

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>Werner A Ruemmele PE</b>	Employer: <b>W R Consultants</b>		
Address: <b>1217 N 950 East</b>	City: <b>Bountiful</b>	State: <b>UT</b>	Zip Code <b>84010</b>
Phone Number: <b>801 298 5011</b>	Email Address (required): <b>wruemmele@msn.com</b>		

**2. Education**

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. <b>Gewerbeschule Basle Switzerland</b>	<b>Draftsman (3-year, heavy, highway, civil engineering)</b>	<b>1949</b>
2. <b>Government of Switzerland</b>	<b>Master Builder (by exam)</b>	<b>1960</b>
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**3. Professional Licenses/Certifications and Professional Organizations**

1. <b>California PE (by exam) 1964</b>	2. <b>PE later in UT AZ CO ID NV WY MN OR</b>
3. <b>Fellow ASCE 1970</b>	4. <b>AAA, member Board of Neutral Arbitrators</b>

**3. Major Employment History**

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. <b>Gibbons &amp; Reed Co. gen contr</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Chief Engineer</b>
2. <b>Frontier/Traylor JV</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>
3. <b>Crawford Environmental Spec.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Senior Civil Engineer</b>
4. <b>Brierley Assoc.LLC Consultants</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Tunnel Engineer (part time)</b>

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

<p>1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:</p> <p><b>Project Engineer, then Project Manager for First Bore of Eisenhower Tunnel. Cost estimating and control for heavy-highway contractors, project management, value engineering, claims for civil projects : large dams (12 ea) tunnels (15 ea) and other heavy-highway projects. From 1961 to date in the USA, earlier in Switzerland, Pakistan, India and Syria. Self employed consultant between other jobs since 1996.</b></p>
<p>2. Describe your experience with construction claims:</p> <p><b>Arbitrator and Mediator Training Seminars by AAA and DRBF. I have four decades of experience in construction disputes and claims, on both the owner / agency and the contractors side, and served as Chairperson (5) or Member (9) of DRB's in UT CO CA MN MA ID TX NV, sometimes appointed by owners, other times by contractors.</b></p>
<p>3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:</p>

I am familiar with the Standard Contracts of most Federal Agencies and some States. Rules of disclosure for DRB participants and FCA (false claims act) for claimant and respondent are well understood. DRB rulings are restricted to "Questions of Fact" and must not interfere in questions of law.

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

During my entire career I have been working where technology and money meet and overlap. Cost estimating, means and methods of construction, equipment operation, subsurface conditions, baseline reports and their interpretation, subcontracts, vendors of permanent materials all are a part of contract execution. Properly executed and documented actions of the Contract Administrator can avoid most claims. Frivolous claims and counter-claims have been experienced.

5. Describe your construction field experience:

More than half my time during the last four decades have been field work, wearing hardhats and boots, dealing with labor unions, craft superintendents, master mechanics and occasional equipment failures. Time schedule delays, need to catch up despite adverse weather, community protests and political interference are facts of life for the construction manager.

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

I did not keep a record of the training seminars that usually are held when an association has their convention. It must be now number in the fifties, from ASCE, RETC, AAA, BRB Foundation and other trade groups.

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

I am at present involved in two construction claims in Utah on a very limited basis, one a dam and the other a tunnel, not exceeding 4 hours per week. I am available to serve anywhere in the USA.

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
Gary Brierley PE	President	Brierley Assoc	303 703 1405	gbrierley@brierleyassociates.com

<b>Terry Tilley</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Dynatec Mining Corporation</b>	<b>801 908 1046</b>	<b>ttilley@dynatecusa.com</b>
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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)”.**