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Before You Buy LED: 6 Things Your Partner Should Actually Do

A practical buyer's guide from Blue Square X





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Introduction

Before you purchase an LED screen, there's one thing you should confirm first: does your partner actually support what will happen when the project evolves?

Most LED projects don't fail because of the hardware itself. They fail because the partner didn't think ahead, anticipate edge-case scenarios, or plan real solutions before challenges showed up.

LED Projects don't go to plan. That's the point.

If you've been involved in construction, renovation, or experiential installs, you already know this truth: Plans change.

Mounting conditions shift. Sightlines evolve. Power access moves. Structural details surface late. None of this is unusual.

What is unusual is how many LED vendors treat these moments as exceptions instead of expectations.

When a vendor isn't built for change, every adjustment becomes friction. And friction becomes a cost.

The real cost isn't the LED. It’s everything around it.

Most proposals focus on pixel pitch, brightness, and size. Very few explain what happens when the install doesn’t match the drawing.

That’s where buyers get surprised.

Common pain points include:

- Change orders for revised drawings
- Added fees for alternative mounting solutions
- Delays while new hardware is sourced
- Extra labor charges for adjustments everyone anticipated

Individually, these may look small. Together, they derail budgets and timelines.

Before you buy an LED solution, you should know exactly how your vendor handles this moment.

When Responsibility Is Split, Risk Goes Up

Many LED projects rely on multiple vendors — one handling design, another supplying the hardware, another managing installation, and often a separate team responsible for content, if content is even thought about at all.

When conditions change mid-project, responsibility gets blurry fast.

- Who updates the drawings?
- Who confirms hardware compatibility?
- Who owns the solution when the project evolves?

If the answer isn't clear, the risk is yours.

Working with a single partner who owns the display, the drawings, and the execution keeps accountability where it belongs.



Flexibility Isn’t a Feature. It’s a Requirement.

Off-the-shelf LED systems assume the space will cooperate.

Real spaces rarely do.

Flexible, modular systems adapt when dimensions, angles, or layouts shift. Rigid systems don’t.

Customization shouldn’t mean starting over or treating every adjustment as a brand-new project. In-stock, configurable solutions allow change without delay or penalty.

If your vendor can’t adapt without re-scoping, that’s something to know before you sign.



Before You Buy LED, Ask Your Vendor This

These questions quickly separate prepared vendors from risky ones.

1. How do you handle design changes during installation?
2. Are drawings, hardware, and execution managed by the same team?
3. What is considered “out of scope,” and why?
4. How flexible is the system if dimensions or mounting change?
5. What happens when site conditions change and no longer match the original plan?

If the answers feel vague, the risk isn’t.



Vendor Comparison Checklist

Use this chart when evaluating LED vendors. Fill it out side by side before making a decision.

Evaluation Criteria	Vendor A	Vendor B	Blue Square X
End-to-end ownership (design through install)			✓
Handles design changes without penalties			✓
Flexible, modular LED systems			✓
In-stock solutions for faster adjustments			✓
Clear scope expectations upfront			✓
Single point of accountability			✓

The differences become obvious when you see them side by side.

How Blue Square X Approaches LED Projects

We assume projects will change. We design for that reality.

Our approach is built around:

- One team responsible from concept to install
- Flexible, modular systems that adapt
- In-stock solutions that don’t require restarting the project
- Clear expectations around scope and change

No nickel-and-diming for expected adjustments. No finger-pointing when plans shift.

Just practical design, execution, and support throughout the process.

Final Thought

Before you purchase an LED solution, make sure your vendor is prepared for what will actually happen.

The right partner won’t just sell you a display. They’ll support every change that comes with bringing it to life.

If you want to walk through real scenarios or evaluate your options, we’re always happy to talk.



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