**Alternative Dispute Resolution options exercise**

(Genbuild, LLC) is a regional construction firm that has grown significantly over the past few years. On projects using stipulated sum pricing, Genbuild commonly agrees to use AIA A101 – 2017 (Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor) and AIA A201- 2017 (General Conditions of the Contract for Construction) because so many of its owner customers prefer using that form, but Genbuild also often has sufficient negotiating leverage to secure modifications to these AIA forms on critical contract terms. As part of a comprehensive review of Genbuild’s contracting policies, your boss, Genbuild’s general counsel, plans to conduct a workshop for key employees of the firm to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the full range of available claims and dispute resolution practices and to recommend a policy concerning negotiated changes to the AIA claims and dispute resolution provisions.

Prepare a memorandum to help prepare the general counsel for this workshop. Be sure to make recommendations about all dispute resolution options under Sections 6.1 and 6.2 of the A101 and to cover all aspects of Article 15 of the A201 that you deem important for this purpose. You should also consider whether any of your recommendations might vary depending on the characteristics of a specific project or of a specific owner’s circumstances.