I Was Shocked And Embarrassed When I Found Out That <u>Home Remodeling</u> Was Labeled America's #1 Most-Complained-About Industry.

Dear Architect,

If you have any current or previous clients who are interested in remodeling or adding on to their homes, then I would like to offer you some timely information that could <u>save them headache and heartache</u> when dealing with a contractor. I want to introduce a program that effectively eliminates all the problems people has when remodeling their houses.... and *should* make it easier for you to judge a contractor in your client's behalf.

My name is Randall Hall. I am the president of RHI Design and Build; we're a professional remodeling company here in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. It is a well known fact that this industry is filled with less-than-reputable contractors...and what we affectionately refer to as "two guys, a hammer, and a pickup truck." Most industries have their share of lowerend providers. But I was shocked when I saw a recent article from the Wall Street Journal (12/29/95) that boldly proclaimed......

Every Year Over <u>1.1 Million Complaints</u> and Lawsuits are Filed Against Remodeling Contractors -- A Number That Dwarfs Even The Hated Auto Repair Industry!

The sobering article quoted the U.S. Better Business Bureau as saying that "Contractor fraud and shoddy workmanship is *the* biggest complaint of U.S. consumers." The reason for this staggering number of complaints is simple: Most people have their house remodeled so infrequently that they have no idea what to look for in a contractor. Plus, the industry is **totally unregulated** (i.e., two guys, a hammer, and a pickup can remodel a house) -- so you can see how problems could occur.

Most Lawsuits & Complaints Are Based On One of Five Problem Areas....

- 1. Fraudulent Contractors: Not NARI certified, 1/3 of jobs not completed by *original* contractor
- 2. Poor Quality & Workmanship: no subcontractor compliance, no systems to prevent mishaps, no technical expertise
- **3. Pay More Than Original Bid:** usually 20-30% higher than bid; no *specific*, detailed, written bid or estimate
- 4. Poor Customer Service: Workers don't show up, won't return messages, home left dirty, workers steal from houses
- 5. Job Not Done On Time: Poor coordination of subcontractors, workers late to job, underestimated time needed

Statistics also reveal that at least 82% of all jobs are finished after the initial deadline and that over 75% of jobs end up costing the homeowner more than the original quote. The sad part is that there is usually no way a consumer can know what they're getting into until it's too late.... **UNTIL NOW**.

Eliminate All Guesswork From Selecting A Remodeling Contractor.... Demand That 2011-12 C.A.P.S. Code of Ethics & Competency Is Strictly Adhered To.

Now you can arm your clients with all the information they need to <u>sniff out problems</u> and *prevent them from happening* in the first place. The 2011-12 C.A.P.S. Program takes consumers step-by-step through evaluation checklists that guard against each of the five problems listed above. The program tells them *exactly* what information to ask for up-front, what specifications should be *guaranteed in writing*, and how to create a Critical Path project schedule.

In addition, 22 Quality Compliance Audit Reports are provided upon request that consumers can give to contractors as a minimum guideline to ensure quality. **In short**, the C.A.P.S.

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Warmly, Randall Smith

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