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* Understanding the legislative process: How construction laws are passed in the State of Utah
  + This course will address how "ideas" are introduced to legislators, bills are drafted and debated and laws are passed and enacted. During the 2017 Utah Legislative Session, lawmakers considered numerous bill specifically related to the contracting/construction industries. The impact of some of these bills will be discussed, including how construction legislation can affect a contractor's bottom line.
* Lobbying the Utah Legislature: How to be heard when lawmakers consider construction
* Local construction laws and ordinances: How to interface with local/municipal governments
* Why media matters: How to develop and leverage media connections when construction is in the news
* Construction in the public eye: What's newsworthy, and how should the story be shared?