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**Boston Landmarks Commission** 

**Environment Department** 

Boston City Hall Room 709

Boston, MA 02201

RE: 35 Bowdoin Street, Boston

**Application for Certificate of Appropriateness** 

Dear Mr. Armata:

On behalf of 33-35 Bowdoin Street LLC, Epsilon is pleased to submit the enclosed Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property at 35 Bowdoin Street within the Historic Beacon Hill District. The application is filed in response to a recent project change for the previously approved scope of work at the property, documented in application #16.931 BH.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (978) 461-6259.

**ASSOCIATES** 

Sincerely,

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#### **APPLICATION**

CERTIFICATE of APPROPRIATENESS-or-DESIGN APPROVAL-or-EXEMPTION

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NAME of BUSINESS/PROPERTY Saint John the Evan	gelist Mission Church	
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II. APPLICANT 33-35 Bowdoin Street LLC		
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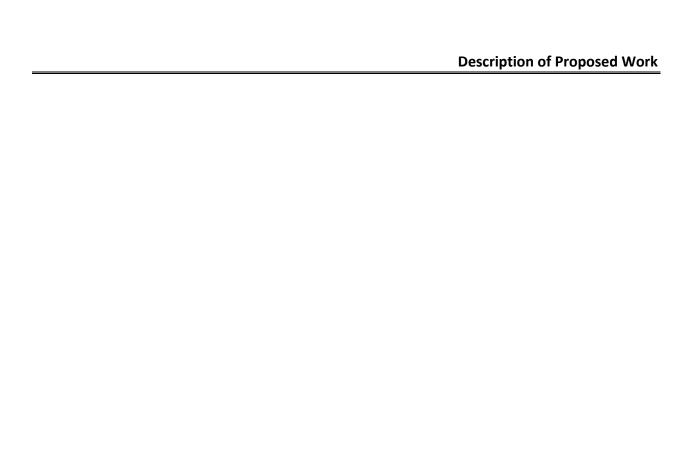
#### III. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED WORK MUST BE GIVEN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW, OR THE

**APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** This description provides the basis for the official notice and subsequent decision, and it must clearly represent the entirety of the project. Additional pages may be attached, if necessary, to provide more detailed information.

This application is filed in response to proposed changes to the previously approved scope of work for the project at 35 Bowdoin Street, originally documented in application #16.931 BH. The original application proposed replacement of the existing asphalt roofing at the building with slate shingles. The replacement of the existing deteriorated asphalt roofing with synthetic slate is now proposed. The new synthetic slate will closely approximate the appearance of slate in size, shape, thickness, texture and color. Please see attached for additional information and product specifications.

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-	IRED DOCUMENTATION: Please include all required documentation with this application; review instructions ly for details.			
ESTIN	MATED COST OF PROPOSED WORK: \$100,000			
IV. DULY AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES (both required)				
The facts set forth above in this application and accompanying documents are a true statement made under penalty of perjury.				
APPLI	CANT dan Sham OWNER* dan Sham			
*(If building is a condominium or cooperative, the chairman must sign.)				
PRINT	Jan Steenbrugge, 33-35 Bowdoin Street LLC PRINT Jan Steenbrugge, 33-35 Bowdoin Street LLC			
Environment Department personnel cannot be responsible for verifying the authority of the above individuals to sign this application. Misrepresentation of signatory authority may result in the invalidation of the application.  UNSIGNED OR PARTIALLY SIGNED FORMS WILL BE REJECTED				
THIS APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT SIGNATURES, FEES AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION. The checklist below is for reference only: Please refer to the detailed application instructions for deadlines, fee schedule and required documentation specific to your proposal.				
	COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM			
	APPLICATION FEE (Check or money order made payable to City of Boston; see fee schedule in Instructions)			
	DESCRIPTION OF WORK (A brief description must be included on the front page; additional pages of detailed information may be attached. <b>Applications that only note "see attached" will not be accepted.</b> )	1		
	PHOTOS OF EXISTING CONDITIONS			
	DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS AS REQUIRED (See "documentation requirements" in instructions)			



#### **Architectural Description**

Designed in the Gothic Revival style, the Mission Church of St. John the Evangelist at 35 Bowdoin Street is located on the west side of Bowdoin Street on Beacon Hill's North Slope. The building is set into a continuous street wall and is flanked by four and five-story brick apartment blocks. The rear (west) elevation of the building fronts the Temple Street Park.

