

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@state.co.us](mailto:Mark.Straub@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>Thomas Stratford</b>	Employer: <b>TAS Engineering LLC</b>		
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<b>303-807-8991</b>	Email Address (required): <b>tstratford@taseng.net</b>		

**2. Education**

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. <b>University of Washington</b>	<b>B.S. Civil Engineering</b>	<b>1994</b>
2.		
3.		

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

1. <b>State of Colorado - PE</b>	2. <b>State of Washington - PE</b>
3. <b>Dispute Resolution Board Foundation</b>	4.

**3. Major Employment History**

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. <b>American Civil Constructors</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Professional Engineer / Project Manager</b>
2. <b>Ames Construction</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Project Engineer</b>
3. <b>Western Summit Constructors</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Project Engineer</b>
4. <b>Kiewit Pacific Structures</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Project Engineer</b>

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

<p>1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:</p> <p><b>Heavy highway and civil infrastructure projects. Includes new bridges, bridge rehabilitation, large concrete water tanks, roadway grading, concrete and asphalt paving, engineered fills and retaining structures.</b></p>
<p>2. Describe your experience with construction claims:</p> <p><b>As a project manager and engineer I have investigated, documented and submitted data for claims on behalf of my employers. Claim sizes range from several thousand to over 1 million on a railroad project in New Mexico.</b></p> <p><b>I have given depositions to attorneys regarding one of the claims for a large water tank in CO.</b></p>
<p>3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:</p> <p><b>As a professional engineer and project manager my knowledge of contract law comes from the experience gained during the many opportunities I have had working through construction issues with project owners, representatives and subcontractors.</b></p>

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

I have worked in construction for over 20 years and have performed duties as a project engineer, project manager and consulting engineer. I have spent many hours negotiating, meeting and partnering with owners and subcontractors to resolve conflicts prior to the claims process.

5. Describe your construction field experience:

My construction field experience is mainly in the structures discipline. For the past 7 years it has been exclusively with new and rehabilitation bridge construction. As a consulting Professional Engineer I have spent the majority of my time assisting project management and field crews with the technical aspect of the projects as well as designing and oversight of safety critical work activities such as false work, shoring, girder erections, excavations and concrete formwork. In addition I have had many opportunities to investigate work that is out of compliance with the project plans and specification and then propose and design the repairs.

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

Attended the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) Training.  
DRT Administration & Practice and Advance / Chairing workshops

I have had the opportunity to attend several partnering seminars and then use those skills to resolve conflicts prior to the issues going into the claims process.

Attended a two day professional liability seminar hosted by John Riley with Montgomery Little & Soran, PC. Attorneys at Law.

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

I am self-employed and will be available to serve on the DRB as required. My geographical area is Colorado Statewide.

DRB members are compensated as per Section 105 of the CDOT Specifications.

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

Name	Title	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
Bill Caldwell	Senior Associate	WJE Assoc., Inc.	303-914-4340	wcaldwell@wje.com
Curtis Gemaehlich	Project Manager	Yeh and Assoc., Inc	303-944-6332	cgemaehl@gmail.com

**Important Notice - All information provided on this form will be visible to the public on the CDOT – DBR web page: [“List of Candidate Members for the Dispute Review Board \(DRB\)”](#).**