

Steps to Hiring a Solar Contractor

Once you have decided to go solar, the most important step is selecting the right installer. For such a big purchase, adequate research should be done:

- Ask the installer about both their solar and roofing experience and be sure to get details about actual projects completed.
- Check the contractor's credentials; go to www.cslb.ca.gov and verify not only that their license is in good standing, but also confirm what type of work they are licensed to do (i.e. solar, electrical, roofing, etc.).
- Make sure they have a good reputation. Check the BBB and other review websites (i.e. Angie's List, Yelp, etc.). Ask for references and talk to some of their customers.
- Ensure that the company has installed solar and understands all the different technology options to ensure the system works efficiently and effectively so you can maximize your investment.
- Discuss the roof with the installer. They should assess the condition of the roof and determine whether a new roof is needed or what repairs (if any) are recommended prior to installing solar.
- The contractor you hire should also have access to a range of financing options, such as PACE, PPAs, etc. to ensure that you get the financing solution that best meets your unique needs.

