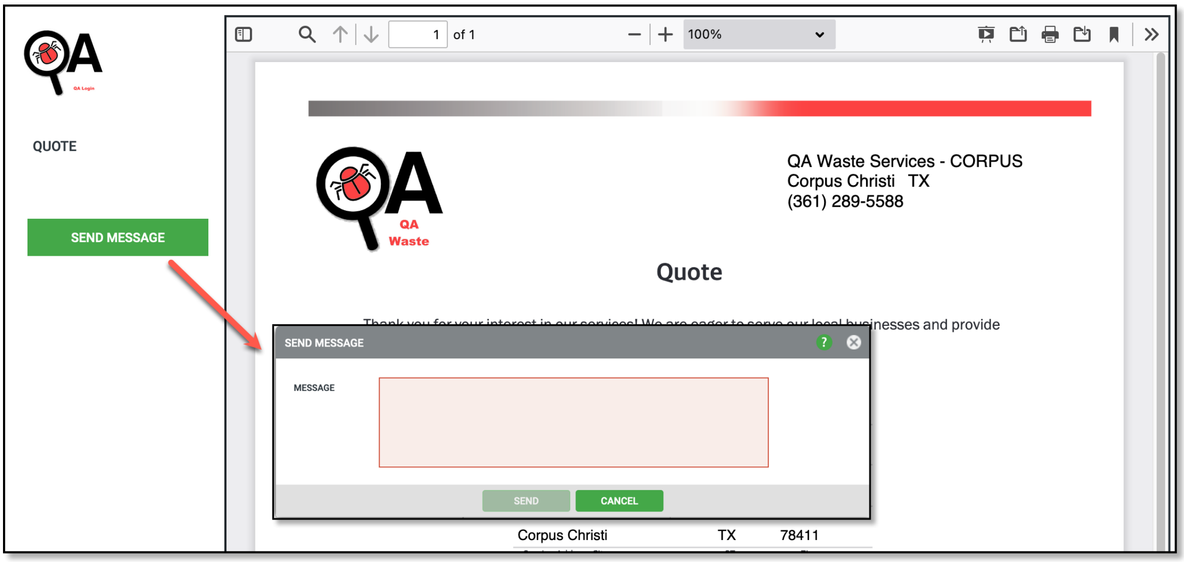
Thank you for your consideration.

Aliena Somers
Admin-NS

Phone:
Email:

Customer Option: Send Message

Upon receiving an electronic version of the proposal, customers can choose to send a message to the assigned sales representative. Once a message is sent, the sales rep will be notified with a blue notification containing the message. The message will also display in their Recent Activities and on the Customer Service screen. Sales reps are not able to message the customer back using the same process and must use an alternative means of communication.



Related Articles

This article is related to the Sales CRM Workflow that includes the following process:

- Create Prospect Accounts and Leads
- Proposals and Service Contracts
- Manage Sales Pipelines and Followups
- Closing a Sale and Lost Sales
- Next Steps - Servicing Hand-Off