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## ABC ■

Fargo, N.D.  
abcseamless.com  
Seamless siding, gutters, windows, roofing  
Began: 1973, Franchising: 1978  
Units: US: 98, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 9  
Cost: \$81K-\$266.5K, Rty: 2-5%  
Financing: Yes

## Border Magic/Boulder Designs ■

Rantoul, Ill.  
bordermagic.com  
Concrete landscape edging, walkways,  
steppingstones, custom boulder signage  
Began: 1987, Franchising: 2003  
Units: US: 87, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$54.7K-\$119.5K, Rty: \$195-\$400/mo.  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$250K net worth w/\$50K liquid

## Concrete Raising of America ■

New Berlin, Wis.  
crcl.com  
Concrete raising, leveling, stabilizing & repairs  
Began: 1947, Franchising: 1993  
Units: US: 16, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 3  
Cost: \$16.9K-\$199.4K, Rty: 8-4%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$300K net worth w/\$70K liquid

## DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen

Waco, Texas  
dreammaker-remodel.com  
Kitchen, bath & interior remodeling  
Began: 1971, Franchising: 1972  
Units: US: 39, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$95.95K-\$244.7K, Rty: 6-3%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$100K-\$250K net worth w/\$50K-\$100K liquid

## Exovations ■

Cumming, Ga.  
exovations.com  
Home-improvement services  
Began: 1996, Franchising: 2006  
Units: US: 1, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 1  
Cost: \$93.1K-\$158.8K, Rty: 5%  
Financing: No  
Qualif: \$250K net worth w/\$75K liquid

## Kitchen Solvers ■

LaCrosse, Wis.  
kitchensolvers.com  
Kitchen/bath remodeling & design services  
Began: 1982, Franchising: 1984  
Units: US: 62, CAN: 4, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$37.9K-\$81.5K, Rty: 6%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$100K net worth w/\$50K liquid

## Kitchen Tune-Up ■ ▼ ◆

Aberdeen, S.D.  
kitchentuneup.com  
Residential & commercial kitchen  
& bath remodeling  
Began: 1986, Franchising: 1988  
Units: US: 151, CAN: 4, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$45.8K-\$55.4K, Rty: 7%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$150K net worth w/\$40K liquid

## Re-Bath

Tempe, Ariz.  
re-bath.com  
Bathroom remodeling  
Began: 1979, Franchising: 1991  
Units: US: 212, CAN: 7, FOR: 8, CO: 0  
Cost: \$94K-\$342.5K, Rty: Varies  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$100K net worth w/\$50K liquid

## UBuildIt ▼

Edmond, Okla.  
ubuildit.com  
Construction consulting services  
Began: 1988, Franchising: 1998  
Units: US: 36, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$23.5K-\$148.1K, Rty: 5%+  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$100K net worth w/\$100K-\$225K liquid

## United States Seamless ■

Fargo, N.D.  
usseamless.com  
Seamless steel siding, gutters & accessories  
Began: 1992, Franchising: 1992  
Units: US: 51, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$52.3K-\$111.4K, Rty: 0  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$10K-\$20K liquid

## PAINTING

### CertaPro Painters ■

Oaks, Pa.  
certapro-franchise.com  
Residential & commercial painting  
Began: 1992, Franchising: 1992  
Units: US: 409, CAN: 31, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$129K-\$158.5K, Rty: 5%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$200K net worth w/\$75K liquid

### Fresh Coat ■ ▼

Cincinnati  
freshcoatpaintersfranchise.com  
Interior painting  
Began: 2005, Franchising: 2005  
Units: US: 100, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$47.4K-\$74.95K, Rty: 6%+  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$29.4K-\$56.95K liquid

### Never Paint Again Companies ■

Waterford, Mich.  
never-paint-again.com  
Painting services  
Began: 1955, Franchising: 2011  
Units: US: 4, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 3  
Cost: \$39.1K-\$63.2K, Rty: 6%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$150K net worth w/\$25K liquid

