Managing Trade Contractors for High Performance Homes

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Overview

- Implementing Management Systems
 - Why
 - How
 - Steps
 - Troubleshooting
 - Successes

High Performance Buildings

- Attention to detail
- Management Systems
- Choose your performance level
- Set your own standards
- High Performance = Green Building

Management of Trades Leads to Quality

Why Systems?

- Improve Back Office Operations
- Eliminate The Great Oral Tradition
- Short
- Concise
- Single Page
- Self Documenting
- K.I.S.S.



Management Systems Work

- Commercial Airlines
- Restaurants
- Franchise Businesses
- Fed Ex/UPS
- Manufacturing



Take the Good Parts

Trade Contractor Management

- General Agreement
- Project Agreement (Sub Contract)
- Control Documents
- Project Documents
- Procedures
 - Business Operations
 - Field Operations



- Signed by Trade Contractor
- Covers all projects
- Sets Rules
 - Contractor
 - Trade Contractors
 - Employees



- Includes:
 - Introduction
 - Submitting Proposals
 - Plans & Specs
 - Permits & Inspections
 - Invoicing & Payments
 - Acceptance of Substrate
 - Property Damage
 - Safety

- Scheduling
- Insurance
- Cleanup
- Warranty
- Changes
- Communication
- Jobsite Rules
- What Else?

Invoicing & Payments:

- Payment requests must be submitted in writing via email or by fax to the Accounting Department on the following schedule:
- Pay requests must be for work completed on the Friday before pay requests are submitted. We reserve the right to withhold payment on an invoice submitted prior to the completion of the work....
- Pay requests must be received by the Accounting Department by 2:00 PM Monday (for work completed during the prior period), unless a legal holiday falls on the Monday, then pay requests must be received no later than 10:00 A.M. Tuesday.
- Payments are issued on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month.

 Checks will be available for pickup at our office after 2:00 PM on those dates. Payments not picked up by the close of business on that day will be mailed the following Monday.

Acceptance Of Substrate:

Trade Contractors agree to accept the existing or a previous trade's work when starting your phase of the work. When there is any rework required due to any problems that were visible existing conditions, the work and the cost will be your responsibility. Any required corrections that are pointed out to the Project Manager prior to your start of work will be repaired before any new work begins.

Project Agreement

- Signed contract for each job
- References project documents
- Work Schedule
- Payment Schedule
- Special Requirements



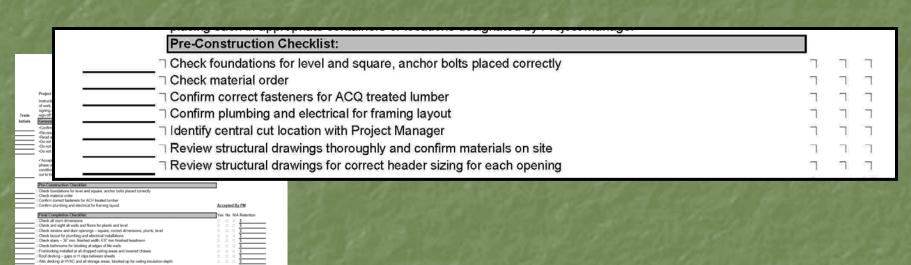
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- Management Checklists
 - Instructions
 - General Information
 - Pre-Construction
 - Completion
 - Retainage
 - Sign Off



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Project Documents

- Plans
- Specifications
- Things you already have
- Make sure they are concise and complete



Procedures

- Field Operations
 - Communications
 - Scheduling
 - Performance Standards
 - Completion
 - Troubleshooting

- Business Operations
 - Recruiting
 - Qualifying
 - Orientation
 - Accounts Payable
 - Insurance

How to Do It

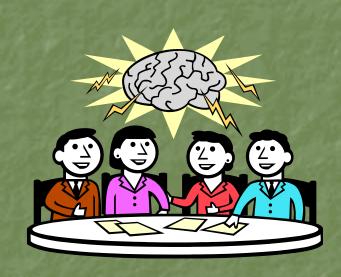
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- Create: Specifications
 - General
 - Trade Specific
- Create: Control Documents
- Write: Procedures
- Sell it: Introduction Meeting
- Check it: Evaluation

Reference Materials

- Management
 - Subcontractor Management Books
 - Trade Partnership Programs
- Technical
 - **EEBA Builder's Guides**
 - PATH Tech Sets
 - Green Building Advisor
 - Green Building Program Guidelines

Create Specifications

- Brainstorm Meeting
 - Assemble Stakeholders
 - Flip Chart
 - Facilitator/Leader
 - No Censoring
 - Write Down Any and All Ideas
 - Group Agrees on List



What Are Your Specifications?

- Resource Efficiency
 - Framing
- Durability
 - Building Envelope
 - Siding & Exterior Trim
- Energy Efficiency & Indoor Air Quality
 - Insulation & Air Sealing
 - HVAC

Building Envelope

- Housewrap:
 - 3" Lap at Horizontal and 6" Lap at Vertical Joints
 - Layer Over All Roof Flashing
 - Flash All Penetrations with Flexible Tape
- Windows and Doors:
 - Installed According to Manufacturer's Instructions
 - Plumb, Level, Shimmed Correctly, Operate Smoothly
 - Flashed with Flexible Tape, Sides Lap Over Sill,
 - Housewrap and Tape Lapped Over Head Flashing
- Other Requirements?

