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**Big Changes Coming in Construction Contractors Board
Dispute Resolution Services Program**

On July 1, 2011 the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) Dispute Resolution Services (DRS) program will make significant changes to its program. Because of the relatively short amount of time between the Legislature finalizing the new laws impacting the program and its effective date, the agency will work diligently to make changes to the website and related documents.

For complaints filed on and after July 1, 2011, DRS will provide only mediation services. If the parties do not settle the complaint, the complainant must go to court and obtain a court judgment before DRS can send it to the contractor's surety for payment.

This change is made necessary by the recent sharp slowdown in construction that resulted in a significant drop in the number of licensed contractors and the fees paid to the CCB.

To adjust to this drop in revenue, the legislature made significant cutbacks in the CCB's budget for the DRS program. This reduced budget recently was signed into law by the Governor.

The legislation and draft rules implementing the necessary changes are still being finalized. Parties interested in the DRS program should continue to check the CCB website at <http://www.oregon.gov/ccb> at for more information. In addition, the agency developed a list serve for automatic email notification of changes.

Registration for the list serve can be done by clicking on the below email link

drsservicetransition-request@listsmart.osl.state.or.us

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