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**Invitation to Apply for
Community Call for Comment
February 6, 2012
9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**The J.W. Marriott
1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004
202-393-2000**

Response Requested By

January 13, 2012: Due date for applications to appear on behalf of communities of interest

January 13, 2012: Due date to register to observe community dialog (with option of making statement at open mike)

Community Call for Comment February 6, 2012

The Board of Commissioners of the National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts & Sciences, Inc. is holding its sixth Community Call for Comment, inspired by the rulemaking procedures used by the United States Department of Education, to hear from its constituencies on several issues. The 2012 Community Call for Comment will take place on Monday February 6, 2011 at the J.W. Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC.

1. If you are interested in being a panelist or alternate representing one of NACCAS' many constituencies, please fill out and submit the application form on page 4 by January 13, 2012. (Please note that there is limited seating. You will be notified by January 20th, 2012 if you are selected to participate.)
2. If you plan to attend, but not as a representative, please submit the application form on page 5 by January 13, 2012. There will be "open mike" opportunities for the public. (Please note that there is limited seating. You will be notified by January 20th, 2012 if you are selected to attend.)
3. Travel and hotel arrangements and expenses related to attendance are the responsibility of each person who attends.

The topics of special interest to the Commission are listed below. Material on the topics will be disseminated prior to the meeting, if applicable. (Topics subject to change.)

1. Standard VII D2. In order for institutions to meet Standard VII D2, they must comply with the following:

Has met the requirements as set forth by the U.S. Department of Education in accordance with 34 C.F.R. 668.171, or the successor regulation, or

A ratio of current assets to current liabilities of one to one or greater (acid test); a positive tangible net worth; and a profit in the most recent accounting year or in two of the most recent three accounting years. Any assets of the institution that are excluded in the calculation of the composite score shall also be excluded by NACCAS in the calculation of the acid test ratio and net worth.

Question: Knowing that NACCAS cannot change the requirements set forth by the Department of Education, do you think NACCAS should consider another alternative for demonstrating that an institution has the financial resources to ensure continuity of operation, educational programs and services and to fulfill its obligations to students and employees.

2. Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. For example, placing a cashpaying (non-Title IV) student on "warning" or "probation" doesn't really accomplish anything as they do not have any FA to lose and the school doesn't have to drop them from the program if they elect not to. Should NACCAS discuss further whether or not more changes should be

made, or maybe provide a better understanding of what the goal was behind some of the changes in the new Policy.

3. Outcomes Thresholds. Should NACCAS consider changing the outcomes thresholds?
4. Gainful Employment Regs. What are the biggest challenges the new Gainful Employment regs pose for our schools and how can NACCAS take steps to help schools anticipate and meet the challenges?
5. On Site Visits and Workshops. What could NACCAS do to use technology in order to reduce the length of on-site visits or to improve the workshops?
6. NACCAS Standards. If another agency, such as USDOE, has a standard which will be verified during an annual compliance audit, should NACCAS review it and see if it is material or not?

Your recommendations for other topics may be added, time permitting. Please submit them to ginak1@mac.com or amirando@naccas.org

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Application as a Constituency Representative

Name: _____

Tel. _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

I am in the group(s) listed below (mark all that apply):

Constituency Groups	
	Owners of 1 to 5 schools
	Owners of 6 - 15 schools
	Owners of 16 – 30 schools
	Owners of Over 30 schools
	State Oversight Agencies
	Practitioners
	Employers of Grads of NACCAS-accredited schools
	State or National Trade Association related to NACCAS' scope: Please attach a letter of support, if you are able.
	Other (evaluators, consultants, publishers)

Other: Please specify: _____

If I am not selected to be a constituency representative or alternate, I would like to register to be a part of the audience.

YES NO

Please return this form to NACCAS by January 13, 2012 so that the Commission can select a balanced representation of constituencies for the Community Call for Comment and constituency representatives and alternates will have time to make their travel arrangements. Your response also is needed to arrange for an appropriate hearing room. Please e-mail to amirando@naccas.org or send to:

**Dr. Tony Mirando, NACCAS Executive Director
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Audience Registration

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Affiliation: _____

Tel. _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

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