Once your project requirements have been outlined on paper, you are ready to select a contractor. Select 3 or 4 candidates you feel most comfortable with and request project bids from each;

Name of contractor #1;	Co:
Name of contractor #2;	Co:
Name of contractor #3;	Co:
Name of contractor #4;	Co:

Before the person-to-person interview, provide each candidate with an exact copy of your detailed project requirement in order to compare bids accurately and fairly. Use the handy checklist below to assist you in assessing each contractor and their bid.

	Contractor #1	Contractor #2	Contractor #3	Contractor #4
Visual proof of contractor license?				
Visual proof of insurance/bond?				
Visual proof of Workman's Comp coverage?				
Reference list check out?				
List of trade & supplier reference provided?				
Reference list checked out?				
Checked for complaints against the contractor (Dept. Bldg, BBB, etc.)				

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Has contractor has done similar projects?			
I have seen other work completed by the contractor, similar to my own			
Does contractor provide design services?			
What range of service does the contractor offer?			
Contractor provided detailed itemized bid w/itemized charges ; both for labor and materials as well as start and finish dates			
Contractor provided list of acceptable substitute materials, if they are required			
Contractor offers warranties on materials and workmanship			
Contractor will be onsite to supervise crew			

member and any sub-contractors		
Will contractor be working on other projects simultaneously with my own?		
Was the contractor easy to talk to?		
Comfort level: "I would feel comfortable working with the contractor" (rate using a 1 to 5 scale; 1 being the lowest score)		