

**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 Mark.Straub@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

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2. Education

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. Grossmont Community College	Associate of Science Degree	1973
2. UCLA	Geography Major	
3.		

3. Professional Licenses/Certifications and Professional Organizations

1. DRBF Administration and Practice Workshop - Cert	2. DRBF Charing Workshop - Cert
3. CDRS Practice and Rules of DRB - Cert	4. CDRS Practice and Rules of Arbitration – Cert
5. CalTrans DRA Workshop - Cert	6. CalTrans DRB Workshop - Cert
7. B-1 State of California Contractors License	8. California Completion of Apprenticeship – Journeyman Cert
9. Certificate of Construction Practices - SDSU	10. B-1 State of California Contractors License
11. Associated General Contractors of America - Member	12. Associated Builders and Contractors - Member
13. San Diego State University – Faculty Member	

3. Major Employment History

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. Sundt Construction	9	Vice President of Operations
2. Reno Contracting	4	Senior Project Manager
3. Centex Golden	10	Project Manager/Estimator
4. Koll Construction	6	Superintendent

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

<p>1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:</p> <p>Personally managed over 70 construction projects as project manager. The projects are very diverse in nature. Major land development projects, mass grading, roadways and underground utilities preparing property for commercial development. Over 30 office buildings, parking garage, road widening, bridges, hotels, podium apartments, entertainment facilities at Sea World and Del Mar Grandstand. Over 20 OSHPD hospital projects and remodels.</p>
<p>2. Describe your experience with construction claims:</p>

As Vice President of Operations at Sundt Construction I was directly responsible for handling all disputes and legal matters arising out of our projects. Responsible for settling disputes through DRB, mediation and arbitrations. I started my consulting business in 2006 and have been providing private services and guidance on a daily basis in construction dispute resolution for contractors and owners. Offering solutions to contract issues, scheduling and change order resolution.

3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:

Holding management positions for over 26 years for general contractors and attending mediations, arbitrations and working under advisement of construction attorneys gave me an education in construction law. So much so, that I taught the Construction Ethics, Law and Contracts Class at San Diego State University in the Construction Engineering Program for 3 years. I now guest lecture in that program.

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

Throughout my career I have learned the process of contract administration, the use of software such as Prolog and Timberline as tools in tracking contract administration. I teach private classes to general contractors in construction financial management and contract administration.

5. Describe your construction field experience:

Started in 1975 as a laborer in the construction industry worked my way up to carpenter, foreman, superintendent, estimator, project engineer, project manager, senior project manager and eventually vice president of operations. Have been consulting in field operations for 6 years.

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

I first presented to a DRB on a 4 year project in 2005. I saw it as a very valuable process as we worked through 64 million in change orders. I started attending training in 2007 and have obtained in Certificates in DRB, DRA, mediation and arbitration from three different organizations. I have been on the CalTrans approved candidate list since 2008. I have been providing private dispute resolution since then.

I am anxious to expand into the public arena as a DRB member.

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

I am a self employed consultant with 2 employees providing operation consulting in the construction industry. I currently travel to serve clients and can be available at fairly short notice. I have assistance to handle the consulting business when I'm away.

DRB members are compensated as per Section 105.23 of the CDOT Specifications.

6. List Two References For Your Experience With Construction Claims

Name	Title	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
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Pete Ippolito	Attorney/Arbitrator	McKenna Long	(619) 595-5400	pippolito@mckennalong.com

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)”.