



Purpose

The Dispute Review Board issue resolution process is being reviewed for improvement in several areas.

Some of the discussion items are:

- Increase the pool of DRB candidates
- Establish a DRB member selection process
- Consider other board structures (single member board, statewide on call board or other)
- Revise board member payment process
- Standardize procedures
- Standardize operating rules
- Informal opinions
- Establishing scope of hearings
- The board's use of technical advisors
- Post recommendation questions
- Reconsiderations

Guidance and Background

DRB recommendations are nonbinding recommendations and we do not intend for that to change.

Informal recommendations have not served us very well but there may be certain applications. It seems that the process is overcomplicated in some respects and we are reinventing the wheel. Therefore we are considering more standardization so the parties can better focus on the issue and not scope and procedures.

Opportunities for Participation

This is an ongoing effort requiring communication with DRB members, AGC teams, the AAG office and consultant services. I will keep you informed and I would like your immediate feedback on suggestions or observations you and the project engineers have with regard to this effort.

Additional Information

We have not established a completion deadline but I would like to have something at least partially in place by late October so next year's projects can benefit from the effort. This effort will have some low hanging fruit and longer term results.

Contact Information

If you have any questions contact: Fred Tharp who is heading up this effort