

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>Bernon M. Smith</b>	Employer: <b>ADSCON, Inc.</b>		
Address: <b>621 S. River Breeze Drive</b>	City: <b>Orem</b>	State: <b>Utah</b>	Zip Code <b>84097</b>
Phone Number: <b>801-368-8144</b>	Email Address (required): <b>bernonsmith@comcast.net</b>		

**2. Education**

University/College	Degree	Year Graduated
<b>1. Pennsylvania State University</b>	<b>BS Civil Engineering</b>	<b>1954</b>
2.		
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**3. Professional Licenses/Certifications and Professional Organizations**

<b>1. Civil Engineer, California Cert # C12850</b>	<b>2. American Welding Society</b>
<b>3. American Society of Civil Engineers</b>	<b>4. Structural Engineers Association of Utah</b>

**3. Major Employment History**

Employer	Number of Years Employed	Your Job Title(s)
<b>1. American Bridge Div. USS Corp</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>Field Eng., Project Eng., Projects Manager</b>
<b>2. Adams &amp; Smith, Inc.</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Founder, Manager, President, CEO</b>
<b>3. ADSCON, Inc.</b>	<b>7+</b>	<b>Founder &amp; President</b>
4.		

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

<p>1. Describe your major areas of work experience/expertise:  <b>Construction of major bridges, buildings, powerhouses, sports arenas</b></p>
<p>2. Describe your experience with construction claims:  <b>In 35 years as CEO of Adams &amp; Smith, Inc., every claim was settled without litigation.                  In 7 + years as a construction consultant, I have represented contractors in several construction disputes and have served on 8 Dispute Review Boards</b></p>
<p>3. Describe your knowledge of construction contract law:  <b>I have no formal education in contract law, but have acquired knowledge through 35 years operating a construction company and 7 years as a construction consultant and DRB member.</b></p>

4. Describe your experience with construction contract administration:

As a projects manager with American Bridge, I was continually involved in contract administration. As CEO of Adams & Smith, I reviewed and approved every construction contract. As the company grew, a full time contract administrator was employed, however I remained closely involved until each contract had been completed.

5. Describe your construction field experience:

In 11.5 years with American Bridge, more than half was on field assignments. In the first 20+ years after founding Adams & Smith, Inc., I was engineer, project manager, and superintendent on virtually every project. Thereafter, until retirement, I spent some time on each project at start-up and visited each project periodically until completion.

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

Have completed the Dispute Review Board Administration and Practice Workshop and the Dispute Review Board Chairing Workshop conducted by The Dispute Review Board Foundation in Seattle, Washington.

Am certified as a DRB member and/or DRB chairman by the Dispute Review Board Foundation. To date have qualified for DRB participation in Idaho and California.

Have served on seven DRBs in Idaho, chairing one, and one DRB in California.

Two of the DRBs in Idaho and the one in California are still active.

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

Since retirement from Adams & Smith, I have done some construction consulting, but my main interest is Dispute Review Boards. I am in good health and available to serve anywhere in the State of Colorado. Subject to occasional scheduling conflicts I would be able to serve anytime as needed.

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
John Gates, P.E.	Claims Administrator	Idaho Transportation Department	208-334-8434	John.Gates@itd.idaho.gov
Thomas Brown, P.E.	Resident Engineer	Idaho Transportation Department	208-886-7851	Thomas.Brown@itd.idaho.gov

**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)”.**