Selecting Your Solar Contractor

Whether commercial or residential, the installation of a solar photovoltaic (P.V.) system on your property is a big undertaking. As with any property improvement or addition, choosing a qualified contractor, and the right contractor for you, is an important part you being a satisfied customer, ending up with a “job well done”, and it may even save you money. Mesa does not recommend or endorse any solar contractors as part of this pilot program, but to assist you in making your choice, we offer the following information:

- **Use a properly licensed solar contractor.** Mesa’s pilot program application requires that eligible solar installers have one or more of the following license classifications: B-, C-05 (Solar), C-11, KB-1, KB-2, KO- (Solar), K-05 (Solar), K-11.

  You can find a listing of contractors by license type and, to help you “SHOP MESA”, by business location, at [Arizona Registrar of Contractors (ROC)](http://www.azroc.com). On the site, or by calling 1-877-MYAZROC (1-877-692-9762), license status may also be verified as well as details on prior reported disputes and resolutions.

- **Make sure your solar contractor is bonded and insured.** Also, understand the limits on your contractor’s bonding and insurance.

- **Consider getting more than one estimate.** Prices, timing and other elements of the work (such as maintenance warranties) can vary significantly.

- **Consider getting references from prospective contractors.** Visits to completed projects or speaking with persons who have had work completed by the contractor may be helpful.

- **Know what you are signing.**

For more useful tips on making an informed decision when choosing a solar contractor for your PV equipment, the [Arizona Registrar of Contractors (ROC)](http://www.azroc.com) provides a "top 10" list of tips you should consider before hiring a contractor. You may also visit the [Better Business Bureau](https://www.bbb.org).

Other sites that may be helpful in locating a local solar contractors or to provide information about a solar contractor include the [Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association (AriSEIA)](http://www.ariesia.org), [Mesa Chamber of Commerce](http://www.mesachamber.org), [Arizona Solar Center](http://www.azsolarcenter.org), or the [Arizona Solar Council](http://www.arizonasolarcouncil.org) websites.