

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: Kurt L. Dettman	Employer: Constructive Dispute Resolutions		
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2. Education

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. University of Wisconsin-Madison	BA	1979
2. University of Wisconsin Law School	JD	1983
3.		

3. Professional Licenses/Certifications and Professional Organizations

1. Licensed Lawyer--Wisconsin	2.
3. Licensed Lawyer--Massachusetts	4.

3. Major Employment History

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. Palmer&Dodge/Hutchins&Wheeler	8	Lawyer (Commercial Litigator)
2. MassHighway/MA Turnpike	11	Senior/Chief Counsel--CA/T Project
3. MA Turnpike Authority	2	Associate Project Director for Claim Resolution--CA/T Pproject
4. Constructive Dispute Resolutions	2	Principal

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

1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:
I have been a lawyer for 24+ years, beginning as a commercial litigator. In 1992, I joined the \$14.7B CA/T Project (Boston) as a Senior Counsel. In 1995 I became Project Chief Counsel, responsible for all Project legal matters. In 2003, I became CA/T Associate Project Director for Claims Resolution, responsible for all construction claims. In 2005 I started a consulting practice for construction industry ADR, including ADR systems design, training, claim resolution, mediation, arbitration, and Dispute Review Boards.

2. Describe your experience with construction claims:
As CA/T Chief Counsel, I was responsible for the approval of all construction claims over \$50K; as the CA/T Associate Project Director for Claim Resolution, I was responsible for the review, analysis and resolution of thousands of claims with a value of several hundred million dollars. I currently do work for MassHighway involving the negotiation of \$80M+ in construction claims.

3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:

As Chief Counsel of the CA/T Project, I was responsible for all legal issues on the Project, including claims involving construction contract law. I have worked for many years with construction contract documents on a variety of construction projects, including drafting, reviewing, analyzing and interpreting construction contracts and contract documents, and analyzing construction law claims and legal theories.

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

As the CA/T Associate Project Director I was responsible for leading a team of over 100 people (claims administrators, schedule analysts, claims analysts, cost engineers, auditors and technical experts) in the resolution of thousands of claims with a value of several hundred million dollars. In this role I was responsible for management of the Claims and Changes Department, including budgeting, supervision and administration of all claims support and analysis for the construction field offices and the central office.

5. Describe your construction field experience:

See Item 4 above. The types of construction contracts on which I have handled claims include:

1. Heavy Highway
2. Tunneling
3. Vertical (Vent Buildings)
4. Bridge/Viaduct
5. Systemwide (Integrated Project Controls System, Vent Fans, Electrical Systems, Tunnel Finishes)

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

I have the following relevant training and qualifications: Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) training for DRB Chairperson/Member; Caltrans training for DRBs and Dispute Resolution Advisors (single person DRBs); training for and membership on the Construction Arbitration Panels of American Arbitration Association, American Dispute Resolution Center, and Construction Dispute Resolution Services, LLC; and training for and membership on the Arbitration Panel of National Arbitration Forum, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. I supervised matters before and interacted with the 47 DRBs on the CA/T Project. I am currently serving on Ohio DOT projects: DRB Chairperson on two \$45M+ bridge projects and DRB Member on a \$120M+ highway project. I have written articles about DRB practice for the DRBF Forum and I conduct DRB training.

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

I have my own consulting practice, am not retired, and am willing to serve on CDOT DRBs and travel as needed under the CDOT reimbursement guidelines.

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
Joel Lewin	Partner	Hinkley Allen & Snyder	617.345.9000	jlewin@haslaw.com

Paul Williams	Chairman	Armed Service Board of Contract Appeal	703.681.8501	paul.williams@asbca.mil
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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)”.