

10 Tips for Hiring a Contractor

Sometimes it makes sense to hire a pro rather than take on a job yourself. But choosing the wrong contractor can lead to delays, subpar work, and even legal problems. These guidelines will help you choose a professional contractor and ensure a good working relationship.



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1. Go with Your Gut

A contractor could be in your home and around your family for days, weeks, or even months while changing the way your house looks and functions. So if you don't like a contractor for any reason, don't hire him or her, says Tony LaPelusa, president of LaPelusa Home Improvements, Inc., in Niles, Ill., and past president of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

"The biggest thing is choosing the right contractor," he explains. "If somebody says something that's even an embellishment, it's enough of a reason not to trust him and move on to the next contractor. You have to trust the contractor 100 percent, not 95 percent."

2. Make Sure the Contractor is Licensed to Work in Your Area, Bonded, and Insured

Having a license and insurance demonstrates a contractor's credibility and knowledge, says Bob Peterson, CGR, CAPS, CGP, co-owner of Associates in Building & Design Ltd., in Fort Collins, Colo., and chairman of the NAHB Remodelers Council. The license shows that contractors have taken an exam and proved they know building codes and processes. "A license minimizes the risk to homeowners of getting ripped off," he says. To be sure, get the contractor's license number.

If a contractor doesn't have insurance and a worker gets hurt on your project, you could be liable. The same goes with accidents that damage your next-door neighbor's home. "If you have scaffolding that fell and damaged the property next door, you want the contractor's liability to cover the cost of that damage," LaPelusa says. Get proof of insurance.

3. Pick a Contractor Who Specializes in Your Project Type

"It's important to research contractors to know if they have experience in a type of project," Peterson says. "Today, so many projects are regulated and code-specific that you want someone who knows the details of what's required."

He points out that pros often take classes and research the kinds of projects they undertake, so they're experts in their fields. This enables them to address potential problems and perform the work correctly. "A good remodeler knows how to anticipate the nuances of the work," he says.

If you're asking several contractors for a bid, make sure each one is using the same set of plans and specifications, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) advises on its website: "You can't effectively compare estimates from contractors who plan to use different brands of building materials."

4. Have a Detailed Contract in Place Before any Work Begins

The contract should cover costs, brands of items being installed, approximate start and finish dates, and the complete set of drawings being used with written specifications, LaPelusa says. "There's never too much detail in a contract." If a specific brand for a part hasn't been agreed upon yet, the contract can include allowances instead, such as "up to \$500 for a front door."

A lot of homeowners talk to multiple contractors to get bids on the job, and then they can't remember who told them what, LaPelusa says. The contract spells out everything. "A contract is really an expectation setting, right down to what color the hinges are," Peterson adds. "It's all about expectations. If we agree on everything upfront, then there are no surprises."

5. Find out Who's Performing the Work

Will the person you're hiring do the work himself, or will it be subcontracted to someone else? It's nice

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PROJECT: SEWER GROUP 786
CITY OF SAN DIEGO – BID NO # K-17-1479-DBB-3
SAN DIEGO, CA

****THIS PROJECT HAS A 22.3 % SLBE-ELBE GOAL****

BID DATE: MAY 9, 2017 • BID TIME: 2:00 P.M.

Please respond by 5:00 p.m., MAY 8, 2017

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Sub-Bids Requested from qualified DBE Firms Subcontractors and Suppliers For:

STERLING RESERVOIR AND PUMP STATION

SPECIFICATION W-238B

Owner: Western Municipal Water District

Location: Riverside County, CA

Bid Date: May 31, 2017 @ 2:00 P.M.

J.F. Shea Construction, Inc.

