

A lot of the repairs that we do are mainly pertaining to multifamily condominiums. A lot of it's construction defect, or they hired inadequate contractors, unfortunately, that along the way, they've made some repairs that weren't designed properly. We've found over the years that working with a consultant really makes it a lot easier. Basically, they make sure the contractor does it right.

My name is Michael Cook. I'm with Advantage Contractors. We are a general contractor based out of Lake Stevens, Washington. So, when you get into a project and there's no consultant involved, the scope of work is all over the place. The board doesn't know which direction to go. With J2 involved, it's a nice set scope of work. Laurelcrest, two-phase project. Laurelcrest's HOA got J2 on site about a year before we were out there. They just had deficiencies in their attic ventilation. Their cladding was in disrepair. Their soffits were horrible, and J2 really helped them understand what was going on. They saved the board a lot of money and time by expediting their design, bid docs, and then got it out to bid. And then, we were hired. Well, the key thing is you know it's going to be done right. The consultant has the ownership's best interests at heart.

They provide a lot of help to the contractor. They do the design. They do the engineering. They do oversight. Well, it's a one-stop shop, right? So, if I was going to go to another only-engineering firm, I would have to consult with an architect, so it really streamlines the process because, again, it's one firm that you're dealing with as opposed to two or three. They do weekly meetings which keeps the board up to speed with everything that's going on, and they basically make our job a lot easier.

J2, they don't work with "Joe Schmoe". They take the finest people in the industry because, ultimately, the contractor has to hang their hat on it, and J2 has to hang their hat on it. So, every step of the way, J2 is carefully doing site visits and documenting everything and making sure that the contractor is doing everything to their spec. I like it because I know there's peace of mind that it's being done the right way. They're a stellar consulting firm. So, it's a relief to have them out there and involved in projects.