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**U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION RENEWS
ACAOM'S RECOGNITION/GRANTS
EXPANSION OF SCOPE**

Five months following ACAOM's recognition review by the U.S. Department of Education's National Advisory Committee for Institutional Quality & Integrity (NACIQI), the Secretary of Education, in a May 1, 2006 letter, officially accepted NACIQI's recommendation to **renew** ACAOM's recognition for USDE's maximum 5-year period, and to **grant** ACAOM's request for an expansion of scope to include its candidacy reviews.

Pursuant to the Secretary of Education's action on ACAOM's recognition, effective May 1, 2006 free-standing AOM schools and colleges may use may use the Commission's candidacy status (in addition to accreditation) to establish eligibility to participate in Title IV federal student aid programs. We are confident that this is welcome news to ACAOM candidate institutions and programs and to their students.

The Commission wishes to extend its gratitude for the widespread support received from its communities of interest over the past years, including the many key letters of support to USDE during ACAOM's recent recognition review. Your support contributed greatly to this achievement.

A copy of the Secretary of Education's letter can be accessed by clicking the following link:
[USDE 05-01-06 Letter](#)