

American Homeowner's Fast Track to Best Contractors (Successful Home Improvement) Part 1



[“*American Homeowner’s Fast Track*” is fundamentally, a free online booklet/tutorial custom-fitted for each geographic region (state, commonwealth, District of Columbia) which offers to U.S. private home heads advanced contractor vetting and complaint systems specifically prepared in association with HGRBS in support of U.S. private home decision makers arriving at the best possible decisions, for the best possible contractors, for the best possible home project results]

Intro

Premised on “**Universal Law of Home Project Success & Failure**” which states:

“The leading reason for most successful contract-related home projects is that residents ‘do’ thorough enough research or service validations on contractors; the leading reason for most unsuccessful contract-related home projects is that residents ‘do not’ do thorough enough research or service validations on contractors.”

This “*Universal Law*,” undoubtedly, is not something “*discovered*”, but it is, instead, an exemplification of a circumstantially true phenomenon. However, the primary emphasis of the “*American Homeowner’s Fast Track*” system is relative to U.S. private home heads of single-family, duplex, and small to mid-sized mansions and estates.

Why “Fast Track”?

Historically, many American private home decision makers have been, on the overall, under-prepared, under-supported, and under-strategized in terms of authorizing contract-related home maintenance and improvement projects.

- a. “under-prepared” because authorizing significant contract-related projects is not something which residents do on any regular schedule. A few examples for what is meant by “significant contract-related projects” are:

**Roof Repair/Replacement; *Driveway Repair/Resurfacing/Construction; *Garage Construction; *Additions to Structures; *House Painting; *General Refurbishments/Renovations; *Gutter Installation/Repair; Landscape Architecture (such as surface shifting/swale removal); asbestos abatement, etc ...*

Since many private homeowners do not authorize any of these or other “significant” projects on a regular basis, they are often easily fooled/charmed into paying advance monies, opening purchase accounts for contractors, consenting to contractors filling out their insurance claims or authorizing their insurers to pay contractors directly (where these are legally permitted), unknowingly allowing fugitives from justice on their land or into their homes, signing contracts with costly “lock-in clauses” and unfair penalties, making “significant” deals with only promissory notes, hastily scribbled contracts, or without written contracts, etc ...

Invariably, there is a very long list of “consumer-un-friendly” contract-related situations which many private home heads often get into because they are not adequately prepared to avoid them. Although, “American Homeowner’s Fast Track” does not address many of these, its purposeful design fosters a system for preparedness among residents which can enable them to avoid many of the type of contractors who would normally be party to those undesirable situations. This is accomplished through offering residents a credible contractor vetting system to follow. Succinctly, when this screening protocol is properly implemented, it potentially enables residents to make the best possible contractor scouting, selecting, and hiring decisions from the outset;

- b. “under-supported” largely due to a false sense of “self-sufficiency” which caters to a very real circumstance of “support-deficiency” in that this predisposition among many residents causes them to neglect adequately conferring with conducive sources and resources;
- c. “under-strategized” because many have no working “protocol” to allay incidences of victimization by dishonest people. However, this is inter-relational with the shortfall from *voluntary-involuntary* snubbing of well-versed allied sources and resources which are here to facilitate the home improvement successes many private home heads hope to have.

What is most unfortunate is that most private home decision makers in the U.S. risk living out their lives unaware of the shortcuts offered through this system for being sufficiently prepared, supported, and “strategized” against related home project failure. However, in an amazingly short period of time, some will. That is where the vernacular “fast track” enters.

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End of Part 1

American Homeowner's Fast Track to Best Contractors (Successful Home Improvement) Part 2 – Conclusion



American Homeowner's Fast Track

“American Homeowner's Fast Track” derivative of “American Homeowner's Fast Track to Best Contractors.” This is an amazingl new national website where private home heads of all 50 states (including the District of Columbia) have the luxury of visiting, and downloading the free 7-8-page interactive booklet (called a “tutorial”) specific to their geographic regions.

