

JAMS Global Engineering and Construction Group



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Surety Bond Adjudication

The Industry's First Choice for ADR

As the world's largest private provider of alternative dispute resolution services, JAMS has successfully resolved hundreds of thousands of disputes since 1979. The **JAMS Global Engineering and Construction Group (GEC)** offers a wide range of options to resolve domestic and cross-border construction and infrastructure disputes—especially complex, high-stakes matters in which time is of the essence and access to experienced panelists is critical.

The GEC Group is comprised of former judges, litigators, transactional attorneys and corporate counsel with deep subject matter expertise. Many of our **highly skilled, full-time neutrals** rank among the international construction industry's foremost ADR specialists. Supported by proficient case managers in hearing locations around the globe, GEC panelists provide reliable, cost-effective dispute resolution.

Control Costs, Minimize Risk

Choosing JAMS as your dispute resolver means you'll have a blueprint for keeping your project on track and avoiding expensive delays. JAMS GEC panelists utilize **early intervention methods** ranging from structured negotiations, project

neutrals, initial decision makers and mediation to adjudication, dispute review boards and mini-trials.

- **Project Neutrals** are selected by owners, contractors and architects and written into contracts, ideally before the design and construction process begins. A trusted member of the team from concept through completion, **the project neutral has just one client: the project.** The project neutral is available not only to mediate disputes as they arise, but also to identify and resolve potential problems before they grow into full-blown litigation. GEC project neutrals understand the intricacies involved in the finance and construction of multinational megaprojects and are adept at balancing the needs of owners, contractors, subcontractors and design professionals.
- **Dispute Review Boards (DRBs)** are routinely established at the beginning of large infrastructure projects to render non-binding decisions on disputes arising over the lifetime of the project. Each party selects someone to be a member of the board. DRB members are typically architects, engineers and lawyer/mediators. With their substantive ADR expertise and broad engineering, construction

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and legal backgrounds, **JAMS GEC panelists are uniquely qualified to serve as Dispute Review Board members.**

- **Neutral Analysis** allows clients to leverage a JAMS GEC neutral's deep experience pre-suit, during litigation, or to assess arguments on appeal. These processes are tailored to client and case needs and typically involve reviews of factual and legal positions either through briefs or oral arguments, or an evaluation of what a likely jury outcome might be.
- **Mediators** from the GEC Group are successful because they have the requisite **expertise in the mediation process as well as the industry knowledge** needed to resolve complicated construction disputes. JAMS mediators develop bases for settlement by assisting the parties in evaluating critical factual and legal issues rather than simply serving as practitioners of "shuttle diplomacy."
- **Arbitrators** from JAMS, among the most experienced in their field, **are sensitive to the legal and cultural differences inherent in international disputes.** They serve as sole arbitrators and are also frequently chosen as chairs or members of arbitration panels worldwide. Sought after for their commitment to efficiently manage the entire arbitration process, GEC arbitrators employ expedited processes and disciplined case management to save you time and money.
- **JAMS Expedited Arbitration Procedures**, a feature of our **Engineering and Construction Arbitration Rules**, addresses such issues as control of discovery and document admissibility, use of hearing "chess clock"

procedures, expert witness examinations, prompt rulings on motions, maintenance of hearing schedules with minimum delays and **issuance of detailed reasoned awards to assure settlement of all issues.**

- **JAMS Optional Appeal Procedure** further minimizes risk by allowing parties using JAMS rules to agree **to appeal an arbitration award** to a three-member JAMS panel.
- **JAMS Surety Bond Expedited Dispute Resolution** recognizes the unique nature of surety disputes and the necessity of resolving them quickly. The **JAMS Dispute Resolution Rules for Surety Bond Disputes** provide for adjudicator appointment within three days of filing of a demand. Adjudicators drawn from the **JAMS GEC Panel** issue a binding decision within 30 days of the adjudication commencement date.

Resolution Centers Worldwide

JAMS is the world's largest private provider of ADR services, with JAMS offices throughout North America; JAMS International, headquartered in London, with additional EU locations; and a network of affiliates, including JAMS Ireland, ADR Center (Italy), Result ADR Group (the Netherlands), ADR Partners (Serbia), Arab Mediation Centre (Egypt), IIPAC (South Korea), Neutrales ADR (Spain) and Shanghai Commercial Mediation Center (China).

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