



HAAS BUILDERS

## BOUTIQUE CUSTOM HOME BUILDERS BIG SKY, MONTANA



For over 20 years, Haas Builders has provided cost effective, quality custom home building solutions to clients in the mountain west.

Owned and operated by John Haas, Haas Builders is a boutique custom home building company located in Big Sky, Montana. Staying true to the company's philosophy, John and his team choose to build only one or two projects at a time, not only allowing clients to receive full attention but also eliminating the need for a middleman or project manager.

Through every step of the process, John works onsite with clients, architects, interior designers, subs and employees – ensuring every detail is carefully planned and constructed in a clean, efficient, beautiful and cost effective manner.

## BACKGROUND

Growing up in the business, both John's father and grandfather were carpenters and contractors for over 50 years. After graduating with a degree in Engineering and Business Management from the University of Illinois in 1987, John spent two years in the corporate world before beginning to build custom, high-end homes in Park City, Utah. In 1998, John moved to Big Sky, Montana to continue his success in the homebuilding industry, shifting focus to custom boutique. September 2009 marked 20 years of business for Haas Builders.

## BUILDING PROCESS

From initiation to completion of each project, Haas Builders focuses on establishing and maintaining relationships among the team, architect, builder and interior designer – all essential components to achieve the best possible design, quality and fastest construction.

Timelines are essential – a smooth project is dependent on how well it's organized from the beginning. Having a well thought out design, color scheme and material list is key; John approaches each project with a clear direction and works one-on-one with clients to ensure their overall goals are achieved.



## ESTIMATES & BILLING

All estimates are created on project bid basis. Initial estimates are typically generated on plans as they are being designed to help clients in the decision making process. Depending on how 'hands-on' homeowners want to be, this tends to be very effective in controlling costs and keeping everyone involved in the process.

As soon as plans are at a point where bidding can begin, more accurate and specific numbers for line items are presented. Most line items in a given estimate have a minimum of 3 bids, providing honest, competitive rates and knowledge that you are receiving the best product at the best price.

Methods for billing are flexible and can change from home to home, based on homeowner needs. Typical billing methods include cost plus, bid and fixed fee basis.

## GREEN CONNECTION

John has stayed ahead of the green building wave, holding certifications in the following groups:

NAHB Certified Green Builder  
Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Certification  
Certified Energy Star Home Builder  
Member of the US Green Building Council  
Member of the National Association of Home Builders Green Building Council

Additional Pending Certifications:

NAHB Master Green Builder

John is currently in the final certification stage for designation as National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Master Green Builder. When the course and exam is completed in June 2010, John will be one of only 40 people in the US to hold this designation.



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