667 Brea Canyon Road, Suite 30 • Walnut, CA 91789

Phone: (909) 595-4397 • Fax: (909) 444-4268

Contact: Lori Olivas, lori.olivas@jfshea.com

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Base Materials, AC Paving, Dewatering, Landscaping, Ready-Mix Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Precast Concrete Vaults, Masonry, Structural Steel, Miscellaneous Metals, Metal Decking, Metal Framing & Drywall, Metal Wall Panels, Roofing, Sheet Metal, Roof Hatches, Metal Doors/Frames/Hardware, Sealants, Floor Hatches, Overhead Coiling Doors, Tubular Skylights, Glazing, Painting & Coatings, Louvers, Signage, Fire Extinguishers & Cabinets, Toilet Accessories, Equipment, HVAC, Electrical and Instrumentation.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA DGS CERTIFIED DVBE
SUBCONTRACTORS & SUPPLIERS
and ALL QUALIFIED SUBCONTRACTORS & SUPPLIERS
FOR ALL TRADES FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

MENLO PARK SMALL HIGH SCHOOL

MENLO PARK, CA

BID DATE: MAY 4 @ 2:00pm

ESTIMATE: \$32,000,000

Trades needed but not limited to: Concrete, Site Concrete, Underslab Vapor Barriers, Concrete Reinforcement, Polished Concrete Surface, Concrete Sealing, Vapor Emissions Control, Precast Concrete Specialties, Reinforced Unit Masonry, Structural Steel, Metal Decking, Metal Fabrication, Metal Stairs, Architectural Woodwork, Casework Countertops, Plastic Paneling, Moisture Protection, Thermal Insulation, Vegetated Roof System, Architectural Aluminum Panels, Standing Seam Metal Roof, Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim, Roof Pavers, Applied Fireproofing, Joint Sealers, Expansion Joint Cover Assemblies, Doors, Frames & Hardware, Access Panels, Overhead Coiling Doors, Glass, Glazing & Storefronts, Tubular Skylights, Louvers, Metal Framing & Drywall, Plaster – Poly Modified Fiberglass Reinforced, Tile, Acoustic & Metal Ceilings, Wall Panels, Flooring, Tile Carpeting, Elastomeric Liquid Flooring, Wall Coverings, Painting, High Performance Coatings, Visual Display Boards, Signage, Toilet Partitions & Accessories, Operable Wall Partitions, Wall Protection, Fire Protection Specialties, Metal Lockers, Mail Boxes, Exterior Sun Control Devices, Flag Poles, Residential Appliances, Food Service Equipment, Projector Screens, Window Treatments, Laboratory Casework and Lab Equipment, Entrance Floor Grilles, Upholstered Seating, Site Furnishings, Hydraulic Elevators, Fire Sprinklers, Earthwork, Grading & Paving, Cast Grout Piles, Landscaping and Unit Pavers, Fences & Gates, HVAC, Electrical, Utilities & Grading and Plumbing

All contractors shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5 to be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) or be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015). In addition, they are subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code.

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Project Name: Alice Griffith Block 5
Location: San Francisco, California
Bid Date: May 24, 2017 @2:00 PM
Pre-Bid Conference: May 9, 2017 @ 10:30am
Location: 1000 Brannan Street, Suite 102, SF

Baines Group and Nibbi Brothers, a Joint Venture team has been selected as the General Contractor for the Alice Griffith Block 5 housing project within the Candlestick Point Redevelopment of San Francisco. We are in receipt of the Bid Set of documents and are currently requesting bid proposals from qualified subcontractors and suppliers including those certified with the City of San Francisco Contract Monitoring Division for DIV 1-33. The Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII) has established a 50% SBE/LBE participation goal for this project with first consideration for San Francisco-based MBEs, WBEs and SBEs located in zip code areas 94124, 94134 and 94107 followed by all areas in San Francisco. A 50% construction workforce and permanent / temporary workforce goal per the Bayview Hunters Point Employment and Contracting Policy has also been established, with a residency modification to comply with the Section 3 Policy. The residency modification includes a goal of 25% for San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA) residents. Contractors in conjunction with their subcontractors are required to make efforts to hire SFHA residents such that SFHA residents constitute a minimum of 25% of the total workforce (calculated by person-hours). This 25% goal is not additional; the hiring of SFHA residents counts toward the overall fifty percent (50%) construction workforce goal. To obtain bid documents please contact Kristin Medwick, Senior Precon & Estimating Coordinator via email, kristinm@nibbi.com. For specific questions regarding this project, please email Paris Paraskeva, Precon PM, parispa@nibbi.com.

