

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>James R. Sly</b>	Employer: <b>Hamilton Construction Co.</b>		
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Phone Number: <b>541-895-2084</b>	Email Address (required): <b>jsly@centurytel.net</b>		

**2. Education**

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
1. <b>Oregon State University</b>	<b>BS Civil Engineering</b>	<b>1973</b>
2.		
3.		

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

1. <b>Oregon Civil Engineer PE ( exempt status)</b>	2. <b>Dispute Resolution Foundation</b>
3. <b>Oregon/SW Washington AGC</b>	4. <b>Chair of Board, Northwest Construction College</b>

**3. Major Employment History**

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
1. <b>Hamilton Construction Co.</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Vice President &amp; Operations Manager</b>
2. <b>US Navy Civil Engr. Corps</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Public Works &amp; Contract Admin</b>
3.		
4.		

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

<p>1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:</p> <p><b>My career with Hamilton Construction Co. has been in the estimating and managing construction projects. I spent 20 years plus as the onsite Project Manager for Bridge and Highway constructs ranging from \$1 million to \$60 million. I've estimated projects in the same range. I have worked in California, Washington and primarily in Oregon. My primary experience has been with unit price contracts typical to DOT's. I have estimated and built Design Build.</b></p>
<p>2. Describe your experience with construction claims:</p> <p><b>I have been involved in major bridge and highway dispute resolution. We are usually the prime contractor so the disputes often involve the subcontractor. It is one my of proudest achievements that I have led the solution of numerous million dollar settlements within the Oregon DOT administrative system. I have managed two projects using the Oregon "Third Party Neutral" system that is based on the DRB system. One major dispute was resolved according to the that dispute resolution system.</b></p>
<p>3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:</p>

**I've attend several conferences on construction dispute resolution but I'm not a lawyer. My usual experience is within the limits of the contract. I have used text books for establishing dollar amounts. I've heard most of the folklore and certainly know who and how obtain more information on any subject.**

**4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:**

**I spent two years prior to Hamilton as a Navy construction contract administrator. My entire career with Hamilton has involved dealing with construction contracts. At various times I was heavily involved in rewriting Hamilton's standard subcontract. As a Project Manager I worked in the arena of the contract between the DOT and the contractor and the contractor with his subcontractors and suppliers. I feel that I have good knowledge of the standard forms for construction contracts. I have attend a major ethics conference and feel that ethics plays a major part on both sides of the fence. I know scheduling and am comfortable with several software versions.**

**5. Describe your construction field experience:**

**Hamilton is a bridge builder who also acts as a general contractor. I spent 20 years as the onsite project manager working directly with foremen, crafts people and inspectors as we built bridges and subcontractors who built the roadways.**

**I was the company engineer for years where I designed steel cofferdams, work bridges and falsework. I did the engineering and developed our system of jacking bridges.**

**I did some surveying with equipment long since made obsolete.**

**I'm a partner in Hamilton and have been part of the management team for 6 years.**

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

**I am a member of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation and have attended two training sessions for membership in a DRB. My experience has been described above. My interest is in the orderly administration of the construction process and conflict negotiated at the lowest possible level. I strongly feel that early and continued negotiation is the key to successful contract administration.**

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

**I'm nearing the end of my active construction career. For the 2008 year and into 2009 I will have to coordinate time and payments made will go to the my employer. My partner's know of my dispute resolution interest and know of this application. I live in Oregon so traveling to Colorado would always involved commercial flights. It is safe to say that I have no professional contacts with anyone from Colorado.**

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

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
<b>Scott Williams</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Hamilton Const.</b>	<b>541-746-2426</b>	<b>Swilliams@hamil.com</b>

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