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Preview

When we have an intact system for validating the *credentials, competence, and reputation* of home improvement contractors, that is otherwise known as *protocol for the home setting*. But for simplifying the expression, we simply say: *protocol*. Even so, protocol without proactivity is like being very thirsty, having drinking water, and not using it to address that immediate need.

Subsequently, although it is great for us to have ways and means for properly validating contractors, when we do not use them, they are of no effect. By that same token, when we opt to learn to be better able to distinguish between honest and dishonest home improvement contractors, but we do not apply what we learn as often as required, then we defeat the purpose of our study.

These homeowner guides can be immensely helpful in the decision-making process, but if we only read them without advancing our thinking and practice in relation, we defeat our purpose. Most assuredly, we do well to own the predisposition for *reading our guides with intent on learning and using* everything applicable to our situations. *Proactivity-Versatility*.

A Brand New Year

On January 2, it remains a brand new-year. But is it really a happy new year or a sad one? Will it be a pleasing new year for us to really boast about when January next year is upon us? Who knows?

The one who *knows* is the one who makes it a point of learning and knowing what to do and how to do it before it is done. Some call it prophesy – but in this case it is called *reasonable projection*. When we know what we must accomplish and make conscientious efforts towards learning the nature and potentials of the ingredients, using these *as prescribed* to actually predict the outcome, then rest assured that next year will be even more amazing than the year we left behind.

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Question: *If we were shown a way to increase our chances for actually predicting the outcome of our special home projects this year, and to do so with even greater accuracy, would we use it?*

In these few moments, we are going to consider factors which will practically increase our intuition towards actually predicting the outcome of home projects we authorize residential contractors to assist us with. It all begins with our awareness of the pitfalls the blind alleys, and our determination and individual expressions of power and prerogative to avoid them.

In This Present Moment

In the meantime, we may want to have no doubt that, as far as the human experience goes, the basic nature of affairs will be pretty much the same among private home heads in our country. That may seem a bit contradictory, unless, of course, we consider the fact that, as in every year before, *some* will win, *many* will lose. Those who win in this regard are those who make the *best possible decisions* premised on enforcing the *best possible information* to that effect - those who lose are those who make the *worst possible decisions* premised on operating on the *worst possible information*.

Nevertheless, we are optimistic to the extent of knowing that some will operate on home ethics most suitable to making the *best possible decisions* about contractors, and getting comparable results. We happen to be among that number.

Courtesy Begins With Ourselves

Unfortunately, there still remain many who are not as assertive about our expectations. Instead, we find that in most reported cases of residents being defrauded, it happened because we treated the situation as we would a *social courtesy*. We did nothing significant to ensure we were making the right decisions. We impulsively gave contractors the money out of sheer kindness then *hoped* we were not making a mistake. Needless to say, our hopes were in vain.

By contrast, there is yet another group of residents who enjoyed successful contract-related home projects. We did so because we treated our home projects as the *social business operations* they were. It would not be fair to ourselves if we were not sufficiently dedicated to defending the sanctity of our own well-being and the condition of our homes, foremost. Yet because of our diligence staying focused on doing what was right for ourselves and property, our ability to prevent home fraud is far greater.

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For as long as we are similarly fortified it becomes natural for us to be as thorough as possible about first obtaining sufficient information on residential contractors before deciding.

In Which Group Are We?

Of these two groups of residents, in which would we much rather be? In the one which played guessing games, hoping we made the right decision? Or in the one which properly validated contractors through careful research *knowing* we made a reasonable choice? Presumably, by virtue of our studying this guide, we opt for the second group. In fact, we are.

A New Beginning

In this moment, we are clearly considering this new beginning we have with consideration of another year. We had both successes and delays last year. Now we have yet another opportunity for *increasing* our level of success synonymous to *decreasing* that of delays.

Undoubtedly, a new year is but a new moment in time and another chance to make things even better than the year before. Obviously, in this case, it can also mean being happier and more secure in our homes.

