

Colorado Department of Transportation
Dispute Review Board (DRB) Candidate Solicitation

This form is to be filled out electronically. Type your answers in the grey areas in the space allowed by the boxes. You can use the Tab key to go from one field to the next. When you have completed this form, save it to your computer, then attach your form in an email to Dennis.Largent@dot.state.co.us with the Subject line as "(Your name)'s DRB-CS Form". Do not include any other attachments to this form.

1. Candidate Information

Name: Michael Benza	Employer: Michael Benza & Associates, Inc		
Address: 6860 West Snowville Road	City: Brecksville	State: ohio	Zip Code 44141
Phone Number: 440 526 4206	Email Address (required): mbenza@mbenzaengr.com		

2. Education

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. Ohio State University	BS Civil Engineering	1963
2.		
3.		

3. Professional Licenses/Certifications and Professional Organizations

1. Ohio P.E.	2. Pennsylvania P.E.
3.	4.

3. Major Employment History

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. Michael Benza & Associates, Inc	36	Principal
2. Wheeler & Melena	3	Department Head
3. A.E.Stilson Engineers	2	Design Engineer
4. W.V. Halishak & Assoc.	3	Design Engineer

5. Experience and General Information: (continued on page 2)

<p>1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:</p> <p>Project management and design of minor and major infrastructure projects for governmental agencies. Design of roadway improvements with construction cost of \$ 100,000 to \$ 6,000,000. Plans developed in accordance with the requirements of Ohio DOT and Cuyahoga County Ohio. Design of water and wastewater treatment, collection and distribution systems. Have provided plan and specification review of many highway and infrastructure projects.</p>
<p>2. Describe your experience with construction claims:</p> <p>I have been a construction arbitrator for the AAA for 20 years. In that time I have served on several construction dispute panels. I have attended several seminars and conferences regarding construction dispute resolution. In 2006 I attended the 2 day session lead by the Dispute Resolution Board. I have attended and passed the ODOT Project Development Process and ODOT Local Project Administration.</p>
<p>3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:</p> <p>As a design professional for since 1963 I have had the occasion to negotiate disputes between the client and contractor relating to construction disputes. At APWA and WEF conferences I have attended seminars on construction dispute resolution. At our firm we utilize the standard NSPE and ACES contract documents.</p>

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

The majority of design contracts entered into by or firm include the providing of construction contract administration. As a design engineer and principal I have had occasion to perform all aspects of contract administration. I have written contract document change orders, addenda's to bid documents and negotiated final project close out for clients. We utilize the standard contract forms provided by NSPE and ACEC. I have administered contracts funded by The Rural Water Agency and The USEPA construction grants program. Many of our highway design projects require the utilization of ODOT Standard Specifications and documents.

5. Describe your construction field experience:

I have not been in the field for actual construction supervision. My career has been in the office providing design and contract administration. I have visited construction sites during the construction of projects that I have either designed or been the project manager for. Our firm provides full construction administration services including shop drawing review, change order preparation, pay requests and assist the client with contractor negotiations.

6. Describe your DRB (or arbitration) training, certification, and experience:

I attended a 2 day seminar on Dispute Resolution training from the Dispute Resolution Board. The training was at the Ohio Department of Highways training facility and co sponsored by them. I have been active in the American Arbitration Association since 1981. In that time I have attended many seminars on the arbitration and mediation process. I have served on several arbitration panels as either a member or as the chair. These hearings ranged from minor contractor disputes with homeowners to major claims between contractors and major building owners. I have served as the chair in a dispute between 2 communities regarding the sewer user charge fee. As a consulting engineering firm we have acted as arbitrator between our clients and contractors on construction disputes.

7. Describe your employment/retirement status and availability to serve on a DRB and geographical area:

I presently vacation in Florida the months of Jan to April, the rest of the year I work at the office full time. I am responsible for the project management of projects and act as the company representative to several municipal clients. At this time I am available to serve on a DRB panel within the USA. I have no time or travel restrictions.

DRB members are compensated as per Section 105.22 of the CDOT Specifications.

6. List Two References For Your Experience With Construction Claims

Name	Title	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
Joe Warino	Sanitary Engineer	Mahoning County Ohio	1-330-793-5514	jwarino@mahoningcount yoh.gov
Carl Czaga	Assistant City Manager	Cleveland Heights Ohio	1-216-291-2555	cczaga@clvhts.com

Important Notice - All information provided on this form will be open to the public on the CDOT – DBR web page: “List of Candidate Members for the Dispute Review Board (DRB)”.