Insulation & Air Sealing

- Air Sealing:
 - Meet Requirements of Energy Star TBC
 - Caulk at Sills, Rim Joist, and Bottom Plates
 - Low Expansion Foam at All Windows and Doors
 - Solid Blocking and Sealant at:
 - Chases in Ceiling and Holes in Plates
 - Behind Fireplaces and Tubs
 - Dropped Soffits
 - Below Knee Walls
 - Cantilevered Floors
 - Other Requirements?

Insulation & Air Sealing

- Fiberglass Insulation
 - All Insulation HERS Grade I (reference documents)
 - Baffles Installed at Roof Edges
 - Batts Cut Around All Boxes, Wires, etc.
 - No Batts Compressed in Wall Cavities
 - Kraft Facing Stapled to Face of Studs
 - Blown Ceiling Insulation to Specified Depth
 - Chases Sealed Before Blown Insulation Installed
 - Other Requirements?

Insulation & Air Sealing

- Spray Foam Insulation
 - All Cavities Filled to Specified Thickness
 - All Walls and Ceilings Trimmed to Framing
 - Confirm Termite Pre-Treat on Framing
 - Other Requirements?

Create Documents

- Brainstorm Meeting Results
- Assign to Company Scribe or Consultant
- Stakeholder Review
- Revisions
- Issue

Write Procedures

- Start With Result in Mind
- Step by Step How to Do It
- Review by Users
- Feedback and Revisions
- K.I.S.S.



Write Procedures

- State Goal
- List Numbered Steps to Complete
- Break Down into Sub-Procedures
- Test & Refine

Procedure – State Goals

Program Goals:

Define expectations

By listing our general and specific guidelines, Trade Contractors will understand what is expected of them

Guidelines to inspect work

Project Managers will have a consistent method to inspect work

Eliminate payment for incomplete work

Project Manager will identify all incomplete work and place a value on it to retain from our payments to our Trade Contractors

Procedure – Explanation

Each checklist has 4 parts:

General Information

Lists general expectations for their performance on the jobsite

Pre-Construction Checklist

Identifies items they must review before starting their work

Rough and Final Completion Checklist

Identifies items they must review to confirm that they have completed their work completely

Job Specific items

Project Manager identifies any issues that are specific to this particular job for Trade Contractor to include in their inspection

Procedure – Numbered Steps

- 1. At Trade Commitment: Project Manager fills out checklist for each trade and makes 2 copies
- a. 1 copy to accounting with vendor agreement (subcontract)
- b. 1 copy to trade contractor with vendor agreement (subcontract)
- c. Original to job book.

Procedure – Numbered Steps

- 2. Completion of Trade Work: Trade Contractor inspects their work to confirm that all items are complete
- a. Checks off and initials complete items
- b. Signs and dates form
- c. Attaches a copy to final invoice for project
- d. Delivers checklist and invoice to accounting department

Procedure – Numbered Steps

3. Approving Payment:

- a. Accounting sends Project Manager the checklist and the invoice to be approved from accounting.
- b. Project Manager takes checklist to jobsite to inspect the work

Procedure – Sub Procedures

3. Approving Payment (Continued):

- c. Project Manager reviews each item on the checklist and determines if the work is complete
 - i. For complete items, PM checks the "Yes" box
 - ii. For incomplete or defective items, PM checks the "No" box and writes an amount for retainage on line for that item.
- d. Project Manager totals up all retained amounts and returns checklist to accounting with either "complete" or "incomplete" line initialed, and retainage totaled.
- e. Project Manager returns completed checklist to accounting for processing (Accounting has its own procedure)

Introduction Meeting

- Required Attendance
 - Trades
 - Employees
 - Management
- Fixed Start Date for Program
- Ask for Feedback
- Incorporate Good Recommendations
- Feed Them

Evaluation

- Troubleshooting
- Fine Tune
 - Documents
 - Procedures
- What can go wrong?



Get Buy In

- Trade Contractors
 - Include in Development Process
 - Introduction Meeting
 - Explain How They Will Do Better
 - They Will Help Implement System
 - Correctly Presented It Will Sell

Get Buy In

- Field Staff
 - Key to Success
 - Involve in Planning Process
 - Include in Introduction Meeting
 - Explain How System Will Help Them
- New Hires Will Know it as the Standard

Get Buy In

- Office Staff
 - They Pay the Bills
 - Involve in Planning Process
 - Show Them How Their Jobs Will Be Easier



Critics

- Offer Opportunity to Get On Board
- Some May Need to Leave
 - Employees
 - Trade Contractors
- Don't Let Dissention Undermine Efforts
- Constructive Criticism is Good

Success Stories

- Selling Change to Staff
- Complete Implementation of New System



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- General Agreement
- Project Contract
- Control Documents
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Questions & Discussion



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