



SELECTING YOUR BUILDER

It is always a good idea for a consumer to check out any contractor they hire. This is especially true today. The current economy has driven many “handymen,” contractors of a variety of specialties, and otherwise inexperienced people to try tackling the pole building market. Evidence of this can be seen on Internet classifieds, in local newsprint, and on every other utility pole as you drive around town. This evidence doesn’t deny that these pole building hopefuls aren’t skilled craftsmen, but their inexperience often shows in their legal credentials.

The Construction Contractors Board (CCB) states, “most construction projects can go smoothly if consumers do their homework by checking out their contractor, setting realistic expectations, and making wise decisions during the project.” Some of the CCB’s suggestions include verifying the contractor holds an active/current license, bond, and liability insurance. A consumer should check for a history of disputes or disciplinary actions. The CCB also suggests that a consumer asks the contractor for references and checks with previous customers. Further information can be found at:
<http://www.oregon.gov/CCB/>

A great resource to check out a contractor is the Better Business Bureau (BBB).
<http://alaskaoregonwesternwashington.bbb.org>

In addition to the sources listed above, it’s a good idea to see if a contractor is a member of a trade association. Being a member of a trade organization can show proof of activeness in the industry. A local trade organization for the post frame industry is the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the National Frame Builders Association.
<http://www.northwestpostframe.com/>

Below are direct links to Econ-O-Fab Building’s CCB “License Summary” and BBB “Reliability Report.”

https://ccbed.ccb.state.or.us/ccb_frames/consumer_info/search_results.asp?regno=51042

<http://alaskaoregonwesternwashington.bbb.org/WWWRoot/Report.aspx?site=114&bbb=1296&firm=50000683>

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