



Brian McLaughlin, president of **Aardansco, Inc.**, spoke to a monthly meeting of the *National Association of Women in Construction Colorado Springs Chapter 356* on **"The Keys to a Successful Remodeling Project."** Below are some of the highlights from that talk:

Remodeling – is it a do-it-yourself project? Some of the determining factors are:

- Are you familiar enough with the requirements for permitting and setting up inspections for the project?
- Do you have knowledge of the local building codes and ordinances that apply to your project?
- How much time can you devote to your project?
How long do you want the remodeling project to take?



Doing your homework – finding remodeling contractors:

- Use your friends and neighbors for good referrals.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau and the Regional Building Department for reputable (licensed and insured) contractors.
- Get no more than three bids to avoid confusion.

Choosing a contractor – it's not always about numbers:

- Check references.
- Compare "apples to apples" on the details of each bid.
- Determine a level of trust and confidence based on your initial impressions: was the contractor on time and organized? Did the contractor listen to your ideas? Were all your questions answered?
- Get a written contract that explains the provisions for changes and a draw schedule for payments.

If you have any questions about this, or any other construction related topic, please call us at 719 531-7670. We will be happy to make an appointment to talk to you about your remodeling needs.

