

RESUME

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Work History

- 1996-1999. Director Bureau of Project Development and Deputy Chief Engineer. Maine Department of Transportation.
- 1984-1996. Engineer of Construction. Maine Department of Transportation.
- 1977-1984. Engineer of Traffic. Maine Department of Transportation.
- 1957-1977. Project Engineer/Area Engineer. Construction Division. Maine Department of Transportation.
- 1992-1992. Adjunct Senior Lecturer in Civil Engineering. University of Maine.
- 1956-1957. Instructor in Civil Engineering. University of Maine.
- 1975-1999. Part-time Private Consultant. Civil Engineering. Dispute Resolution.

Construction Experience

Construction experience consists of twenty-five years of various project and middle management positions with the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) of a progressively responsible nature from Resident Engineer on a single project to Construction Engineer for the construction of a major urban expressway system. My duties included oversight, problem solving, decision making, negotiation of issues and extras, and approval authority necessary to achieve a constructed project. The work included large excavations and fills, in ground drainage structures, pavement structures, foundations, underwater construction, concrete and steel construction, and material control for rural/urban highways/expressways, overpass bridges and bridges spanning navigable and nonnavigable water. I had approval authority for all project decisions.

In addition, for twelve years I was Engineer of Construction for MDOT responsible for administering a \$150 million annual improvement program as head of a major division consisting of approximately 175 employees. The work consisted of contract administration, contract compliance, resolution of all issues and disputes, training and managing personnel, and communicating and negotiating with the contracting industry. The use of contemporary contracting methods (partnering, incentive/disincentive, A+B bidding, QC/QA principles, Design-Build, Alternate Dispute Resolution) were introduced and used at MDOT under my leadership.

Dispute Resolution Experience

I have received training in dispute resolution and dispute prevention, applying that training successfully to issues that arise in construction contracts. I have received training sponsored by the Dispute Review Foundation as a DRB Member and am scheduled to receive training as DRB Chair in September 2000.

During the period I was head of the Construction Division at MaineDOT virtually every dispute was settled by negotiation either by me or by my staff under my guidance.

I have served as Chair of a 3-person internal dispute review board at MDOT to advise on contract disputes which did not directly involve my Division for approximately the past 20 years. These boards were formed by the Department as a "last resort" effort to settle lingering, polarized disputes with no potential for successful negotiation by the parties.

I introduced and implemented at MDOT the concepts of Partnering, Alternate Dispute Resolution (Non-binding Mediation, Dispute Review Board, Standing Neutrals), Constructability Review, and Bid Documents in Escrow in an attempt to develop a fair and positive relationship with contractors, and to form a basis upon which disputes could be settled.

I am Chair of four Dispute Review Boards and a Member of three other Boards on the Central Artery/Tunnel project in Boston. Projects on which I am involved include highway and bridge construction, interchanges, cut and cover tunnels, jacked tunnels, viaduct construction, structural steel, structural concrete, earthwork, paving, and material disposal.

Training

- Highway and Transportation Management Institute. Univ. of Mississippi. 1980.
- "The Transportation Engineer as a Court Witness". ITE. 1984.
- Construction Contract Claims Seminar. Univ. of Wisconsin. 1985.
- Highway Contract Claims Seminar. Nat'l. Highway Institute. 1988.
- Construction Contract Administration Seminar. Wells and Bridges Inc. 1989.
- "Avoiding/Handling Highway Contract Claims". Nat'l. Highway Institute. 1991.
- Dispute Review Board Admin. and Practice Workshop. DRB Foundation. 1998.

Education

- University of Maine. B.S. Civil Engineering. 1956.
- University of Maine. M.S. Civil Engineering. 1961.
- University of Mississippi. Highway and Transportation Management Institute. 1980.

Affiliations

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Member of Subcommittees on Construction and Traffic Engineering and Standing Committee on Highways. 1980-Present
- National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Member Construction and Maintenance Technical Committee. 1981-1995.
- Transportation Research Board. Workshop participant and Research Panel member. 1983-1998.
- American Society of Civil Engineers. National Board of Direction. 1996-1999.

-University of Maine. Chairman Department of Civil Engineering Association Advisory Board. 1994-1999.

Recognition

-Major Achievements in Construction Award. Associated Constructors of Maine. 1999.

-ASCE Zone 1 Government Engineer of the Year. 1994

-Maine Civil Engineer of the Year. 1994.

-David H. Stevens Award for Transportation Excellence. MDOT. 1992.

-Portland Outstanding Young Man. 1971

-Max L. Wilder Prize (Best paper at Maine Transportation Conference). 1969.

-Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Scholastic Society. University of Maine. 1961.

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Dear Sir:

In October 1998 I submitted my resume to Jimmy Lairscey for consideration as a Disputes Review Board Member or Chair on projects administered by the Florida Department of Transportation. I have noticed my name is not included on the list of qualified candidates on the FDOT web site. Consequently I am resubmitting my resume for consideration.

I currently serve on seven Boards, four as Chair, on the Central Artery/Tunnel project in Boston following a long career with the Maine Department of Transportation where I was State Construction Engineer for a considerable time and responsible for the resolution of all contract disputes there. I believe my experience would especially qualify me as a Chair on Florida DOT projects in that mainly former FDOT and contractor employees are being used as Members.

If you would like references I suggest contact with the Associated Constructors of Maine, Whitten Road, Augusta Maine 04330 and Paul Theberge of the Florida Department of Transportation who worked with me several years in Maine DOT. In addition, Susan Dykens of the Central Artery/Tunnel project, 185 Kneeland St., Boston 02111 could also provide information to you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



John E. Hodgkins P.E.