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MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah Construction Industry

FROM: Dan S. Jones, Bureau Manager 

DATE: December 1, 2014

SUBJECT: Pre-Licensure Education Requirement For Contractors

During the 2014 legislative session, Utah lawmakers passed Senate Bill 186 (SB 186). SB 186 changed the requirements for initial licensure of contractors in the State of Utah. The full text of that bill is available on the legislative web site at: <http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/SB0186.html>

SB 186 added a requirement for contractor applicants to complete a 20 hour course established by rule by the Construction Services Commission with the concurrence of the Division Director.

Since the 2014 legislative session, the Commission held several public meetings reviewing proposed rules to implement the new requirement. The proposed rules were then submitted for public comment and public hearing. The rules for pre-licensure education requirements have now been adopted as Section R156-55a-302f of the Construction Trade Licensing Act Rule. This rule is available on the Division web-site at: <http://dopl.utah.gov/licensing/contracting.html>.

So far one organization has been approved to be a pre-licensure education provider under this rule. The Division has been informed that additional organizations intend to apply to become a pre-licensure education provider under these rules. A list of approved providers is available on the Division's contractor licensing page at: <http://dopl.utah.gov/licensing/contracting.html>.

The Division is now ready to implement the statute and rules for pre-licensure education requirements. Beginning on January 5, 2015, the Division will require new applicants applying for contractor licensure to comply with the new 20 hour course of pre-licensure education requirement.