The three by six bay granite building rises on a modified Greek cross plan. The façade is dominated by a central four-story tower capped by a deep beveled granite cornice and embattlements. The two-story body of the building extends to the north and south of the tower and is also capped by a granite cornice and embattlements. The façade is framed by raised granite pilasters. At the central tower, the main entrance is set within a smooth granite arch. A double-lancet window is located above the entrance. Two-story lancet openings containing entrances below multi-pane windows are situated to either side of the tower. Side elevations contain four bays of stained-glass lancet windows. The first floor contains four bays of paired twelve-over-twelve double-hung windows set within flat granite lintels and sills. The curved west (rear) elevation is constructed of large granite blocks in a coursed rubble pattern.

The building is capped with a broad gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The roofline of the east elevation is defined by a central tower and flanking granite embattlements with flat roofs. The front gable roofline of the main block is hipped at its east end where it meets the central tower at the east elevation. Due to the building's height and surrounding site conditions, visibility of the roof is limited.

#### Proposed Scope of Work

The existing roofing at the gable roof of 35 Bowdoin Street consists of deteriorated asphalt shingles. A previously submitted and approved application (Application #16.931 BH) proposed removal of the existing asphalt shingle roofing materials and installation of new slate shingles. The replacement of existing asphalt shingles with composite slate is now proposed.

The proposed composite slate will closely approximate the appearance of historic slate in size, shape, thickness, texture, and color. Color selection will be based on the likely color range of original slate roofing, which does not survive. A historic photograph of the property which captures a portion of the gable roof suggests the slate was a medium gray color (see Figure 1). A review of manufacturer options by the project team has identified DaVinci single-width slate in "Slate Gray" as an appropriate match. Product information for the DaVinci slate is included with this submittal.

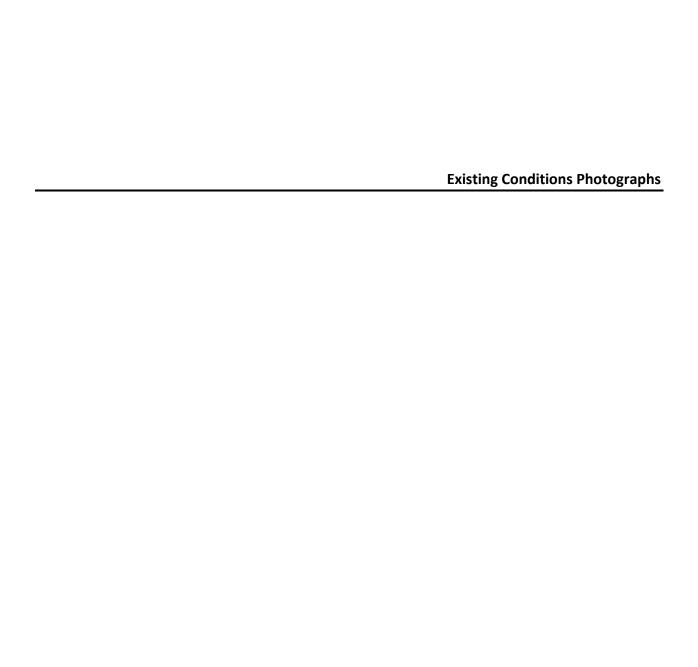
Visibility of the roof is restricted by the building's height and surrounding site conditions. From the east along Bowdoin Street, the main gable roof slope is not visible. Limited portions of the hipped roof slope at the east roof edge are visible above the embattlements to either side of the central tower. The north roof slope is visible from Cambridge Street at a distance of approximately 350' along Coolidge Avenue, a short private way providing access to the parking lot at the rear of 11-27 Bowdoin Street. Given the limited visibility of the roof, the installation of the composite slate will serve to restore the historic appearance of the original roof material and will not be distinguishable from slate shingles.

