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Subject: Reminder of New Continuing Education Requirements for Architects

This letter is to remind you of the new continuing education requirements that became effective with House Bill 258 as passed by the Utah State Legislature. This law became effective on April 30, 2007, and requires licensed architects to complete 16 hours of continuing professional education every 2 years. To be acceptable, education must be related to the topics of public health, safety and welfare of architectural practice and the ethical standards of architectural practice.

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) has adopted rules that implement the requirements of the law as passed by the Legislature. Copies of the current Architect Licensing Statutes and the Licensing Rules are available on the DOPL web site at <http://dopl.utah.gov/licensing/architecture.html>. The details of the continuing professional education rules can be found in Section R156-3a-304 by clicking on the link labeled Architect Licensing Act Rules, R156-3a found on the left side of the page in the green box. We encourage you to review these rules to understand this new requirement for licensure.

It is important for all architects to realize that during the period from April 30, 2007 to December 31, 2007, all licensees must complete 5 hours of continuing professional education. These hours represent the pro-rata education for that period of time.

Thereafter, during each two years beginning on January 1 of even numbered years and ending on December 31 of odd numbered years, all licensed architects will be required to complete the required 16 hours of continuing professional education as specified.

At the time you renew your license, you will be required to sign a certification that you have met the continuing education requirement. DOPL will randomly audit licensees to verify the requirement has been completed.

Sincerely,

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