Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Candidate Application for Dispute Review Board (DRB)

A. Contact Information

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B. Professional Licenses/Registrations (Please provide name/type of license, state, expiration date and number.)

Name/Type of License/Registration	*State and Number*	*Expiration Year*
Professional Engineer	Michigan 6201030952	2016
Professional Engineer	Florida 69380	2017

C. Education/Related Training (Please list degree, college/other school and dates. Please indicate the location and date of your training.)

University/College/Organization/Trade School	*Degree/Certificate*	*Date/Year*
Michigan Technological University	BS/Civil Engineering	1977

D. Construction Experience Summary

I have construction experience working in the following capacities:

x	Civil Engineer		Architect		Builder/Developer
	Structural Engineer		Electrical Engineer		Designer/Planner
	Geologist		Land Surveyor		Mechanical Engineer
x	General Contractor		Accountant		Chemical Engineer
x	Construction Manager		Supplier/Manufacturer		Environmental Engineer
	Sub/Specialty Contractor	x	Owner Representative		Landscape Architect
	Other (Describe) ➔				

I have substantial experience in the following types of construction:

x	Bridge (Concrete)	x	Bridge (Steel)		Buildings
	Earth Retaining Systems		Electrical Systems		Environmental
x	Foundation	x	Highway		Landscaping
	Marine		Mechanical		Tunnel
	Other (Describe) ➔				

E. Qualification Statement

Candidates shall have substantial experience in or directly related to public agency highway and bridge construction projects with or on behalf of federal, state, or local government agencies, particularly MDOT. Experience shall be a minimum of 10 years in active involvement, supervision, or management of public agency highway and bridge construction contracts preferably with an emphasis in resolution of disputes arising out of said contracts. Lawyers, attorneys, and/or legal counsel are not permitted to be DRB candidates nor are they permitted to serve on a DRB panel in any capacity.

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Provide a 500 word or less statement of your qualifications that explain how you meet the aforementioned criteria:

I worked three summers with a large highway/bridge contractor during my college years assisting with estimating and fieldwork. During my college years, coursework included labor law, ethics, contracts, and all of the required civil engineering courses. Subsequent to college, I worked 24 years with MDOT, the last 18 of which were as a Lansing Construction Staff Engineer and then a Resident Construction Engineer. During these years, I was involved with committees to revise specifications for the CPM program and traffic signing. I was also involved with numerous other committees, such as process improvements, CPRKS, and construction manpower management, and was assigned to work with the FHWA to modify the Liquidated Damages Specification in 1984. In 1997 I was a committee member to develop the specifications and selection process for the first of kind (for MDOT) design-build-warranty project and then served as the construction project manager for the construction project. This project required intense interaction with the contractor and his designer as this lump sum project was bid largely on performance (not material) based specifications. Issues encountered and resolved without claim were related to rating and scoring submittals, scope definition, geometric standards and project limits, and coordination of design submittals and construction schedules.

I have been involved in the review and resolution of numerous construction disputes over my 37-year career in construction. I have defended claims at several levels of review, have served on claim review panels, including several COR panels during my tenure with MDOT, and was responsible for the final decision write-up on at least one of these COR panels. I am most proud of the fact that the largest projects that I have been involved with have been highly successful, award winning, and zero claims. These projects include several A+B projects, expedited and incentive projects, and projects with multiple VECP submittals, several of which had complex issues that were resolved without formal claims.

I have responded to construction project related legal depositions several times as an expert witness, worked with MDOT attorneys on a case before a judge (pending a jury trial) to resolve a ROW acquisition case, and testified in a jury trial related to a construction zone accident. I also worked with an arbitrator on a construction case about 20 years ago when MDOT was initially piloting this concept, and this case was successfully arbitrated. Since leaving MDOT in 02/2002, I have been the Project Manager for numerous MDOT and other construction projects. These projects include the Gateway 3 RR bridge construction project, Lodge reconstruction, I-696 and I-96 road and bridge construction projects, 10+ pump station rehabilitations, freeway lighting projects, signing projects, and safety/CPM projects. On all of these projects I was the Project Engineer representing MDOT and Project Manager for Tetra Tech.

Through all of these years and projects, combined with technical education, interaction and teaming with all levels of people in the construction industry, and several courses in negotiation skills, I have gained the experience and knowledge to fairly review and resolve claims.

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F. General Experience Summary

Please provide a brief description of your experience in 25 words or less. If you are approved to be a DRB candidate, this information will be included next to your name on the Dispute Review Board Candidates List posted on MDOT's website.

Description:
Project Manager for a wide variety of MDOT transportation construction projects for almost 30 years.

G. DRB Experience (include past and current experience if applicable)

Experience	MDOT	Other Public Agencies	Private Construction	Total
# of Jobs as DRB Member				
# of Jobs as DRB Chair				

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H. Conflict of Interest and Ethics Statement

I will provide a conflict of interest statement and a disclosure statement describing past, present, anticipated, and planned relationships, including indirect relationships through my present employer, to other parties involved in a construction project, including but not limited to, relevant construction engineering and inspection (CEI) firms, contractors, or suppliers to the parties, parties' principals, or parties' counsel. Furthermore, I will disclose any close professional or personal relationships with all key members in the project. This will be completed prior to accepting a nomination to serve on a DRB panel for any construction project.

x	I agree		I do not agree

I. Compensation

I agree that I will be fully compensated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract and Dispute Review Board Agreement. This will be full compensation for on site time, review time, travel expenses, transportation, lodging, time for travel and incidentals for each day, or portion thereof that I am at an authorized DRB hearing. In addition, I will be paid the appropriate rate specified in the Dispute Review Board Agreement for additional days necessary to conduct a hearing that has been authorized.

x	I agree		I do not agree

J. Professional References

Provide the following information for at least two references to attest to your professional experience as depicted in this application. In addition, these references should be able to attest to your suitability to perform as a DRB member and provide additional information about you.

Name:	[redacted]	Phone:
Gerard Pawloski		**248-361-8505**
Amy Trahey		**517-363-4400**

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Certification and Acknowledgement

[x] The information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Moreover, I acknowledge that submittal of this application is not a guarantee of work as a DRB panel member. I further acknowledge that there is a selection and approval process that must occur in order to be a part of a project specific DRB panel. (Must be checked to submit form).

Signature of Applicant: [redacted]

Send Completed Form to:

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