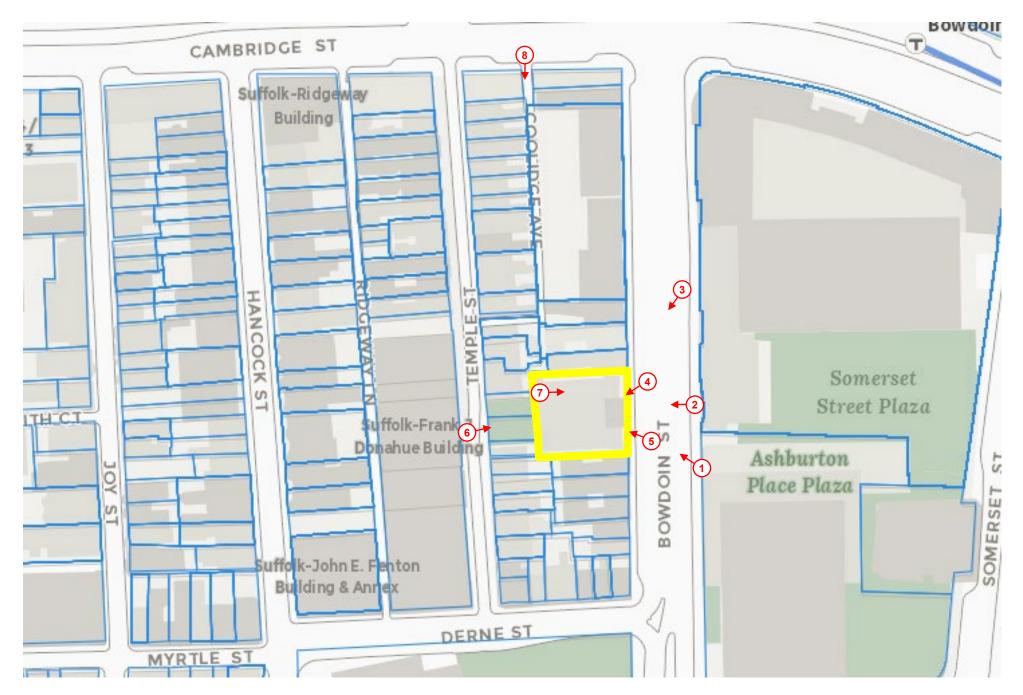
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1. 35 Bowdoin Street, front (east) elevation, view northwest



3. 35 Bowdoin Street, front (east) elevation, view southwest



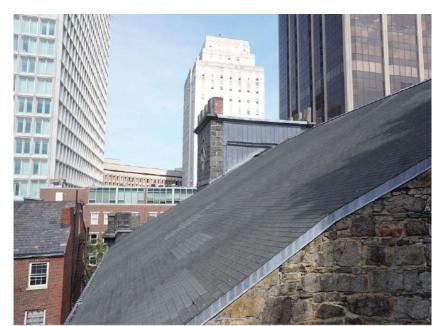
2. 35 Bowdoin Street, front (east) elevation, view west



4. 35 Bowdoin Street, roof detail, view southwest



5. 35 Bowdoin Street, roof detail, view northwest



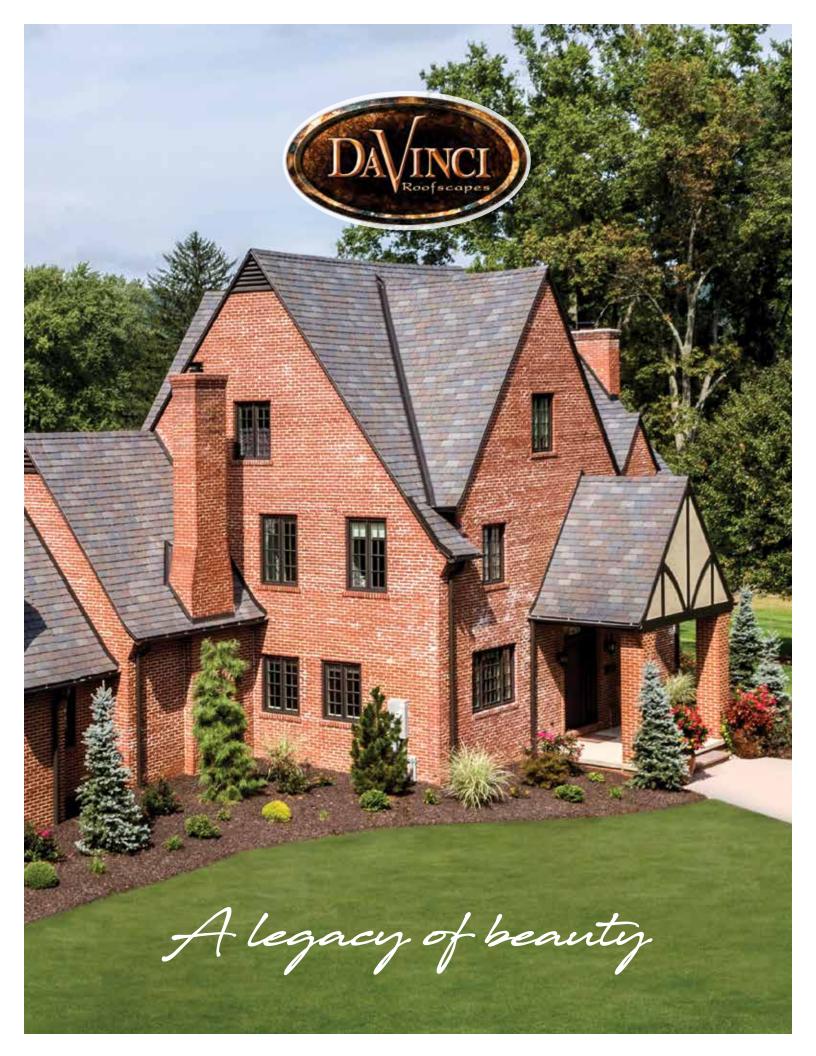
7. 35 Bowdoin Street, north roof slope, view west (elevated view for documentation purposes only, view not within BHAC jurisdiction)



