

**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.)

<i>Name/Type of License/Registration</i>	<i>State and Number</i>	<i>Expiration Year</i>
James Carl Doebler/Prof. Engineer	VA # 0402034962	2012 (to be renewed)
James C. Doebler/Prof. Engineer	NY # 045455	Inactive

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

<i>University/College/Organization/Trade School</i>	<i>Degree/Certificate</i>	<i>Date/Year</i>
University of Rochester	B.S. Mechanical Engineering	June 1960
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	M.S. Mechanical Engineering	June 1969
DRB Foundation Admin. & Practice Workshop – Deland, FL	DRBF Certificate	September 2007

**D. Construction Experience Summary**

I have construction experience working in the following capacities:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Engineer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architect	<input type="checkbox"/>	Builder/Developer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural Engineer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical Engineer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Designer/Planner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geologist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Surveyor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mechanical Engineer
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chemical Engineer
X	Construction Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplier/Manufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Engineer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sub/Specialty Contractor	X	Owner Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape Architect
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Describe) →	U.S. Government Contracting Officer (Level 1)			

I have substantial experience in the following types of construction:

X	Bridge (Concrete)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge (Steel)	X	Buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Earth Retaining Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foundation	X	Highway	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscaping
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marine	X	Mechanical	X	Tunnel
<input type="checkbox"/>	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 served for over 32 years as an Officer in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps. During the final six years of my active duty naval career, I was designated as a Warranted Level I (Unlimited Authority) U.S. Government Contracting Officer. In this capacity, I reviewed contract claims packages representing the respective positions of the Contractor and the government, and ultimately issued the Contracting Officer's Final Decision, based on the outcome of my review and analysis of the packages. Over 90% of my Final Decisions that were appealed to the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA) were upheld by the ASBCA. Subsequent to my retirement from active duty I served as a Construction Manager and Chairman of Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services, Inc.

I completed the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation 2007 Administration and Practice Workshop and have been previously pre-qualified as a potential DRB Member for New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority Capital Construction Contracts that will be using DRBs. I was recently engaged by the Louisiana TIMED Managers (LTM) in Baton Rouge, LA in connection with their established DRB for the John James Audubon Bridge Project. I have been a member of the DRB Foundation for the past 15 years, and am confident I can put my skills and abilities in construction management to good use for the benefit of effective alternative resolution of construction issues on major infrastructure projects. During my five year assignment as I-93 Construction Manager on the Central Artery/Tunnel Project in Boston, where extensive use was made of DRBs for this purpose, I frequently prepared for and participated in the DRB process in action. DRBs on the CA/T Project played a very significant part in timely and mostly mutually agreeable resolutions of some major construction issues. I am confident that I can quickly get up to speed on any DRB to which I may be assigned, and to arrive at recommendations that fairly and objectively consider the respective positions of both parties, and facilitate timely resolution of issues.

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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:
Over 40 years of construction management experience, with progressively increasing responsibilities in claims management and dispute resolution, and a record of fair and objective findings.

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

Experience	MDOT	Other Public Agencies	Private Construction	Total
# of Jobs as DRB Member		MA Highway Dept./MA Turnpike Authority – Owner’s rep on 12 DRBs for the CA/T Project, Boston, MA 1994-1999		12
# of Jobs as DRB Chair				

**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.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not agree
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**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.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not agree
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**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:		Phone:
James L. Lammie	[REDACTED]	(904) 247-3677
Peter M. Zuk	AECOM [REDACTED]	(617) 723-1700
David E. Bottorff	[REDACTED]	(757) 490-0045

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**Certification and Acknowledgement**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

James C. Doebler

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