

**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>

**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>
Aquinas College	Bachelor of Science	May 10, 1986

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Designer/Planner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geologist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Surveyor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mechanical Engineer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chemical Engineer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Construction Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supplier/Manufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Engineer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sub/Specialty Contractor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Owner Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape Architect
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Describe) →	Manager of Local Road Commission - Arenac and Oceana			

I have substantial experience in the following types of construction:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge (Concrete)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge (Steel)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Earth Retaining Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Highway	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscaping
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mechanical	<input type="checkbox"/>	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:

While with the counties Kent, Arenac and Oceana, it was my responsibility to first design, inspect (density, aggregates, concrete, and bituminous), and final out the construction of highways, and in one case a three span wooden bridge. Since all three of these counties were contract counties, these responsibilities included the maintenance of MDOT highways, giving me the unique advantage of working with MDOT and viewing how those specifications actually works.

With Veneklasen Concrete I estimated and managed several concrete foundation, retaining wall projects and one concrete overlay project.

Working for Thompson-McCully as project manager, my responsibilities included the production and placement of bituminous materials meeting with MDOT specifications. During my tenure with Thompson – McCully I unsuccessfully represented the company in both a Regional and Central Office Review. Being familiar with these processes and the process of labor arbitration, I feel capable of being a member of DRB.

**F. General Experience Summary**

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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.

<b>Description:</b>
I have worked for twenty one years at Kent County Road Commission, first as a surveyor, inspector, and project manager, always following MDOT specifications. The next 6 years was with Thompson-McCully as a Project Manager where my material designs were used on all MDOT projects and sixty percent of my projects were placed on MDOT projects. Woodlang Paving a division of Thompson-McCully was a general and a specialties contractor. I then went to work for Arenac County Road Commission as their manager for 3 years. My wife's company needed attention and I came back to Grand Rapids to close down Veneklasen Concrete. While doing so we formed and placed concrete in retaining walls, heavy construction foundations and concrete overlay. After the close I was hired by Oceana County Road Commission as their Manager. For five years I mediated with union, residents and contractors, to build and maintain the roads of Oceana. The last three years before my retirement I spent managing the MDOT inspectors program at Ferris University. My entire professional life has revolved around the MDOT specifications their use. I have the unique ability to have worked as both a owner and a contractor. I've seen both sides of disputes and respect the governing documents of the projects.

**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				

**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.

<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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**II. 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:	Address:	Phone:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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