For example, if the private home head who visits the site lives in *South Dakota*, there is a link for “*South Dakota*” (It would be on the “Fast Track A” page, easily accessible from the site's hover link.

The resident locates the link image “*South Dakota*,” click the booklet instantly appears! **“*South Dakota Homeowner’s Fast Track to Best Contractors!*,”** accompanied by a beautiful pic from a scenic place in his/her geographic area!

One-Stop-Shopping

The “*Homeowner’s Fast Track to Best Contractors!*” booklets are each subdivided into two major parts:

1. *Necessary Research*
2. *Filing Complaints*

These are premised on the practicality that many homeowners who are looking for the best possible contractors for their home projects are also interested in the best possible information which would help them achieve these goals. In addition, what is taken into consideration are those residents who are seeking the best contractors synonymously pursuing and working on best alternatives for successful dispute resolutions with other contractors.

Hence, what “*Homeowner’s Fast Track*” enables the latter residents to do is access helpful links and information which will help them validate reputations of better contractors while at the same time know where to look to effectively file complaints and to pursue resolution for scandalous issues originating with the other contractors. That gives rise to the concept of “*one-stop-shopping*” with regard to such contrasting contract-related home maintenance and improvement affairs.

Necessary Research

This portion of the free online booklet/tutorial can be/ is premised on the “*Home Service Validation System.*”

This system was developed in association with HGRBS to enable private home heads to develop more effective protocol for scouting, selecting, and hiring residential contractors or contractors who do residential work. It is very likely the first of its kind in the U.S. The method “grows out of” the use of the “*Service Validation Form.*”

- *Service Validation Form*

The “*Service Validation Form*” is called such because it is a form which residents require contractor candidates to take with them to fill out, then to return after a 24-hour period for residents or residential designates to “*validate.*” Of course, this is with respect to validating the credibility of the information entered therein.

The “*Service Validation Form*” is unofficially dubbed “*the nation’s first standardized contractor screening document for residents.*”

- *Home Service Validation System*

Subsequently, the “Home Service Validation System” grows out of implementing the tenets of this screening document. It is purported to influence extraordinary assertiveness and investigative pro-activity on behalf of applicable residents. In a nutshell, it is a “leave-no-stone-untuned” situation when it comes to deciding about contractors. However, the free online booklet/tutorial (each customized for each State and for the District of Columbia) is presented in a more refined way (as opposed to the original). This is further subdivided into:

- a. Initial Research (Scouting) which entails *word-of-mouth; *internet search engines* and *the contractors themselves;
- b. 10-minute Meeting for maximizing interviews of at least five contractors in the space of 1-hour. Each interview is then capped off by private home heads physically handing each a “*Service Validation Form*” to take with him/her to fill out elsewhere (That’s part of the system as well as the requirement for returning it “after a 24-hour period” agreed upon. It is used to fend off high pressure from contractors and hasty decision making).

In addition, there is related information which encourages residents to prepare better for making the BEST possible decision after the contractors return the forms, and wait another 24 hours or so for their information to be “validated” or for them to be “invalidated” for their home projects.

Filing Complaints

Where applicable, in this second major section of the free online tutorial, residents are carefully walked through the complaint process beginning with an optional **complaint letter** to the contractor or to the contract firm.

Some geographic regions have this part covered. In the latter case, the link to that government consumer information source is transposed into the booklet for the intended population.

[Remember, each booklet is specifically customized to only that specific region. Therefore, all related crucial hyperlinks contained therein are included to facilitate getting that information to the intended constituency]

The complaints section is engineered to honor, respect, and support the wishes for complaint filing *“as prescribed by of the powers that be”* for their respective constituencies.

Summary

The **“Homeowner’s Fast Track to Best Contractors”** free online tutorial/booklet closes with a few helpful tips for the residents concerned.

Through creating these interactive informational resources for each geographic region concerned, it is hoped that they will immensely assist residents towards making the best possible decisions, about the best or worst possible contractors, for the best possible results ...



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