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Dear Colleagues:

This message is to notify the ACCET membership of a recent Commission decision regarding the agency's applied bachelor's degree pilot program. The Commission has decided not to pursue an expansion of scope to include applied bachelor's degrees in the current re-recognition application with the U.S. Department of Education.

Following a comprehensive review by the U.S. Department of Education and ACCET's internal mid-point assessment of the pilot program, the Commission has determined that the expansion of scope should not be considered in tandem with re-recognition. The Commission will continue to analyze and refine the pilot project, considering feedback from participant institutions and industry trends in education and workforce training and development, before pursuing a separate expansion of scope.

It is noted that ACCET-accredited institutions currently approved to offer applied bachelor's degrees as part of the pilot program may continue to offer those programs and that graduates will receive a degree in an approved program from an accredited institution.

We would also like to sincerely thank the three institutions that have been part of the pilot project. Their contributions are appreciated, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration.

- InterCoast Colleges, West Covina, CA
- California Institute of Applied Technology, National City, CA
- Elyon College, Brooklyn, NY

We welcome your feedback and invite those interested in participating in a focus group related to applied bachelor's degrees to contact us at [info@accet.org](mailto:info@accet.org).

Sincerely,

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Donnell Bayot, Commission Chair

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Res Helfer, Executive Director

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