

**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 Mark.Straub@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: William (Bill) Ott	Employer:		
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2. Education

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. Oregon State University	Civil Engineering	1966
2. Oregon State University	Mech Technology	1966
3.		

3. Professional Licenses/Certifications and Professional Organizations

1. DRB Foundation	2.
3.	4.

4. Major Employment History

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. Atkinson Construction Co	7	Project Manager
2. Mowat Construction Co	25	Vice President, Retired 1998
3. Ott Construction Consultants	20	Owner
4.		

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

1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:
 Heavy/Civil Highway Construction - All Aspects including interpretation of contract specifications and plans for estimating, project scheduling, allocation of labor, equipment and material resources, and settlement of conflicts and claims between project management and the owners, subcontractors, suppliers and labor unions. The contracts were with various public agencies in four western states (Washington, Oregon, California, and Nevada). Public agencies contracts were with a variety of Owners including WSDOT, ODOT, NDOT, CalTrans, Dept. of Energy, Counties, Cities, FHWA, ETC. Single contracts ranged in size to over \$50million (1995 dollars). Institutional buildings- Same as above except contracts were in only Washington

2. Describe your experience with construction claims:
 As a member of a DRB/Arbitration boards I have heard and provided opinions both "Formally" and "Informally" on several hundred issues. Prior to 1998 retirement as a Contractor I was responsible for the preparation and settlement of "Requests for Equitable Adjustments". as well as Contract Change Orders and Value Engineering proposals.
 Co-Chairman of the AGC -WSDOT Highway Committe and the joint Administration Team -This committee reviews the standard specifications and problems that that specific specification are causing. The committee resolves changes to the specifications so they are equitable to both the contractor and the owner. Also served on the AGC-Oregon DOT Committee as well.

3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:
 Attempt to keep abreast of court and arbitration decisions related to construction cases through publications such as "Construction Claims Monthly"

 Not trained as a lawyer

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

Administered over 200 construction contracts with the majority being Federally funded DOT contracts. Includes all phases from securing bonding and insurance, DBE fulfillments, labor contracts, project operations, change orders, project closeout, and settlement of issues. Predominately we operated as the general contractor for heavy-civil Projects located on the West Coast (WA, OR, NV, CA, AK) for a variety of public Agencies

5. Describe your construction field experience:

Mowat Construction Co. - Vice President (1977-1998)- About 70% of my time was solving /resolving field issues and contract issues. The rest of my time was estimating fo Bid Proposals.

Mowat Construction Co. - Project Manager (1973-1977)- Estimated and managed 4-6 highway and building projects at a time. About 70% of each day my time was at the project site.

Atkinson Construction Co. - Started in the field as a Office /Field Engineer on a 2 mile long viaduct for Caltrans. Project Engineer on a large interchange in Oregon (17 bridges, 4 million cy of excavation, 8miles of concrete paving). Project Supt.on a CalTrans project (13 bridges, 1.5 million cy of excavation). All were jobsite field positions

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

Since 2001, I have been selected on 192 "alternative resolution boards" including serving as Chairman on 54 Boards. Nominations have been: 50 Owner selections, 58 contractor selections, 41 joint selections and 43 selections by the other DRB members .

The Boards. include 168 DRB Boards, 8ea Claims Review Boards, 2ea Arbitration Boards, 14ea as the Third Party Neutral .

Contract types have been 12 GCCM, 18 Design-Build, and 162 Design-Bid-Build. Agencies include WSDOT (97), Idaho (37), Oregon (13), CalTrans (5), Local Agencies (30),and University of Washington(10).

I have attended and received multiple certifications for both the DRBF Administration and Practice Workshop and the Chairing Workshops.. I have also received Workshop DRBF/Caltrans Training – 2009, 2015, 2016, and 2017 Caltrans DRB and DRA Training Workshops. In 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 have led the Certification Workshops as a DRBF Trainer.

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

I am available for Construction Contract Dispute Resolution and have made that my priority. The geographical area is the USA.

Retired in 1998 and currently work part time as a consultant.

- Pre-bid Value Engineering Studies for project owners
- Constructability studies during preliminary and final designs
- presenter for "Team Building" workshops for WSDOT
- DRB Boards
- Claim reviews Boards (Oregon DOT)

DRB members are compensated as per Section 105 of the CDOT Specifications.

6. List Two References For Your Experience With Construction Claims

Name	Title	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
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Important Notice - All information provided on this form will be visible to the public on the CDOT – DBR web page: [“List of Candidate Members for the Dispute Review Board \(DRB\)”](#).