WHAT TO ASK BEFORE HIRING YOUR NEXT DESIGNER.

We wanted to provide a few thought-starters to consider before hiring your next web partner. Whether that's ICS or not, here are twenty things to keep in mind.

1. Have you worked on projects similar to mine?
2. Will you supply a contract?
3. **Can I make edits** to the materials myself?
4. Am I able to **monitor your progress** throughout the project?
5. How large of a team will I be working with?
6. How often will I get to offer **input or feedback?**
7. Do I discuss the project directly with the designer doing the work?
8. Is there a **limit to design revisions?**
9. Will you send me all the **final working files?**
10. What software will my project be designed in?
11. How experienced is your team?
12. **How long** until I can expect a final product?
13. **Any hidden fees?**
14. References?
15. Is your team local?
16. What's your greatest weakness?
17. What are your **payment terms?**
18. How long will the design last?
19. Will I be able request **further edits** to my materials in the future?
20. How long will you hold onto **backup files** for my project?