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INTERNATIONAL INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR **GENERAL INFORMATION**

CDRS APPLICATION PROCEDURES

There are six documents located in this IIC section of the CDRS website:

1. International Independent Contractor Questionnaire
2. International Construction Knowledge Questionnaire
3. International Independent Contractor Agreement
4. International Schedule "A" CDRS Fees and Costs
5. International Independent Contractor ADR Fee Schedule

All 5 documents must be completed and forwarded to CDRS. The CDRS "Credentials Division" conducts a background review of each IIC Applicant. It usually only takes a few days to complete the review, however, it may take up to two weeks if there is any difficulty in verifying the information submitted or if there are an unusually large number of IIC Applicants. If you can submit photocopies of any certificates or transcripts of the completion of any educational, training or certification programs, it should speed up the review process. Most of the IIC applications that are rejected are due to the lack of hands-on construction experience, the lack of construction law expertise or the lack of construction ADR experience.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. CDRS does not require exclusivity. IICs are free to remain a panel member of any other ADR Provider including their own firms.
2. There are no fees to join the *CDRS International Panel of Construction ADR Specialists*.
3. CDRS does not charge any yearly fees to remain a member of any of the CDRS Panels.
4. CDRS requires all International Arbitration Panel Members to complete the two-day "Basic Arbitration Training" course as conducted by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
5. CDRS does not require any continuing education (CEU) courses to remain on the CDRS Panels.
6. CDRS will close off any geographic area when we feel that there are sufficient ADR Specialists to adequately cover that area. CDRS wants to make sure that each of our ADR Specialists receives an adequate number of ADR cases each year so that they appreciate that they are members of the various CDRS Panels. CDRS reserves the right to add ADR Specialists in any closed geographic area if an ADR Specialist has a special expertise that will enhance the professionalism and expertise of its Panels.
7. Because of the possibility of challenges and potential litigation, CDRS provides professional liability insurance for each IIC while serving as a CDRS ADR Specialist on any of the CDRS cases that are conducted within the United States. CDRS does not provide insurance to its IIC's who conduct ADR processes outside of the United States. To lessen the chances of challenges and litigation, CDRS requires all IICs who wish to serve as arbitrators or Members of Dispute Review Boards or Construction Settlement Panels to attend the required CI Arb Arbitration and/or CDRS or CI Arb DRB Training Courses within one year of joining CDRS.