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Who Owns the Green Roof?

The Professional Chicagoland Roofing Council Member Contractors are the best choice, the one call, one responsibility for all rooftops including vegetative. When we manage the process, from the deck up, the roof gets done right, and priced competitively. We are the single source for the building owner and manager to turn to at installation, then for the lifetime of the roof system.



One story buildings to high rise buildings, Chicagoland Roofing Council Contractors understand complex roofing systems

Single Source Warranty, – One Call, One Source, One Responsibility

The Professional CRC Member Roofing Contractor

The Roofing Manufacturers are painfully aware of the damage to the roofing membrane that happens when inexperienced workers install overburden. Once the overburden is on, finding a leak is expensive to all. Plus, most roofing system manufacturers certify and approve Roofing Contractors to install roofing systems and require all materials (including overburden) to be provided and installed by an “approved” Roofing Contractor in order to qualify for the warranty required by the Architect and/or Owner. So, choose one point to contact if there is a problem...the Professional Roofing Contractor.

Roofing Contractors are the Best Qualified

Roofing science includes all components of roofing, waterproofing and overburden. Landscaping science includes only planting and maintenance of plants.

Why Does the Roofing Contractor make sense, from the deck up?

1. Roofing and Overburden is Specified in Division 7, 07-55-00, in CSI’s MasterFormat

2. Insurance - General Liability insurance that covers the end result, a roof, is required. Appropriate Workers Compensation Insurance for working at heights is also required, and both assure the General Contractor, Building Owner and Manager are protected when the workforce is working at least one story above grade.

3. Training & Safety - Are the workers educated and trained for working at heights from one single story to high rise buildings? Do they understand the operational issues, when working at roof edges, skylights, multi level roofs, penthouses? Do they understand safe equipment operation? All these characteristics are part of the roofing science culture of the roofing worker. Our workforce is OSHA 10/30-hour trained and educated to OSHA Fall Protection regulations.

4. Roofing contractors understand:

- How to work on top of conventional built-up, modified bitumen or single ply roofs effectively.
- The tested and listed roofing systems from UL, FM Directories for wind uplift and fire resistance.
- How to properly store materials safely and efficiently
- Education and training for Vegetative Overburden Systems work occurs all year long at the Chicagoland Roofers Joint Apprenticeship Training Center, the nation's leading roofing apprenticeship facility.

5. Licensing - The State of Illinois requires a roofing license by law. For a list of Chicagoland Roofing Council Roofing Contractors who have installed green roofs on over two million square feet in the last 18 months alone, and much more over the past 30 years, contact us at 708-449-5266, or visit <http://www.chicgoroofing.org> .



6. Joint Conference Board Awards Overburden to Roofers - In 2009, the Roofers won a jurisdictional dispute at the Building Trades Council's Joint Conference Board in Chicago, on a large 100,000 SF project with pre-planted trays. Like the NLRB, the Joint Conference Board ruling applies only to that job.

7. NLRB Ruling is for EMPLOYEES, ONE JOB ONLY - Recent media articles reported that the landscapers' industry has won jurisdiction from the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). **The NLRB renders rulings only for one project at a time. The recent ruling states: "...employees (of firms) represented by Operating Engineers and Teamsters' and 'not to those unions or its members. The determination is limited to the controversy that gave rise to this proceeding".**

If a Roofing Contractor had the contract on the above project and went to the NLRB, the employees of the Roofing Contractor probably would have won the award. The Roofers Union is not making claims to plantings work; that work belongs to landscapers. The Roofing Industry claims are to protect the historical work in these roofing systems overburden...i.e., roof membrane, insulation, first 4" of soil media, tray placement, drainage/water retention systems. The Roofing Contractor utilizes a landscape contractor for when an intensive garden system is used on projects.

8. General Contractors and Labor Agreements - The Operators 150/ Teamsters 703 have an Illinois Landscape Contractors Bargaining (ILCBA) Agreement with their signatory landscape contractors. ILCBA agreement is not enforceable against a General Contractor who is signed to a MARBA agreement with Operators 150. Therefore, a subcontracting clause cannot be enforced on a General Contractor who is subject to only a MARBA Agreement and selects a Roofing Contractor to install their Vegetative Roof System. Do not be intimidated by threats. There has already been one case where a grievance was threatened, and withdrawn. The Teamsters 703 are not Chicago Building Trades members and are restricted from working on Project Labor Agreement (PLA) projects.

The vegetative roof system must be sustainable, and work for a long time. We understand the vegetative and green roof construction process that makes sure the roof works, the first time, for a long time.

Let the Chicagoland Roofing Council be the One Call, One Source responsible for your roof system!