

**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>
Licensed Professional Engineer	Michigan - 33197	Oct 2015

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 Technological University	BSCE	May 1980
Michigan State University	MSCE	Dec 1997

D. Construction Experience Summary

I have construction experience working in the following capacities:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil Engineer	Architect	Builder/Developer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structural Engineer	Electrical Engineer	Designer/Planner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geologist	Land Surveyor	Mechanical Engineer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Contractor	Accountant	Chemical Engineer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Construction Manager	Supplier/Manufacturer	Environmental Engineer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sub/Specialty Contractor	Owner Representative	Landscape Architect
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Describe) →	University Instructor – Construction Engineering, MSU	

I have substantial experience in the following types of construction:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bridge (Concrete)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bridge (Steel)	Buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Earth Retaining Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical Systems	Environmental
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Highway	Landscaping
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mechanical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tunnel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Describe) →	Airports, underground utilities, & pump stations		

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 have enjoyed over 35 years of heavy/highway construction employment in various roles such as engineer, field supervisor, project manager, estimator and vice president. Since 1986, I have worked in Michigan and been involved in numerous MDOT, municipal and private agency construction projects. With my 25 plus years of employment at Dan's Excavating, Inc., I have extensive experience with both the ordinary and the complex high profile expedited, project. Some of these projects include the freeway reconstructions of I-75, I-94, US-27, the M-10/I-696 Interchange, the M-53/26 Mile Double Traffic Circle Interchange, the US-24/I-94 SPU Interchange, I-94/Middlebelt/Merriman Interchange, and the Metro Airport Midfield Terminal and Runway expansions. From this experience I have developed a thorough knowledge of MDOT specifications, procedures and paperwork, progress schedules, CPM schedules, project staging, construction means and methods, estimating, negotiations, and claims. In addition, I have recently been involved with the four MDOT's design-build contracts; University over I-75, the Gateway Completion, Crooks Road over M-59 and M-21 over I-75. These have given me a new perspective and understanding into the design aspect of a project.

Through this project management experience, I have been involved at many levels with claims and/or disputes with the owners, subcontractors, project stake holders and workers. Whether in identifying, understanding, presenting or resolving claims or disputes I try to approach them from a position of knowledge. Learn and identify all the facts, even if they work against your position, remove the emotions, and then try to offer resolutions where all parties can win and or save face in some way.

In addition, I am active in MDOT/MITA advisory committees and have participated as a contractor's representative in the last three MDOT Standard Specifications updates.

Along with working for a contractor, I have had the opportunity to be a university instructor, teaching material labs during grad school and more recently teaching a senior level construction engineering class at MSU. In addition I have received FHWA-NHI training, qualify as a bridge inspector team leader and assist with local agency bridge inspections for consulting engineer.

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:

35 years of heavy/highway construction contractor experience, responsible for estimating and managing projects involving highways, airports, bridges, underground utilities, pump stations, and site grading.

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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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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.

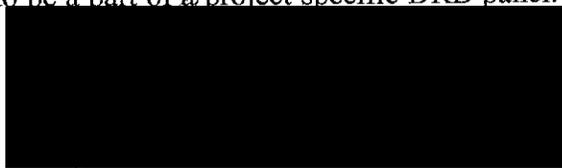
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Mike Nystrom	MITA	517-896-1493
Chris Youngs	MDOT	517-204-2432

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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:



Send Completed Form to:

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