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS AND SUBMIT A BID, PLEASE CONTACT KRISTIN MEDWICK VIA EMAIL, KRISTINM@NIBBI.COM

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Project Name: Pier 70, Building 101 (Roof Structural Steel Only)
Location: San Francisco, California
Bid Date: May 31, 2017 @10:00am
Pre-Bid Conference: TBD

Nibbi Brothers has been selected as the General Contractor for the Pier 70, Building 101 project in San Francisco, CA. We are requesting bids from qualified subcontractors and suppliers including those certified with the San Francisco Contract Monitoring Department (CMD) as a local enterprise (LBE) for Division 5, Roof Structural Steel only. The project consists of renovation and tenant improvements for existing Historical Building 101 at Pier 70 in San Francisco. Existing building is a 5 story structure, approximately 60,000 sf, previously utilized as office space. Renovations include; selective demolition of existing building elements, various structural upgrades, construction of new occupied green roof terrace, renovation of historical finishes both interior and exterior, complete tenant improvements of entire building, new building addition (Café), new conveying, mechanical and electrical systems throughout. Bids are due Wednesday, May 31, 2017 @ 10:00am. To obtain bid documents please contact Kristin Medwick, Senior Precon & Estimating Coordinator via email, kristinm@nibbi.com. For specific questions regarding this project, please email Igor Bershteyn, igorb@nibbi.com.

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OWNER:
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 1727 30th Street, Bidder's Exchange, MS 26,
 Sacramento, CA 95816

MAY 4th, 2017 @ 2:00 P.M.

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100% Performance & Payment Bonds may be required. Worker's Compensation Waiver of Subrogation required. Please call O.C.J. for assistance with bonding, insurance, necessary equipment, material and/or supplies. O.C.J. is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DBE Participation. Plans & Specs are available for viewing at our office or through the Caltrans Website at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/index.php.

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PINOLE AND HERCULES, FROM ALAMEDA/
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80/4 SEPARATION,
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Assigned is 14%**

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The Work under this contract is located in Long Island (Babylon), New York. The Work consists of:

**Southwest Outfall Replacement, Capital Project No. 8108
Owner: County of Suffolk – Dept. of Public Works-Yaphank, NY
Capital Project No. 8108
BID DATE: June 8, 2017 at 11:00 AM**

Opportunities to participate exist in the following specific areas of soil and rock excavation, hauling, excavation support systems, underground blasting, structural steel, engineering, survey, instrumentation and monitoring services, materials testing, demolition and site preparation, environmental investigation, utility relocation, paving, fencing and gates, geotechnical and structural instrumentation, slurry wall, cased auger shaft construction, secant piles, cast-in-place concrete structures, reinforcing steel, ground stabilization, rock-bolts, steel dowels, shotcrete, concrete finishing, waterproofing, service utilities, grouting, mechanical equipment – hydraulic, sluice & weir gates, electrical services, pest control, IT services, security, waste disposal, cleaning services, and security services.

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Shea McNally JV set up an FTP site where you can view all plans, specifications and addendums for your convenience. Please contact Steve Fiore at (909) 595-4397, Steven.Fiore@jfshea.com, to receive instructions on accessing the FTP Site.

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Attn: Dennis Poulton, Chief Engineer**

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REQUEST FOR CBE SUBCONSULTANT INTEREST

L.A.M.B. Oxford Management and Technology Company, Inc.
dba: Lamb Oxford MTC, Inc.

is bidding on the following project as Prime Contractor:

**Owner: County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Request for Proposals**

**Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Implementation Project Controls and Support Services (PCSS)
RFP No. AED 7740029**

**County's Proposal due date is Wed, May 10, 2017 prior to 10:00 am PDT
NOTE: Lamb Oxford's Proposal Due Date is Mon, May 8, 2017 at 9:00 am PDT)**

Lamb Oxford is seeking qualifications from Community Business Enterprises (CBEs) for the following work:

