

Colorado Department of Transportation  
**Dispute Review Board (DRB) Candidate Solicitation**

This form is to be filled out electronically. Type your answers in the grey areas in the space allowed by the boxes. You can use the Tab key to go from one field to the next. When you have completed this form, save it to your computer, then attach your form in an email to [Dennis.Largent@dot.state.co.us](mailto:Dennis.Largent@dot.state.co.us) with the Subject line as “(Your name)’s DRB-CS Form”. Do not include any other attachments to this form.

**1. Candidate Information**

Name: <b>Rick Yowell</b>	Employer: <b>Retired</b>		
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**2. Education**

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. <b>CSU</b>	<b>Civil Engineering</b>	<b>1971</b>
2.		
3.		

**3. Professional Licenses/Certifications and Professional Organizations**

1. <b>PE Colorado</b>	2.
3. <b>PE Guam</b>	4.

**3. Major Employment History**

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. <b>CDOT</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Proj. / Area / Constr. / Program Engr</b>
2. <b>URS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>CM Director of Transportation</b>
3. <b>Parsons</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>CM Corddinator, Guam</b>
4.		

**5. Experience and General Information:** (continued on page 2)

1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:  
**CDOT Project Engineer for I-70 and major highway construction. As CDOT Staff Constr. Area Engr, I helped create and administer the C. A. Program to assure all construction projects were properly administered throughout the state. As CDOT Construction Engineer, I provided fair and accurate Contract administration throughout the Region. I created the Transp. CM section for URS to assist both private and public sectors. Construction Mgr. E-470 Toll Rd. Construction Consultant to Guam DPW.**

2. Describe your experience with construction claims:  
**I successfully defended claims for CDOT as Project and Construction Engineer. I advised Residencies on claim avoidance and resolution procedures. I worked with CCA to improve specifications for claim avoidance. There were no construction claims filed while I managed the E-470 Toll Road Construction.**

3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:  
**I've worked closely with the Attorney General's Office and FHWA on various transportation claim evaluations and preparations. I attended Joint CCA and CDOT training on claims. I attended claim breakout sessions at construction seminars and conferences. I've worked cooperatively with the Joint Specification Committee to improve specifications for claims avoidance. I've presented Claim defense to several DRBs. I partacipated in a judicial settlement conference after the finding of a DRB.**

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

**I have 28 years experience with CDOT. As Area Engineer I taught contract administration to the various Construction Residencies throughout Colorado. As Construction Engineer, I supervised four Construction Residencies, and as Program Engineer I stretched this to include the Region's Materials and ROW Sections. In the private sector I created and managed a CM Group for URS, managed the construction of a private Toll Road that resulted in zero claims, and strengthened Guam's Department of Public Works.**

5. Describe your construction field experience:

**I worked on construction projects directly as surveyor, materials testing, inspector and Project Engineer for large Interstate and State Highway projects. I took this knowledge to CDOT Staff Construction and provided training to the various Construction Residencies throughout Colorado.**

**I managed the CDOT Region One Construction Section for 15 years.**

**I used my CDOT construction knowledge to create and manage the Colorado URS CM Section.**

**I managed the construction of a large portion of the E-470 Toll Road. This included 9 years of design-build and design-bid-build projects.**

**I shared my construction and contract administration knowledge to develop and strengthen the Guam Department of Public Works.**

6. Describe your DRB (or arbitration) training, certification, and experience:

**I helped develop some of the existing CDOT Specifications establishing the selection of DRBs and the procedures for handling disputes and claims. I offered guidance while on the Joint Specification Committee for the creation of alternative claim resolution processes such as arbitration. I have formed DRBs and used them to resolve claims.**

7. Describe your employment/retirement status and availability to serve on a DRB and geographical area:

**I am retired. I will schedule my activities to give priority to DRB needs. I currently live in Idaho Springs and prefer assignments close to that geographic location. I will consider any location in Colorado.**

DRB members are compensated as per Section 105.22 of the CDOT Specifications.

**6. List Two References For Your Experience With Construction Claims**

Name	Title	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
Kevin Delva	Design-Build Coordinator	URS	720 318 2665	kevin-delva@urscorp.com
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**Important Notice - All information provided on this form will be open to the public on the CDOT – DBR web page: “List of Candidate Members for the Dispute Review Board (DRB)”.**