

**Case Name:** *In the Matter of* Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

**Docket No.:** 16-44-O

**Filing Party:** Respondent, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

**Exhibit No.:** B-O-28

## Michelle Edwards

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**Subject:** FW: ACICS Institutions  
**Attachments:** March 2018 ACICS Accreditation Criteria.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Steven Gelfound <(b)(6)@acics.org>

**Date:** April 26, 2018 at 12:34:23 PM EDT

**To:** "COLEMON, WILLIAM, VBAVACO" (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: ACICS Institutions

William –

These are all the remaining institutions that were ACICS institutions that **fail to obtain a new accreditor** under the previous 18 months PPPA addendum?

The list we provided are institutions currently accredited by ACICS. Many institutions may have received initial accreditation from or be in application with other recognized accrediting agencies. We have heard from several institutions that they would like to be dual accredited as they think it would enhance their operations and provide additional benefits to their students.

Moving forward with the restoring of ACICS per Secretary of Education until a final decision is made I assume these institutions maintain ACICS as there accreditor with no requirements.

Any member institution is required to maintain compliance with all *Accreditation Criteria*. Please find criteria attached.

Would you please explain what AL means on your spreadsheet?

AL is an additional location (i.e. a branch campus). A branch campus is a location of an institution that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of that institution, but under the same corporate structure as the main campus (i.e., part of the main campus corporation or a wholly owned subsidiary). The branch campus is permanent in nature, offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential, and has its own budget, faculty, administrative staff, and supervisory organization.

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**From:** COLEMON, WILLIAM, VBAVACO [mailto:(b)(6)]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 11:51 AM

**To:** Steven Gelfound <(b)(6)@acics.org>

**Subject:** RE: ACICS Institutions

Thank you Mr. Gelfound,

These are all the remaining institutions that were ACICS institutions that **fail to obtain a new accreditor** under the previous 18 months PPPA addendum?

Moving forward with the restoring of ACICS per Secretary of Education until a final decision is made I assume these institutions maintain ACICS as there accreditor with no requirements.

Would you please explain what AL means on your spreadsheet?

~William

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**From:** Steven Gelfound [mailto:(b)(6)@acics.org]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 11:23 AM

**To:** COLEMON, WILLIAM, VBAVACO

**Cc:** info

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: ACICS Institutions

Good Morning William –

I have attached a spreadsheet containing a list of our active institutions along with their contact information.

Please let me know if you require any other information

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**Steven Gelfound**

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**From:** COLEMON, WILLIAM, VBAVACO [mailto:(b)(6)]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 10:29 AM

**To:** info <info@ACICS.ORG>

**Subject:** ACICS Institutions

Good morning,

My name is William Coleman, I work for the (b)(6)

(b)(6) Would you provide me with a list of all the institutions that remain under ACICS accreditation.

The ACICS website don't allow me this request without putting in one school at a time by state.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

*William P. Colemon*

GI Bill Integrity & Protection Team (223A)

Education Service (22)

Veterans Benefits Administration

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*"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."*

*Gandhi*