6. 35 Bowdoin Street, west elevation, view northeast from Temple Street



8. 35 Bowdoin Street, north roof slope, view south from Cambridge Street





# WE FIT YOUR STYLE WE STAND UP TO YOUR WEATHER

From the mountains to the coasts...

Wherever you call home, a DaVinci roof
lives up to your vision of beauty and stands up
to the challenges of your weather.

DaVinci has been the leader in composite roofing for nearly two decades. Our commitment to creating durable, beautiful roofing tiles is unparalleled. You won't find a more realistic or better-performing roofing product anywhere.

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### WHAT'S BEHIND THE BEAUTY IS

Every region of North America presents challenges to the exterior of your home. Mother Nature's fury is universal.



With the damaging effects of sun, hail, gale-force winds and freeze and thaw cycles, roofing materials are at odds with the weather

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a Class A Fire Rating, Class 4 Impact Rating and a

110 MPH Wind Rating. But the real genius of a DaVinci roof lies in its ability to provide lasting beauty and a constant source of pride.



DaVinci roof tiles are constructed of a composite material made of pure virgin resins, UV and thermal stabilizers as well as a highly-specialized fire retardant. The result is a state-of-the-art tile that gives us the greatest degree of color control and consistency in the manufacturing process and an end product that endures beautifully in any climate.

### VS. NATURAL SLATE

Like a rock? Slate tiles are not immune to the ravages of time...or hail. Its tiny fissures make natural slate susceptible to damage caused by freeze and thaw cycles. DaVinci slate products defy the elements for decades of enduring and worry-free beauty.

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Nobody offers you more color options than DaVinci—your only limitation is your imagination. Our industry-leading standard color palette is just the beginning. As our name implies, our ability to blend colors and create drama is unparalleled. So whether you're selecting a single color or opting for one of our expertly-crafted VariBlends,™ we've got you covered. When it comes to bringing out the best in your home...leave it to DaVinci.

JUST LIKE NATURE

DaVinci's proprietary VariBlend™ manufacturing process creates subtle color variations from one tile

to the next. The nuanced shifts result in the most

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Our color blend options consist of as few as one to as many as eight individual colors to create a dynamic range of results.

### Introducing THE DAVINCI NATURE CRAFTED COLLECTION

The DaVinci Nature Crafted Collection is our most ambitious foray into color development to date. Our advanced technology has simulated the warmth and softness of a patina previously only created by time and exposure to the elements. Our Nature Crafted Collection captures the look of a moment and retains it for decades.

Look for the Nature Crafted Collection symbol and experience the industry's most advanced color technology yet.



### Cool roofs BUILT TO BE COOL

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DaVinci Cool Roof tiles reflect sunlight and heat away from the home. Higher emissivity and reflectivity rates lead to greater reductions in the cooling load and in return increase energy efficiency. Their ability to reduce the consumption of energy has earned them the designation of an ENERGY STAR® qualified product. Additionally, all Cool Roof designated colors meet Title 24 requirements for California.

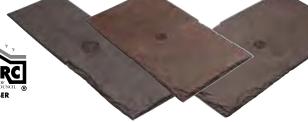




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### THE TOP DOWN COLOR™ VISUALIZER

See for yourself how your color options enhance your home's curb appeal. This powerful tool lets you upload an image and experiment with color combinations of roofing, trim and more.



