



Building Enclosure QA/QC Sealed with the Envelope

It's a worst-case yet all-too-common scenario: A building envelope becomes compromised by a thermal or moisture leak, triggering major costs, downtime, and even further damage.

Product manufacturers' warranties are usually insufficient or irrelevant, since building envelope failures most often result from faulty installation, not material failure. Yet when multiple installers with overlapping scopes of work are engaged to create a complex exterior enclosure, no single party holds clear-cut responsibility.

This can lead to finger-pointing between architects, owners' representatives, general contractors, multiple subcontractors, and their attorneys—and often costly and protracted litigation at odds with the building owner's goal of mitigation and remediation.

Problem Solved: *The Envelope Warranty*

When EDA Contractors delivers multiple scopes on the building enclosure, we always provide a ten-year installation warranty that includes removal of overburden—the gold standard for building envelope risk management.

EDA's simple model of centralized QA/QC and responsibility means we warrant the installation of the building envelope assembly so owners don't have to rely on aggregated product warranties. And we're unique in including in our warranty all removal of overburden.

A Superior Experience

Owners, architects, general contractors, and construction managers can expect a superior experience when working with EDA Contractors and the Envelope Warranty, including:

- A dramatic increase in coordination of shop drawings
- Motivated installers who pay attention to detail when penetrating the weather barrier
- Better cooperation between the installer and the third-party building envelope consultant
- No loopholes in the weather barrier's material warranty
- Treatment of the wall system as a system
- One phone number to call should a leak occur

Our Mission: Deliver a Watertight Building

At EDA, our number one goal is to deliver a watertight building to every client.

In the rare event of a failure, we supply the labor and materials to fix it. We achieve this by integrating three key pillars of QA/QC: design knowledge, continuous training, and accountability. We:

- Maintain ongoing partnerships with several renowned building envelope consulting firms, including one of the premier firms in North America, to help us address the unique design challenges every project brings. Our consultant partners provide deep knowledge in building science and forensics, and additionally support project compliance, scheduling, and risk management by stamping shop drawings and material submittals.
- Actively work with supplier, manufacturing, and subcontractor partners to help us stay abreast of complex and constantly evolving building technologies and product innovations.
- Share this knowledge with our personnel through ongoing internal training. Because of this, our supervisors and installers have the competencies to deliver quality workmanship.
- Partner with banking, bonding, and insurance companies to expand our resources and solidify the financial position we maintain to be able to fulfill our obligations.

We do all of this because offering a meaningful warranty demands a culture of accountability. Our team is motivated to ensure that our installations are free of defects.

EDA stands behind the quality of our installation workmanship. The result is peace of mind and value for our clients through the assurance of reliable performance.

EDA Contractors started out as a roofing contractor in 1999, expanding in 2008 into our multi-disciplined approach for commercial, institutional, and industrial building enclosures. Our expertise includes foundation waterproofing, masonry, air and vapor barriers, wall panels and accessories, roofing and sheet metal, and vegetative roof assemblies.

We innovated the forward-thinking concept of the Envelope Warranty because we firmly believe that building owners deserve a single party (super-sub) to own responsibility for managing the complex task of ensuring that the building envelope will perform as expected. It offers owners real peace of mind in dealing with this significant risk associated with creating and maintaining their building assets.

We invite you to gain a deeper understanding of how our unique installation warranty proposition can help further your QA/QC objectives. Let's have a conversation.
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