Being More Organized

Although it is often said that: good things always come to those who wait - often it is more in the vein of *good things come to those who sow seeds accordingly*. When we sow seeds of random decision-making, then what we are most probably going to get are comparable results. Most times, haphazard results backfire worse than a loose grenade. The reason is that normally that approach is without credible structure. It is just the makings of bits 'n' pieces. And, as we know, when some private home residents do that, we should not be suddenly surprised to see our homes and the rest of the property duplicating this *hit or miss* approach. This is especially after a quick bout with a slew of randomly selected *super contractors*.

For sure, our bottom line is that in anything we do, if we expect to really be successful, foremost of all, we need a sensible goal. That is to say, although we may want or need to get from point "A" to point "B," if what we do at point "A" is inconsistent with what we hope to attain at point "B," then our desire to that effect is worthless. In that case, for as long as we continue in this inconsistent way, we will never attain the sort of point "B" we have in mind.

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This can be easily interpreted: If we expect to enjoy specific success in anything, then it is most imperative that we have *clearly defined priorities* which govern specific approaches consistent with them. Essentially, it is always crucial that we *develop* and *nurture* a system specific to what we hope to achieve. This is most notable to us as a *ways and means*, whereby, we can have a more organized approach seeking, gathering, interpreting, and using information conducive to what we would like to accomplish.

For better results this year, we may want to hone comparable priorities. After all, how can we improve our chances for making the right hiring choices this year without using a more refined method of approach than we used last? Each is complementary to the other.

Summary

There is something which occurs quite a bit during the first month of the year. Quite a few individuals enter the new year with lots of energy and related resolutions. Ironically, before the month of January has ended, they falter badly.

However, speaking in terms of apparent resident behavior this time of year, hopefully it is a safe theory to say that like in anything else we set out to do for the new year, we can vow to make *better hiring decisions*. Yet at first opportunity, we can forsake our vows in that regard. We may opt instead for the *path of the least resistance*. That means neglecting to devote time required for properly validating the competence, reliability, efficiency, and credibility of contractors.

We may want to do everything within our power to ensure that our home protocol in this regard grows continually more efficient than it was last year. The better we get at this, the safer and wiser our decisions for hiring only the best, most reliable contractors to work in, on, and/or around our properties.

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HELPFUL REFERENCES

THE APPLICATION

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**Note: Contractor Is Required To Complete This Application Off-Premises
And To Return It On Mutually Agreed Date And Time.**

**SERVICE VALIDATION
APPLICATION**

All Information Must Be VALIDATED Prior To Further Project Discussion

1. Date _____ 2. County Work Is To Be Performed _____
3. Contractor's License/Registration# _____ 4. Issuing County _____
5. Issuing State _____ 6. Date Issued _____ 7. Date Expires _____
8. Full Name of Contract Firm/Contractor _____
9. County _____ 10. Address _____
11. City _____ 12. State _____ Zip Code _____

14. (In this document the term "Contractor" "Principal" or the phrase "Principal Contractor" refers to perso who is authorized to bid for this work and to take full responsibility for commencing, performing, and completing specific to expectations of homeowner or duly authorized tenant, and to be held liable for any resulting damages or unauthorized expenditures relative to the same).

15. Principal's Legal Name _____ (whether Self or Contract Firm)
16. Position with Contract Firm _____ 17. Bond Company: _____
18. Principal's Landline Area Code & Phone# () _____ ext. _____
19. Principle's Wireless Area Code & Phone# () _____ ext. _____
20. Firm's E-mail _____
21. Work Sought (Please, clearly specify) : _____

Below Section Completed ONLY After This Application Is Returned Properly Filled In By Contractor

By signing this document, I, the Principal/Lead/General Contractor, gives the undersigned resident my full authorization to contact government agencies, related personal references, and other sources to verify any and all information I have entered here or have otherwise conveyed to undersigned resident.

