

Asbestos Abatement Contractor Pre-qualification

Once an appropriate asbestos abatement approach has been selected, the building owner should select a qualified asbestos abatement contractor to perform the work. The following guidelines should be utilized as part of the overall contractor selection process.

- The contractor should have \$1,000,000 in general liability insurance with no asbestos exclusions. Coverage should be from a carrier licensed and regulated by the state commissioner. The carrier should have a Best rating of A:X or better.
- The contractor should submit certificates of workers' compensation and automobile insurance.
- The contractor should have a minimum of six years of asbestos abatement experience.
- The contractor should provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of references from the following three disciplines:
 - Building owner for whom the contractor had previously performed a major project.
 - Architect whose project the contractor was employed.
 - Laboratory/Consultant who had inspected the contractor's work on a major project.
- The contractor should demonstrate successful completion of three projects of equal size.
- References from the projects should be submitted.
- The contractor should submit inspection reports from three previous projects. Such reports are to be written by a laboratory/ consultant employed by the owner of the project.
- The contractor should submit air monitoring data from three previous projects. Such data must be from samples collected by a laboratory/ consultant employed directly by the owner of the projects. Samples must have been analyzed by an AIHA-accredited laboratory.
- The contractor should submit all of the following:
 - Standard Operating Procedures
 - Loss Control and Safety Program
 - Respiratory Protection Program
 - Appropriate State Licenses

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- The contractor should submit a list of equipment available to use on the project.
- The contractor should submit the name of the Corporate Safety Coordinator.
- The contractor should submit proof that all employees have completed an asbestos abatement training course administered by someone other than the contractor's personnel.
- The contractor should demonstrate that key personnel have attended an EPA-sponsored training program for supervising abatement projects.
- The contractor should demonstrate membership in the National Asbestos Council and the Association of Wall and Ceiling Industry's Asbestos Abatement Council.
- The contractor should utilize full-time regularly employed personnel.
- The contractor should have a physician declare employees capable of working while wearing a respirator.
- The contractor should be "Type C" capable with equipment already purchased.
- The contractor should submit appropriate bonds (bid, payment and performance).
- The contractor should demonstrate that he has equipment to provide adequate negative pressure to prevent fiber leakage outside the containment area.
- The contractor's project superintendent must have a minimum of three year's asbestos abatement supervisory experience.
- The contractor should be licensed to use Negative Air Filtration as protected by US. Patent #4,604,111.
- Contractor should be able to demonstrate a multimillion dollar bonding program.
- In general the contractor should demonstrate compliance with:
 - The EPA National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS) for the removal and disposal of asbestos materials. (Title 40, Part 61, Subparts A and B.)
 - The EPA Friable Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools, A Guidance Document (EPA-450/2-78-014/).
 - The EPA Guidance for Controlling Friable Asbestos-Containing Materials in Buildings (EPA 560/5-83-002).
 - OSHA regulations for workplace practices and airborne concentrations during removal, encapsulation, and enclosure (Title 29 Part 1910 Section 1001).
 - All other applicable state and local regulations.

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