

# WORSHIP SOLUTIONS APPLICATION GUIDE

# INFORMATION FOR THE INTEGRATOR

### The System You Want

- · Do you want a completely new sound system or do you want to expand your current system?
- What components from your current system will you continue to use?
- · What are the specifications for these components?

### **Your Building**

- · How big is your sanctuary (height/width/length)?
- · How many people are seated during any given service?
- · Do you have large windows in the sanctuary?
- Are your floors covered in carpet, tile, or concrete?
- · What are the dimensions of your stage/pulpit?
- What type of ceiling do you have drop, tile, open?
- · Does your ceiling have exposed wooden beams or metal I-beams?
- · Do you want to put speakers on the floor or hang them from the ceiling?
- · Where is the sound booth located in the space?
- · Is there crawl space under your stage?
- Do you have a snake already in place?
- Do you need sound systems in other locations?

### **Inputs and Outputs**

- · List all the instruments and vocals in your worship band
- · Do you use floor monitors or IEM's (in-ear monitors)?
- · Do you need to send an audio signal to other rooms?
- Do you livestream services or intend to?
- Do you record services?

### **The Future**

- Do you see your congregation growing in two to three years? By how much?
- Will your worship band expand?
- Will you need to add sound systems for other areas or applications?

## SYSTEM CHECKLIST: IMPORTANT INFO

□ New Sound System

□ Just Adding Components

	Wish List		Exis	isting Components List	
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	Room Dimensions Height/Width/Length		Congregation Size Average Attendance Per Service		
	Sound Booth Location		Estir	imate: 2 Years Estimate: 3 Years	
	Building Features	Worship Band		Vocals Quantity	
	Large Windows	Acoustic Guitar		Lead	
	Drop Ceiling	Electric Guitar		Backup	
	Wooden Beams	Bass Guitar		Announce	
	Ceiling-Mount Speakers	Acoustic Piano		Pastor	
	Floor-Mount Speakers	Electric Piano			
	Carpet	Synthesizer		Additional Needs	
	Concrete / Tile Floor	Organ		Livestream Service 🛛 Record Service	
	Open Ceiling	Acoustic Drums			
	Steel Beams	Electric Drums		Additional Campus Sound Systems Required	
	Exposed Beams	Horns			
	Existing Snake	Strings			
	Crawl Space				

# INTEGRATORS: CHOOSING ONE

#### **Check Their Track Record**

System integrators may list prominent venues without disclosing what they did for those clients, so dig deep. Check their references carefully. Look for a company with a long history in the house of worship market and a large list of successful installations.

#### Watch For Over Promises

Sales managers are in the business of selling, not building sound systems, so they sometimes make promises their companies cannot fulfill. Make sure the people you talk with understand your requirements, demonstrate experience with similar projects, and employ a qualified staff that will run your project. If you get a much lower bid than expected, find out why it's so inexpensive and explore the implications.

#### Make Sure They Understand Local Standards and Codes

You need to see system integrators' code libraries and learn how they manage projects, so, contact their references. Find out what methodologies they use and if they can guarantee that the staff they mobilize are certified and experienced in those methodologies. Also, learn who each integrator partners with, since no one can do it alone.

#### **Check Your Comfort Factor**

Besides their reliability and capability, choose an integrator who makes you feel comfortable, who understands your needs, and who has experience with similar clients.

#### **Review Their Team**

Focus on the knowledge, techniques and skills of the integrators' team. Make sure the staff that will work on your project has full knowledge of system engineering, as well as sufficient experience to handle your needs. While it's easy for a large system integrator to claim their expertise, the only thing that matters to you is that the expertise finds its way onto your premises. An impressive list of resources is no good to you if they're all busy on other accounts.

Sometimes, integrators need to look outside the ranks of their staff for certain projects. Make sure they can source, integrate, and manage additional capabilities as needed to satisfy your end-to-end requirements.

#### Make Sure They Have House of Worship Experience

Integrators who work regularly in the house of worship market stay current on new equipment and systems. Take the time to assess the strengths and weaknesses of any integrator you consider to ensure that they're capable of delivering the people you require, who in turn will deliver the system you desire.

#### **Examine Your Own Team**

Can you, as the customer, allocate the right resources to work with an integrator on a day-to-day basis? Your people will need to operate in the new world that the system integrator helps to create, so ensure you assign capable, knowledgeable people from the beginning.

#### **Review Their Project Management Capability**

Project management is vital to the success of your job. A system integrator needs to carefully balance resources, strategic priorities and other elements to ensure your venture progresses smoothly, stays on budget and finishes on time.

#### **Ask Questions**

Choosing a system integrator is the hardest and easily most overlooked part of any project but it's vital that you take your time and do it right. So ask them about the types and sizes of projects they've done. Get details about the duration of similar jobs, whether your budget is sufficient for your needs, and more. Don't be afraid to say, "I don't understand, please explain." The integrator you choose can make you a hero in your house of worship or take you down a path you don't want to go.

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