Principal's Signature _____
Resident's Signature _____

<https://www.americanprivatehomefront-hgrbs.com/service-validation-form.php>

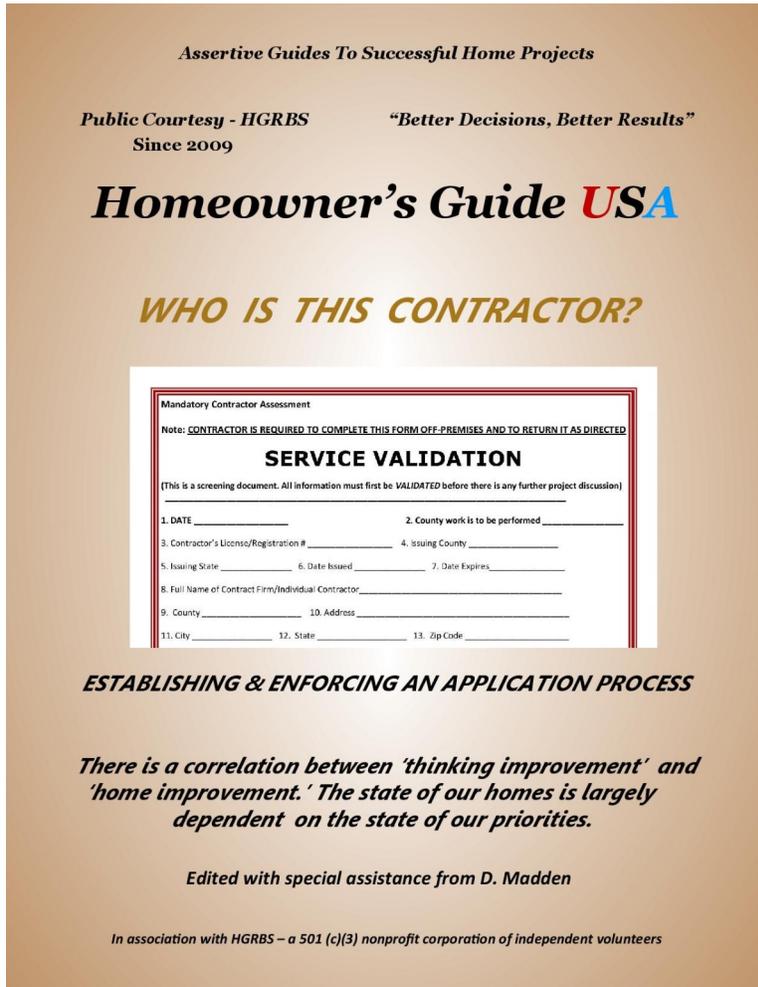
In matters of contract-related home maintenance and improvement, the *Service Validation Form* (application) is among the most crucial tools for us to use. This is the application (Page 1 of 2) which we physically hand to contractor candidates along with a numeric instruction sheet (Page 2 of 2) for filling it out.

It is recommended that we physically hand this form to contractors to fill out ELSEWHERE, then to return it 100% completed with a MINIMUM of five (5) recent residential references from the neighborhood for whom contractor candidates claim to have done the same or similar work.

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Who Is This Contractor?

Establishing & Enforcing An Application Process



<https://www.hgrbs-flagship.com/Who-Is-This-Contractor.php>

Who Is this Contractor? is the primary homeowner's guide since all others in the HGRBS catalog centers around its theme. This is the foremost question in resident-contractor relations to reasonably answer before making a hiring decision. All guides offered by the nonprofit inspires us to invest time to know.

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SERVICE BOOKLET

[American Homeowner's Fast Track To Best Contractors]

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This written tutorial is sponsored in association with HGRBS as a private service contribution to the amazing efforts of Alaska private home decision makers towards locating, selecting, and hiring the best contractors for the best results in matters of home maintenance and improvement.

It all begins with making the right decisions. We are better prepared to make the right decisions when we have all the right information about the people we hope to entrust our precious home projects to. This is about doing all the right things to that effect and more!

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<https://www.american-homeowners-fast-track.org/service-booklet.php>

The *Service Booklet* is the alternate name for the “Homeowner’s Fast Track ...” homeowner’s guide. It is a useful tool for contractor lookup. It also offers quite a few pointers for making reasonable hiring decisions. There is a customized *Service Booklet* for each of the 50 states, including Washington DC.

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