

INTERVIEWING A CONTRACTOR

Asking the right questions to fit your project

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EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- How long have you been in business?
- What types of projects do you specialize in?
- Can you provide references from past clients or examples of similar projects you've completed?



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LICENSE & INSURANCE

- Are you licensed to work in this state? (Check local regulations)
- Do you carry general liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance?



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PROJECT SCOPE & TIMELINE

- Can you provide a detailed written estimate or bid for the project?
- How long do you expect the project to take?
- What is your availability and scheduling for this project?



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SUBCONTRACTORS & CREW

- Will you be using subcontractors? If so, how do you vet and manage them?
- Who will be on-site overseeing the work, and what is their level of experience?



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PERMITS & REGULATION

- Will you be responsible for obtaining necessary permits, or is that the homeowner's responsibility?
- How familiar are you with local building codes and regulations?



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MATERIALS & SUPPLIERS

- What types of materials do you typically use, and do you have preferred suppliers?
- Can you provide suggestions for cost-effective yet quality materials?



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COMMUNICATION & UPDATES

- How will we communicate throughout the project? What is your preferred method of communication (e.g., phone, email, in-person)?
- How often will you provide progress updates?



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BUDGET & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Can you provide a breakdown of the project costs, including labor, materials, and any other fees?
- What is the payment schedule? Do you require a deposit upfront?



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WARRANTY & GAURANTEES

- What kind of warranty or guarantee do you offer on your work?
- How do you handle any issues or defects that arise after the project is completed?



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CLEAN-UP & DISPOSAL

- How will you handle the cleanup and disposal of construction debris?
- Will you leave the site in a safe and clean condition at the end of each workday?



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PROBLEM-SOLVING & CHANGES

- How do you handle unexpected issues or changes to the project scope?
- What is your process for addressing and resolving disputes or disagreements?



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REFERENCES & PORTOLIO

- Can you provide a list of past clients I can contact for references?
- Do you have a portfolio of completed projects that I can review?

