

CAST Design/Build

From the Ground Up: A Foundation of Ideas

CAST Design/Build is a unique hybrid of architecture and construction. Principals, Matt Hutchins, Stefan Hampden, and John Sehlhorst, have put together a dynamic team of designers and craftspeople whose ultimate goal is to "produce compelling spaces that enhance their clients' lives." By combining disciplines together with their education, talent, and experience, the CAST Design/Build team provides high service and high design at a reasonable cost to homeowners.

By acting as both the architect and general contractor, the firm has been able to streamline the communication process between the architect and the builder—eliminating many problems on site. Clients also benefit from the close connection and have a single source of responsibility throughout the project.

The firm analyzes each project it accepts considering the house, family, and environment, and synthesizes a solution that complements all three elements. With a hands-on understanding of the materials being used and the constraints and limitations of each, the firm is able to design buildings that can be built well, that push the elements of design and that prevent



surprise cost overruns for the homeowner. Ultimately this methodology ensures each client's expectations are met.

The firm's principals are extremely pas-

sionate about remodeling older homes in an attempt to maintain the flavor of Seattle's urban neighborhoods. The challenge of taking an old house that is the victim of years of poor maintenance or ad-hoc additions is one the Company thrives upon. The motivation behind this passion is the belief that the better the houses are inside Seattle, the less likely people are to move out and take up raw land to build. And, more urban residents means the city can attract new services, entertainment and businesses. By making great older neighborhoods more livable, CAST Design/Build is transforming the way people feel about living in the city.

As stated by Matt Hutchins, "When design and craftsmanship join in a creative collaboration, the product is greater than the parts alone. As craftspeople, we need to bring together the clarity of the design, the logic of structure and a hands-on understanding of the materials in order to make great places."

For a distinctive and personal remodel or custom home within the city of Seattle, call CAST Design/Build at 206.256.9886, or visit www.cast-db.com. 