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We want to help you be absolutely sure that your DaVinci roof is exactly what you envisioned.

Our color consultant will answer your color questions and offer advice to guide you through the process of choosing a color blend to complement your home beautifully.



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### YOUR HOME WAS MADE FOR CEDAR OR SLATE

Da Vinci was made for your home



### - Visual VERSATILITY

DaVinci offers the beauty of natural slate and cedar shake in three different tile options, giving you the ability to meet your aesthetic vision as well as respect your budget.



### **MULTI-WIDTH**

Our most authentic-looking and versatile option, DaVinci's Multi-Width tiles set the high mark for luxury. Laying tiles of multiple widths in a straight or staggered pattern creates the most natural, non-repeating appearance possible.

MULTI-WIDTH SLATE.....Page 12 MULTI-WIDTH SHAKE.....Page 22





### SINGLE-WIDTH

Single-width tiles add a budget-friendly touch of tradition to your home in either a straight or staggered pattern. The uniform tile size and impact-resistant composite construction work to reduce waste and speed up installation.

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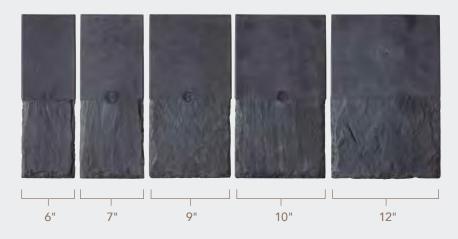
### BELLAFORTÉ

The inspired engineering of Bellaforté makes uncommon beauty considerably more attainable. Its innovative design requires less overlap (reducing waste and cost), making it a stylish upgrade that won't bust the budget.

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### DAVINCI SLATE

Historically, attaining the luxurious look of natural slate hasn't been easy. The cost, the weight and the required army of skilled tradesmen made the installation process complicated and costly. Thanks to the genius of DaVinci, the look of slate is more viable than ever.



### **MULTI-WIDTH**

Multi-width tiles provide the greatest degree of authenticity and flexibility.



### SINGLE-WIDTH

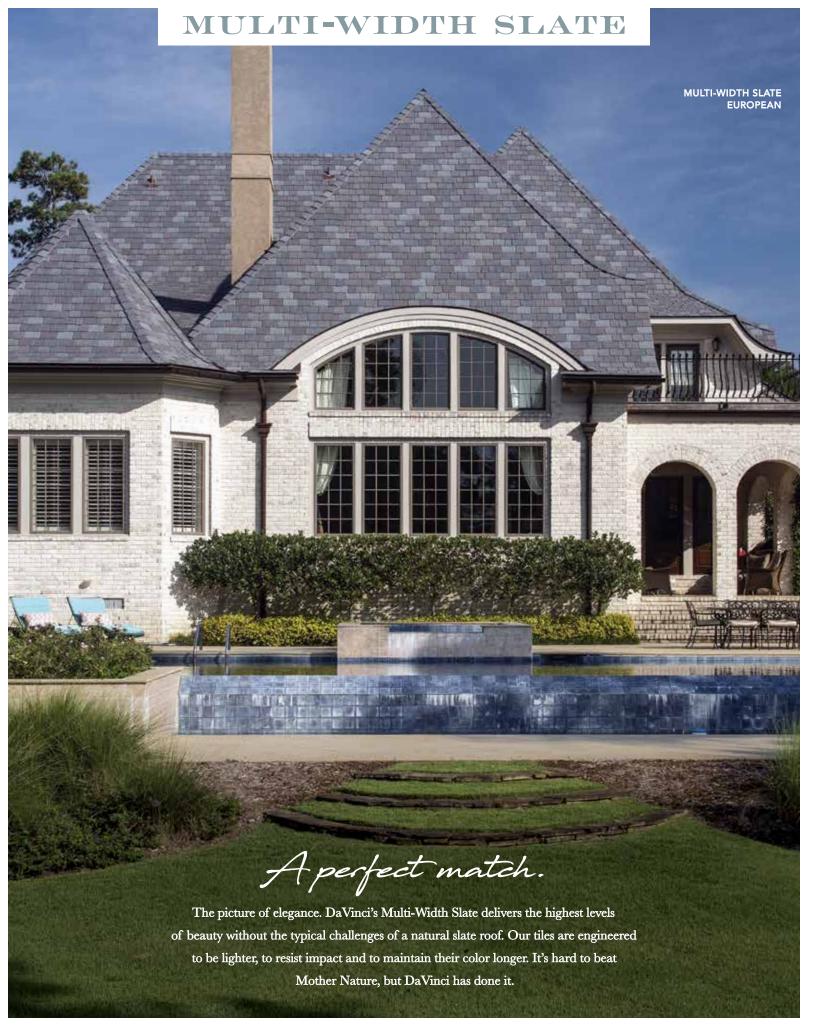
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### BELLAFORTÉ

The look of slate at a fraction of the cost and weight.



