- Facilities Management Support Services – General (Janitorial, equipment, Utilities, Security, Alarm, FF&E, etc.)
- Facilities Management and Office Support Services – IT (hardware, software, website, telephones, email, internet, etc.).
- Labor, Human Resource Consultants
- Industrial Compliance Consultants
- Public Relations and Marketing Services
- Community Outreach Services
- Community Training and Mentorship Services
- Project Control Services – Estimating and Cost Controls (Analysis of Risk, Life Cycle, etc.)
- Project Control Services – Scheduling Controls
- Project Control Services – Document Controls
- Project Control Services – Change Controls
- Project Control Services – Primavera P6 and Expedition Support Services
- Project Control Services – Quality Assurance Services (Inspections)
- Project Control Services – Quality Control Services
- Project Control Services – Issues Tracking, Master Calendar, Meeting Minutes Log, Monthly Reports
- Project Control Services – LEED Certification and Sustainability
- Project Control Services – Virtual Design, Construction and Quality (BIM)
- Project Control Services – Data Analytics
- Hospital Construction / Project Controls Experience (Medical and Health Services for Consultants and Client)
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Experience providing similar services to the County of Los Angeles is preferred. This proposal is in alignment with the County of Los Angeles CBE Program requirements and certified CBEs are encouraged to respond. The CBE Program includes business enterprises owned by disabled veterans, disadvantaged business enterprises, and minority and women-owned business enterprises.

Interested businesses should email a brief overview of County of Los Angeles experience, along with CBE documentation by Monday, May 8, 2017 at 9 a.m. PDT to Del Dorsey (Independent Outreach Contractor) at del-dorsey@everfieldconsulting.com, or by telephone (310) 251.7165 or by fax (310) 539.7612.

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to know who will be showing up on your doorstep, and large jobs like additions and major kitchen remodels often involve multiple subcontractors, such as electricians and plumbers. General contractors often subcontract specialty jobs, like roofing or vinyl siding, to other pros.

“Having subcontractors is sometimes a good thing. They have a more thorough knowledge of their part of the job,” LaPelusa says. “It all goes back to hiring a contractor you can trust because he’s never going to put a bad subcontractor on your job.”

6. Give the Contractor Guidelines for Working In or Around Your Home

If you don’t want the workers showing up before a certain time, staying past a certain hour, using your bathroom, or you need to have the project finished by a specific date, tell the contractor before you hire him, LaPelusa says. The contractor may not want or be able to accept the job based on your parameters.

“The contractor has to know what your limits are and what your expectations are,” LaPelusa explains. “If people don’t want you starting until 9:30 and want you out by 4, that project—instead of taking 30 days—might take 45. That means it might cost additional money.”

7. Know What Your Responsibilities Are

You may have to move everything out of a room so it can be painted or remove a fence so a concrete truck can be driven into your backyard.

Peterson’s company, for instance, doesn’t move items out of a room because he doesn’t want to be responsible for broken TVs or stereos. Because he recommends a furniture mover, he holds a pre-construction meeting with homeowners to discuss their roles. “We set all of those expectations in writing,” Peterson says. “It may be that you need to take everything off those six walls and move the furniture out of the room.”

“My biggest fear, to be honest, is losing someone’s dog or cat,” he says. “We want to know upfront where they’re putting the cat or dog.”

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8. Ask About a Mechanic's Lien

Under the mechanic's lien laws in some states, anyone who worked on or supplied materials to your project and is not paid can place a lien on your home. This means that even if you pay your contractor, but he doesn't pay the lumberyard for your materials, you can be liable for that bill. "It's important for homeowners to understand the lien laws in their state because they vary from state to state," Peterson says.

And definitely check on your contractor's legal status before you sign anything. "If a contractor owes \$30,000 from his last job, there's a good chance your money is going to pay the bills on that last job."

If a contractor has a lien against him, it's best to move on and avoid a potentially messy situation, Peterson advises: "It's called a big snowball going down a hill."

9. Look at Work Samples

This lets you see a contractor's handiwork and may spark ideas for your project. "Sam-

ples are more important than references," Peterson says. "They allow you to see the quality of our work. You can see the designs we came up with and how creative we are."

Looking at a contractor's past projects also lets you see the variety of work the company has performed, such as contemporary, Craftsman, or historic designs.

10. Think Locally

Area contractors who have been in business for a long time are usually reliable and safe bets for projects. If they didn't do good work in your community, they wouldn't still be around.

"I always say shopping locally is the best approach," LaPelusa says. "The company is involved in the community, the workers are probably local, and if you have a problem later, a local contractor is going to be on top of it."

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