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MEMO TO: Chief Executive Officers

FROM: Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D. Barbara A. Beno

SUBJECT: Request for Business Community Contacts to Invite to Standards Review Hearings

On February 15, 2012 you received a memo from Commission Chair Michael Rota and me, entitled "Review of Accreditation Standards and Practices: Invitation for Written or Oral Comment at Hearings." In that memo, we provided information about three public hearings planned to get general information from member institutions and the public on the broad issues of what should be considered in updating Accreditation Standards and practices. On behalf of the Commission, we invited you to provide written or oral comment on changes you think are needed in the Accreditation Standards and practices.

We also welcome participation at the hearings from members of the business community. In order to achieve wider participation from representatives in your institution's service area, we are requesting that you provide the Commission with names, addresses, and emails of key business leaders and major employers so we can invite them to participate in the hearings. Chamber of Commerce CEOs and heads of workforce or economic development organizations would be appropriate to include on your list.

Please email your list of business invitees to the Commission at: accjc@accjc.org, or FAX it to 415-506-0238.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.