Bill of Quantities & Technical Specifications
When you are working on a construction project from design to completion, it is important to have an accurate assessment of the following things:

- What work is being completed?
- How much is being done?
- What is the rate for the work
- What is the total value of the work?

A bill of quantities (BOQ) answers these questions.
Uses of BoQ

The Bill of Quantities has the following uses:

1. Cost planning in the pre contract phase of the project

2. Tendering - An unpriced Bill of Quantities is sent out to bidders to price the work. The bidder with the lowest price normally wins (also based on other qualification criteria)

3. Interim valuation - The Bill of quantities will be the document that the client's/employer's Quantity Surveyor or Project Engineer will use to value the progress of work on site.
Technical Specifications

Specifications describe the materials and workmanship required for a development. They do not include cost, quantity or drawn information, and so need to be read alongside other information such as quantities, schedules and drawings.

Specifications vary considerably depending on the stage to which the design has been developed, ranging from performance specifications (open specifications) that require further design work to be carried out, to prescriptive specifications (closed specifications) where the design is already complete.

Specifications should be developed alongside the design, increasing in level of detail as the design progresses. They should not be left until the preparation of production information. By tender they should describe every aspect of the building in such a way that there is no uncertainty about what the contractor is pricing.

Purpose of Specifications

- Specifications should describe the type and quality of every product required for the project.
- The specifications should describe the requirements for fabrication, erection, application, installation and finishing.
- Specifications should describe the quality of workmanship necessary for the project. This includes
  - All phases of creation and installation starting with
    - manufacturing,
    - fabrication,
    - application,
    - installation,
    - finishing and adjustment.
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