

How Projects Relate to Subcontractors

Summary

In BuilderPal, **subcontractors are directly tied to each project**. Each one acts as a trade-specific workspace that connects planning, communication, documents, and bidding — all inside a single job.

This is what lets you break a complex build into clean, manageable scopes without losing structure.

Subcontractors Live Inside Projects

Every subcontractor belongs to a specific project.

They are not global company records or random contacts — they are **project-based workspaces created for that job only**.

For example, on a renovation project like:

16 Ave Farm House Renovation

You might create subcontractors for:

- Plumber • Electrician • Concrete Contractor • Drywall Installer • HVAC Tech

Each one is tied only to that project and its scope of work.

They Structure Work by Trade

Subcontractors organize your project by scope, not just by name.

This allows you to:

- Assign actions by trade
- Upload trade-specific documents
- Structure bid packages by scope
- Track progress by subcontractor
- Keep communication clean and separated

Instead of one giant task list, each subcontractor holds its own slice of the project.

They Exist Before Hiring Anyone

You don't need to have a real contractor yet.

Subcontractors can be created early so you can:

- Start planning scopes
- Assign actions
- Upload documents
- Build bid packages
- Organize responsibilities

All before a real person or company is involved.

This means you can structure your entire project **before awarding a single job**.

They Connect Actions to Responsibility

Subcontractors aren't just labels.

They define who the work is intended for.

When you assign actions to a subcontractor, those actions become part of that trade's scope. Once you later award a contract, everything already assigned moves with that subcontractor automatically.

This keeps your planning intact even as real people get involved later.

They Power the Bidding Flow

Subcontractors are central to BuilderPal's bidding process.

Each one can be used to:

- Create bid packages
- Send bid requests
- Compare estimates
- Award jobs
- Manage post-award communication

Once awarded, the subcontractor workspace becomes the contractor's operational area for that job.

They Control Document Flow

Each subcontractor has its own document section.

This allows you to:

- Keep plans isolated by trade
- Control access per subcontractor
- Share only what they need
- Prevent cross-trade confusion

Documents stay grouped under the correct scope instead of floating loosely across the project.

They Influence Scheduling

Because subcontractors hold actions and assigned responsibilities, they naturally feed into:

- Scheduling
- Dependencies
- Workflow planning
- Timeline coordination

You're timing *scopes*, not just individual people — which makes changes easier when crews change or availability shifts.

How Everything Ties Together

Think of it like this:

The **Project** is the container.

Inside it:

- Subcontractors define scopes
- Actions define work
- Documents define information
- Bids define pricing
- Awarded contacts define the people

Everything flows through the subcontractor structure.

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