The Expedited Dispute Resolution (EDR) Bond sets a new standard of responsiveness for the surety product.

What’s different about the EDR Bond?
The EDR Bond minimizes project disruption and helps maintain the schedule by allowing work to continue during a dispute. Additional benefits include the following:

- Direct access to the Travelers claim professional dedicated to your project
- Limits available up to 100% of the contract price
- Coverage includes liquidated damages and warranties as specified in the contract
- Optional advance payment coverage rider
- First bond of its kind to receive the same liquidity credit from Standard & Poor’s as a 10% Letter of Credit*

EDR Bond vs Letter of Credit (LOC) available for projects in the U.S. and Canada

When it comes to project security, Travelers EDR Bond checks all the boxes:

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*In 2014, Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners received 10% liquidity credit on the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project using the Travelers EDR Bond

According to BizMiner, of the 986,057 general contractors and operative builders, heavy construction contractors and special trade contractors operating in 2011, only 735,160 still were in business in 2013 – a 26.24% failure rate.**

These businesses leave behind unfinished private and public construction projects – and still worse, millions of dollars in losses to project owners and taxpayers.

Public and private construction project owners can mitigate the risk of contractor failure by requiring bid, performance and payment bonds.

**Source: BizMiner (2014)
Improved risk mitigation

Travelers can help you transfer risk of a loss due to costs arising out of a contractor default. We can help you reduce your risk in several ways:

- **CONTRACTOR SELECTION**
  In addition to thorough credit evaluations, Travelers conducts exhaustive reviews of historical project performance and thoroughly vets the business acumen and sophistication of your contractor’s leadership team.

- **PROJECT PREQUALIFICATION**
  When you choose an EDR Bond from Travelers, you can be as confident as we are in the contractor’s experience and ability to complete the work.

- **ON-GOING MONITORING**
  Travelers not only monitors your bonded project, but your contractor’s entire work program as well, with the goal of preventing problems that could negatively impact your project.

Backed by Travelers

For more than 100 years, Travelers has been a leader in the surety industry. We have over 50 locations throughout North America, staffed with dedicated underwriters and surety claim professionals.

- Largest writer of surety bonds in North America
- Combined Treasury listing in excess of $1.5 billion – the largest in the surety industry
- A.M. Best* rating of A++ (superior) for financial strength

Whether you're choosing bonds for the first time, or already using them in your risk management program, Travelers can provide you with innovative surety tools for your project.

Construction is a complicated business. Let Travelers provide you with the peace of mind that your project will be completed on time.

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