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How To Choose A Roofing Contractor

Buying a new roof system is an important investment. Before you spend your money, spend time learning how to evaluate roofing contractors. You should insist on working with a professional roofing contractor. The following guidelines will help you select a professional:

- Check for a permanent place of business, telephone number, and tax identification number.
 - Ask for proof of insurance. In fact, insist on seeing copies of his liability coverage and workers' compensation certificates.
 - Check to see if the roofing contractor is properly licensed or bonded.
 - Make sure the contractor is financially stable. A professional roofing contractor can provide current financial information about his company.
 - Look for a company with a proven track record that offers client references and a list of completed projects. Call these clients to find out whether they were satisfied.
 - Insist on a detailed, written proposal and examine it for complete descriptions of the work, job specifications, and payment terms.
 - Have the contractor explain his project supervision and quality-control procedures.
 - Carefully read and understand any roofing warranties offered, and watch for provisions that would void it.
 - Choose a company committed to worker safety and education.
- Have the contractor list the roofing manufacturers with which his firm is a licensed or approved applicator.
 - Keep a healthy skepticism about the lowest bid. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Remember, price is only one of the criteria for selecting a roofing contractor. Professionalism, experience and quality workmanship also should weigh heavily in your decision.

For a professional contractor that exceeds these criteria call Service Works, Your Full Service Roofing Contractor.

Roofing Resources

For additional information on roofing products, specifications, and news check out these helpful websites:

www.nrca.net

www.spri.org

www.rci-online.org

www.epdmroofs.org

www.coolroofs.org

www.ricowi.com

www.tilerroofing.org

www.asphaltroofing.org

www.roofhelp.com

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