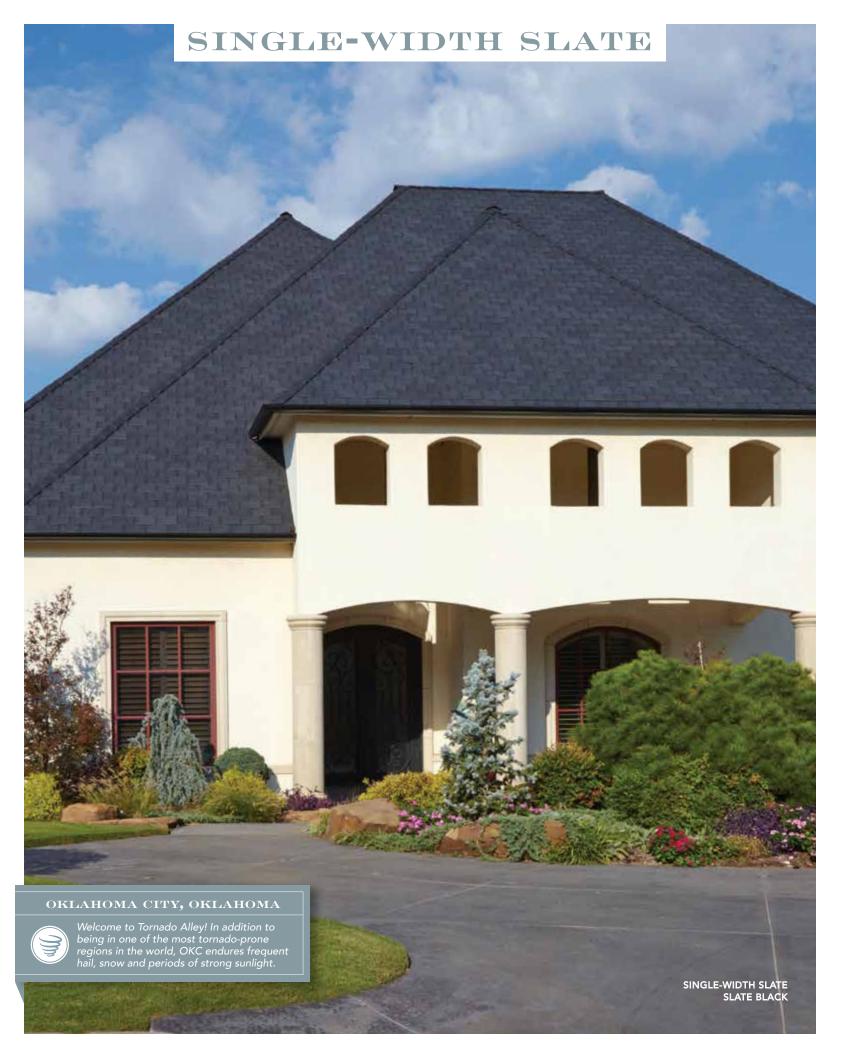






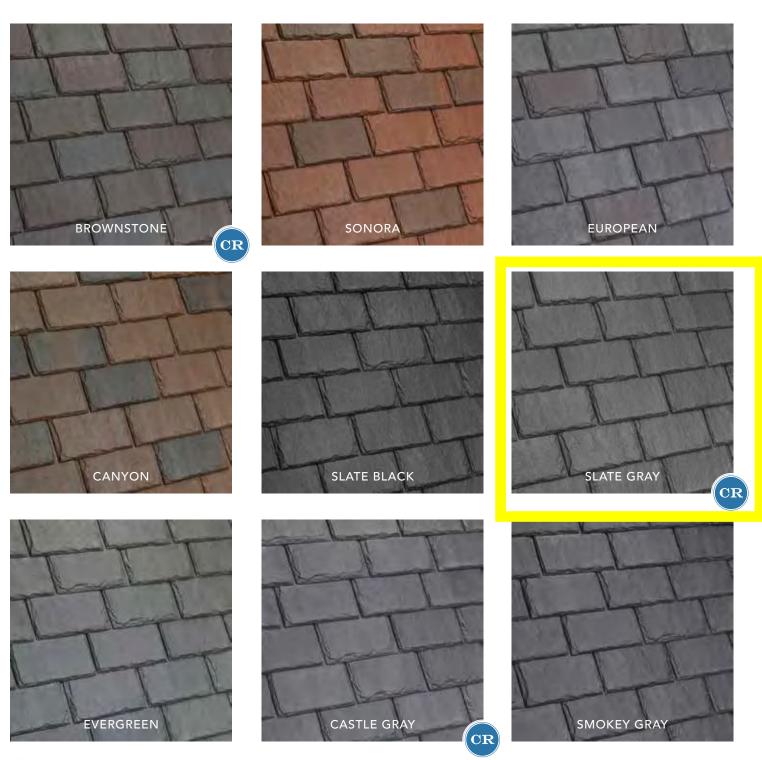


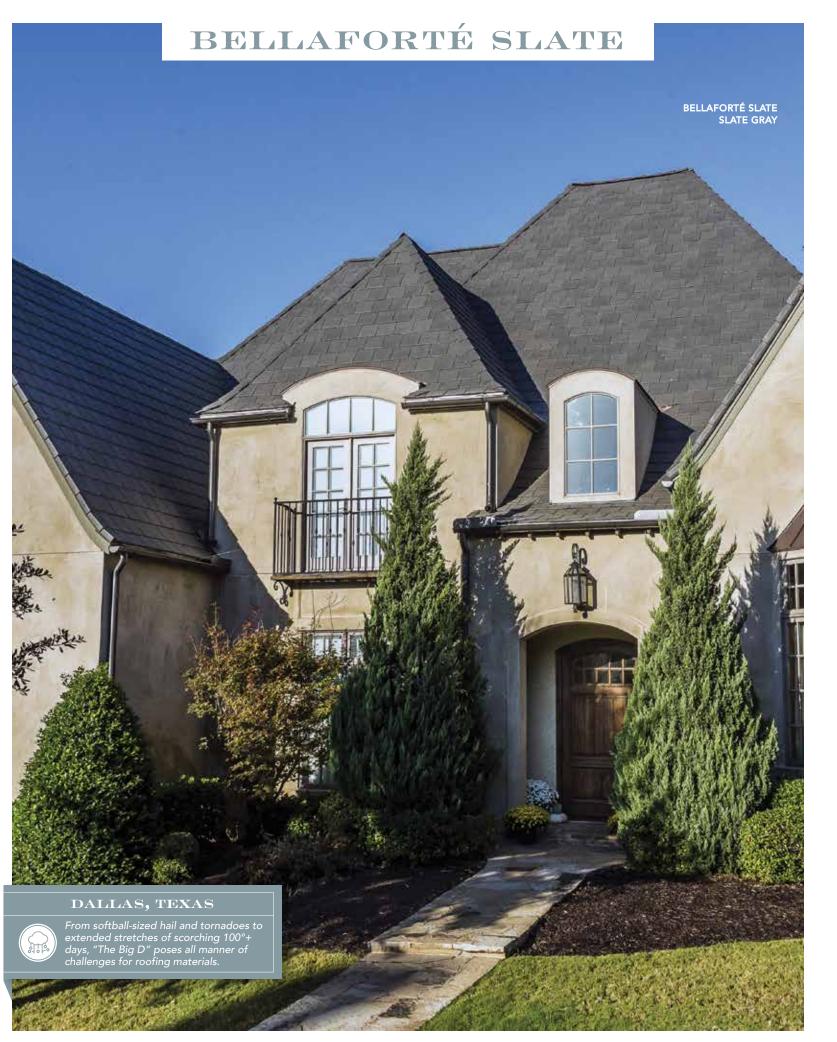




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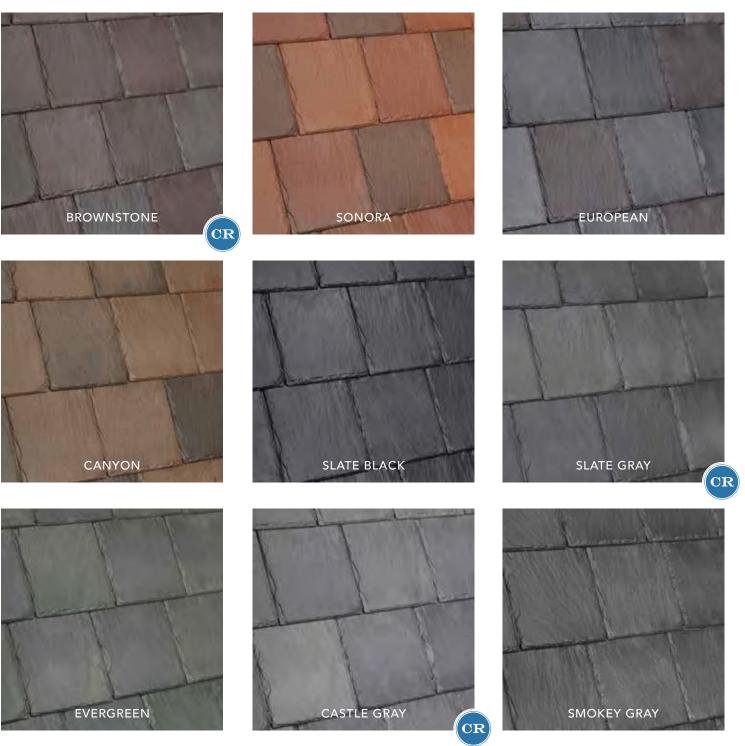
Some homes were created with the promise of a slate roof in mind. DaVinci's Single-Width Slate delivers on that promise with its astonishing versatility. Our single-width tile construction streamlines installation but still enables the flexibility of straight or staggered appearances.

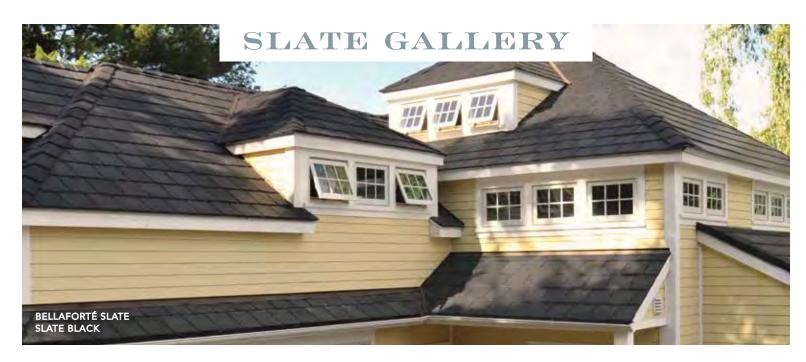




## The look will amage you. The price might surprise you.

Designed to reduce material costs, Bellaforté puts the look of slate within reach, and with it the premium aesthetics and performance that asphalt shingles can only dream about. With DaVinci Bellaforté, the look of slate may be more attainable than you think.







