

**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>
Professional Engineer	Michigan 6201023701	2016
Professional Engineer	Indiana PE 11300158	2016

**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>
Michigan State University	BS/CE	1971
Wayne State University	MSCE (attended)	1979+

**D. Construction Experience Summary**

I have construction experience working in the following capacities:

<input checked="" 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Construction Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplier/Manufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Engineer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sub/Specialty Contractor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Owner Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape Architect
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Describe) →				

I have substantial experience in the following types of construction:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bridge (Concrete)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bridge (Steel)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Earth Retaining Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electrical Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Environmental
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Highway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscaping
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mechanical	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tunnel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Describe) → Expedited projects; Concrete Pavement Construction				

**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:

My experience consists of over 42 years of work as a construction engineer with MDOT (31years) and MDOT related work (MDOT consultant 12 years).

Engineer in training 1yr  
 Layout (survey) on MDOT projects 2yrs  
 Assistant Project Engineer 12yrs  
 Project (resident engineer) 18yrs  
 MDOT staff Engineer 9yrs

I have worked on various MDOT road & bridge projects throughout The Metro Region and Jackson (University) Regions and statewide as construction staff engineer. Involved in all aspects of road and bridge construction projects including construction claims of various sizes throughout this time period. Involved in all aspects of the claim process throughout my career with MDOT and consulting firm. This included but was not limited to all the various stages of the MDOT claims process including contractor notice of intent to claim; Region office review; Central office review and subsequent lawsuits for projects with Department interest.

As a resident engineer, I was involved with all settlement payments initiated to the contractor. As a staff engineer, I was involved with associated settlements and justification to the FHWA to close the claim.

As a resident engineer, I chaired and ran all project level claims meetings, issued minutes and appropriate claim decisions from the project level. I also participated in region office reviews and central office reviews for all claims on my project level.

As a staff engineer, I chaired Central Office Reviews, contributed to the decision process and issued minutes when appropriate.

**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:

Experience in all levels of the MDOT claims process (per specifications) throughout my 42 + year career per above.

I believe that the only way to a solid decision on any claim is :

- 1) Was the contract specified process followed?
- 2) Were the inherit merits of the claim met?

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

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

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# 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.

<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:
Brenda J. O'Brien, P.E Engineer of Construction Field Services MDOT	[REDACTED]	517-322-1085
Thomas L. Gray II, P.E Vice President	[REDACTED]	517-490-9249
Jason R. Early, P.E. Senior Civil Engineer, Civil Field	[REDACTED]	248-324-2120

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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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