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## **Office of Dispute Resolution opens statewide application period for contract mediators**

*New process intended to aid in measuring effectiveness*

DENVER – The Office of Dispute Resolution in the State Court Administrator’s Office has opened a statewide application period for new and renewing contract mediators. Applications are available on the ODR web site – [www.ColoradoODR.org](http://www.ColoradoODR.org) – and will be accepted through April 25, 2011.

Previously, applications for contract mediators were accepted on an as-needed basis. The change is part of a reorganization begun in 2009 and is necessary to help the office measure the effectiveness of its dispute-resolution programs. It also brings the office’s contract process in line with contracting activities conducted by other agencies within the Colorado Judicial Department.

As part of the change, ODR is developing a central online database where contract mediators will enter demographic and outcome information for every case handled by ODR.

The office was created by the Colorado Dispute Resolution Act in 1983. The ODR’s mission is to establish or make available dispute-resolution programs and related services throughout the state, as designated by the chief justice of the Colorado Supreme Court.

For more information, visit [www.ColoradoODR.org](http://www.ColoradoODR.org) or contact Bill Delisio, ODR Acting Director, or Holly Panetta, ODR Project Manager, at 303-861-1111.