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“We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.”

- Winston Churchill

Welcome.

I prepared this guide after seeing so many people struggle with understanding how and when to hire a general contractor. This process can seem like a complex and frightening roadblock for those who haven't been through it before. This guide will help to simplify the process.

Hiring the best general contractor for your residential project is an extremely important decision. That choice will determine the quality of craftsmanship and the timely completion, within budget, of the project. It will also minimize emotional stress and surprise extra costs.

All projects vary in complexity, cost and duration. A simple room addition or remodel may require only interviewing one or two contractors. For an expensive high-end custom home, it would be beneficial to research a larger number of reputable firms specializing in that level of work. Remember it is important to bring in a contractor early in the design process to ensure you won't be building more than you can afford. Depend on your architect for advice during this process.

The following are considerations and questions for interviewing and hiring a reputable professional contractor in your area.