### ProTect Painters ■

Ann Arbor, Mich.  
protectpaintersfranchise.com  
Residential & light commercial painting  
Began: 1996, Franchising: 1996  
Units: US: 49, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$69.1K-\$85K, Rty: 5%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$250K net worth w/\$50K liquid

### Wow 1 Day Painting ■

Vancouver, British Columbia  
wow1daypainters.com  
One-day residential & commercial painting  
Began: 2008, Franchising: 2010  
Units: US: 12, CAN: 9, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$94.2K-\$131K, Rty: 6%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$150K net worth w/\$90K liquid

## SURFACE REFINISHING & RESTORATION

Get A Grip Franchising ▼ ◆  
Albuquerque, N.M.  
getagrip.com  
Countertop, bathtub & tile resurfacing  
Began: 1999, Franchising: 2007  
Units: US: 16, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 1  
Cost: \$43.6K-\$92.7K, Rty: 0  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: 100K net worth w/ \$50K liquid

### Granite Transformations

Miramar, Fla.  
granitetransformations.com  
Granite resurfacing & cabinet refacing  
Began: 1995, Franchising: 1997  
Units: US: 69, CAN: 15, FOR: 80, CO: 3  
Cost: \$99.5K-\$346K, Rty: 2%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$75K liquid

### Miracle Method Surface Refinishing

Colorado Springs, Colo.  
miraclemethod.com  
Kitchen & bathroom refinishing  
Began: 1977, Franchising: 1980  
Units: US: 128, CAN: 1, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$85K-\$125K, Rty: 5.5%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$150K net worth w/\$85K-\$123K liquid

### Mr. Sandless/Dr. DecknFence ■ ▼

Aston, Pa.  
mrsandless.com  
Sandless wood refinishing  
Began: 2004, Franchising: 2005  
Units: US: 215, CAN: 35, FOR: 7, CO: 11  
Cost: \$11.95K-\$62.6K, Rty: 5%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$20K net worth w/\$10K liquid

### N-Hance ■ ▼

Logan, Utah  
nhancefranchise.com  
Wood floor & cabinet renewal systems  
Began: 2001, Franchising: 2003  
Units: US: 226, CAN: 17, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$30.5K-\$130.9K, Rty: \$225-\$674/mo.  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$15K net worth w/\$15K liquid

### Surface Specialists Systems ■ ▼

Matthews, N.C.  
surfacespecialists.com  
Bathtub repair & refinishing, bathtub liners,  
bath remodeling  
Began: 1981, Franchising: 1982  
Units: US: 43, CAN: 0, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$46.2K-\$77K, Rty: 5%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$75K net worth w/\$25K liquid

## MISCELLANEOUS HOME IMPROVEMENT

### Budget Blinds ■

Orange, Calif.  
budget-blinds-franchise.com  
Window coverings, window film,  
rugs & accessories  
Began: 1992, Franchising: 1994  
Units: US: 777, CAN: 101, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$89.2K-\$174.1K, Rty: Varies  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$54.7K-\$86.1K liquid

### Closet & Storage Concepts ■ ▼ ◆

Voorhees, N.J.  
closetandstorageconcepts.com  
Residential/commercial closet & storage systems  
Began: 1987, Franchising: 2000  
Units: US: 7, CAN: 1, FOR: 0, CO: 3  
Cost: \$22.2K-\$192.2K, Rty: 5%  
Financing: Yes  
Qualif: \$100K net worth w/\$50K liquid

### Closets By Design Franchising

Cypress, Calif.  
closetsbydesign.com  
Custom closet & home/office  
organization systems  
Began: 1982, Franchising: 1998  
Units: US: 33, CAN: 6, FOR: 0, CO: 3  
Cost: \$124.9K-\$278.4K, Rty: 6%  
Financing: No  
Qualif: \$500K net worth w/\$125K liquid

### The Decor Group ■ ▼

Lubbock, Texas  
thedecorgroup.com  
Holiday & event lighting services  
Began: 1984, Franchising: 1996  
Units: US: 271, CAN: 18, FOR: 0, CO: 0  
Cost: \$16.1K-\$38.3K, Rty: 5%  
Financing: No