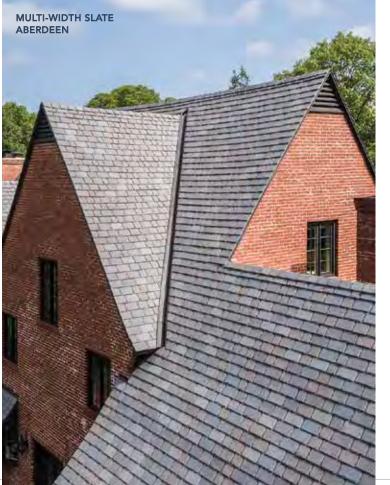
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AND APPRECIATE THE LOWMAINTENANCE APPEAL.

— CHRISTOPHER, RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECT









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HOMES IN OUR AREA, WE BEGAN
SEEING MANY IMPACT-RESISTANT
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A WORRY-FREE, BEAUTIFUL,
BEST-IN-CLASS ROOF THAT COULD
WITHSTAND FUTURE STORMS,
AND WE GOT IT WITH OUR NEW
DAVINCI ROOF.

— JULIE, HOMEOWNER



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and made it better.

It's no wonder people are drawn to the timeless good looks of slate tile and cedar shake. The allure is unmistakable. A DaVinci composite roof lives up to the look of nature, but does so without the ongoing maintenance, repairs and replacement.

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Resistant to fading, rotting, cracking and pests

Stands up to wind, hail and fire as well as or better than natural materials

Enjoy the peace of mind that comes with a Lifetime Limited Material Warranty

Every tile reflects the artistry and the genius of DaVinci himself



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If you have questions, feel free to contact us directly.

A DaVinci Project Specialist will answer any questions you have concerning product differences, color selection, project timing and contractor selection.



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