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**Categories:**Painting – Exterior Stucco
Water & Smoke Damage

**Services Performed:**Yes

**Work Completed Date:**July 01, 2014

**Hire Again:**Yes

**Approximate Cost:**$8,000.00

**Home Build Year:**1997

**Description Of Work:**Diamante Coatings repaired many areas of our stucco home including cracks around windows and peeling and blistering areas where water was causing damage.  They also painted the entire house (4000+ sq ft home), including three-car garage doors, with two coats of paint we chose.  They also repaired and painted several areas of the fascia (the wood trim separating the roof from the facade of the house).  Basically, the house got a complete face lift.
Additionally, (and for an additional fee) they installed a wood porch ceiling we had really had our eyes set on.  Ernie was able to find the correct product for the job (other contractors seemed to be clueless as to what type of wood to use for such a project) and personally installed the hardwood.

**Comments:**We got several bids on the job, and Diamante Coatings was the cheapest.  However, we did not choose them because of the price, but rather the professionalism and knowledge of Ernie and his crew.  We had concerns regarding cracks that were appearing on the stucco trim around our windows.  Another contractor almost scared us into removing the trim completely, while another said there is nothing that can be done other than a cosmetic patch that would certainly crack again.  Ernie took the time to explain the problem and thoroughly explained his solution.  The solution made complete sense.  What sealed the deal was his 5-year guarantee, something other companies couldn't believe another contractor would offer.

We were able to choose the brand of paint we wanted.  Even though this wasn't the brand Ernie typically uses, he had no problem using it and was even able to negotiate a contractor price with company.  His guidance in the type of paint to choose was very helpful.
Ernie's crew worked tirelessly in the summer heat to paint the house. They used a combination of brushed and spray.  Any questions or concerns we had were well received by the crew and always relayed back to Ernie.  At no point did we have trouble reaching Ernie, even after hours and on the weekend.  They kept the grounds tidy and clean.  There was no splatter or dripping. We are probably on the pickier side of the typical client, and Ernie was endlessly friendly and responsive to our requests.
We had Ernie install a wood porch ceiling.  I don't know why, but it is incredibly hard to find a contractor knowledgeable in this product.  I had people recommend engineered, interior hardwoods, which is just wrong.  Ernie knew exactly what we needed and brought samples.  He personally installed the ceiling and it looks great!  The price was very reasonable.
While rain caused some delays in the job, we were very satisfied with the speed with which the job was completed.  The house looks beautiful and we couldn't be happier.
I strongly recommend Diamante Coatings.  We would not hesitate to use them again or recommend them to family and friends. We have worked with at least 6-8 contractors for various home improvement projects in the last 3 years and Diamante Coatings was by far our best experience.  Do yourself a favor and add them to your list of companies to get a quote from.  You won't regret it!
Let me conclude by saying that another, well-reviewed stucco company on Angie's List came in with a bid more than twice that which received from Diamante Coatings.  When I called that more expensive company and explained why we were not going with them, they were dumbfounded and basically said we should go with Diamante Coatings.  They also couldn't believe the 5-year guarantee.  They were convinced we were going to get cheap paint, or one coat, or cheap repairs.  They were so wrong!