

CHANGE ORDER & CHANGE ORDER LOGS





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CHANGE ORDER

Project: Contractor: Cost area:			Date: Contract Date:	
Title of change: Description of change:				
Contract impact:				
Original contract price:				
Net change by previousl	y authorized change orders:			
Total amended contract	price before this change:			
This change order will (i	ncrease) (decrease) the contra	ict price by:		
TOTAL AMENDED CONT	RACT PRICE INCLUDING THIS C	CHANGE ORDER:		
The Contractor is hereb terms stated above. Exe except as provided in the	sable (ached explanation) (increases) (decreases) "time of completion date after this charge authorized to proceed with ecution of this change-order by its change order, no adjustments	nge order is this above descri y both parties con nt in compensation	stitutes a binding ag n or time of perform	reement that, nance shall be
	changes(s) described in this ch of the contract and all prior ch	•	•	-
CONTRACTOR APPROVA	AL:	OWNER APPROV	'AL:	
BY:		BY:		
TITLE:DATE:		TITLE: DATE:		





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PCO No. WORK DESCRIPTION	VALUE	DATE SUBMITTED	DATE APPROVED	AMOUNT APPROVED	OWNER C.O. No.





Sample Request for Change Order Letter

(from Contractor to Owner or Contractor to Architect)

[Date]
[Architect or Owner] [Street Address] [City, State Zip]
Attention: [Contact Name]
PROJECT NAME: [Project Name] JOB NO: [Number] Request for Change Order No. [Number]
Dear Gentleman:
This proposed Request for Change Order No. [Number] is submitted pursuant to Article [Reference] of the Agreement between [Contractor] and [Owner], dated [Date of Agreement].
[Contractor] proposes to furnish all labor and materials to complete the scope of the work as outlined herein and as represented [Description of Architect's Revision. Supplemental Instructions, RFI, etc. including date].
This proposal is a(n) [add or deduct] to the [Stipulated Sum, GMP, etc] in the amount of [\$ Amount]. A Change Order Summary is attached. [Optional Extension Clause] An extension of [(Number) Number] calendar days to our contract time is required to perform this additional work.
This Request for Change Order only covers costs incurred by the Contractor in performing the work which is the subject hereof. [Optional Reservation Clause] We accordingly, reserve our rights to make claim for the extra cost and the extension of time associated with the delays to the Work and Job inefficiencies created by this Request for Change Order and its accumulative affect with other Change Orders and directives as can best be determined.
Sincerely,
[Contractor]
[Name] [Title]
Enclosures
CC: [As Required]





Practical Suggestions for Change Management

From the owner's or superintendent's standpoint, consider the following suggestions in trying to cope with this potentially disastrous question of authority to or contract changes:

- (1) Carefully review the contract documents at the onset of the project to determine the changes procedures and to identify those authorized to make changes.
- (2) Make certain that your project management team understands the changes procedure to be followed, and the authority of those entitled to make changes.
- (3) Caution your project management team against reliance on changes (additions, deletions or substitutions) made informally or through the unapproved channels.
- (4) You should be watchful of Prime contractors and "informal" changes made with respect to their subcontractors work, which made be forced onto the owner/project management team as a valid change or otherwise.
- (5) If the authority to order changes is unclear, a letter should be sent immediately to all members of the external project team stating and identifying those authorized to make changes, and any limitations on the scope of that authority.
- (6) Periodically review your cost accounting procedures to see that you are adequately identifying and segregating extra costs.
- (7) Outline any procedural steps and contract time limitations, which may affect the entitlement to be paid for changed work, and make sure that your project management team has that information and operates in a manner consistent with preserving the entitlement to be paid for changes.
- (8) If you are a corporate owner, determine who is authorized to bind the corporation.
- (9) If you are a public owner, review the applicable laws to determine how the expenditure of public funds must be authorized, and follow strictly any limitations set out in those laws or in the contract documents with respect to contract changes.
- (10.) Where there is doubt, as to the scope of the Architect's or Construction Manager's authority, advise those individuals, in advance of any directive, of your plan or schedule to manage and approve any changes

As an owner, you do not want to discover late in the project that you have cloaked your project representative or architect with implied or apparent authority to order expensive changes in the work. Likewise, you do not want to have to deal with contractor claims that your brother-in-law or non-authorized consultant directed the performance of additional work. Clear definition in the contract documents of the change order procedures and those authorized to implement them is a good start to eliminating change order surprises.

