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National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

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President

MEMORANDUM

October 30, 2009

To: Dr. Ian K. Macgillivray, Academic Policy Officer, Teacher Education
Colorado Commission on Higher Education

From: Shari Francis, Vice President for State Relations *Shari Francis*

Re: Colorado/NCATE Partnership

During the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education's State Partnership Board meeting on October 22, 2009, the partnership agreement submitted by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to conduct state approval and NCATE accreditation reviews of teacher education institutions was considered. It is my pleasure to inform you that the State Partnership Board approved the proposed state partnership agreement. The Colorado/NCATE Partnership will go into effect January 1, 2009 and remain in effect through December 2016.

As you know, the Partnership Protocol will be used by your state's institutions and the NCATE Board of Examiners to direct the concurrent NCATE/state reviews. This is a living document and the state is encouraged to update the Protocol in order to ensure the processes are consistent with both state and NCATE policy and practice. Please be sure to notify State Relations when the draft protocol submitted to the Board has been approved by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and in the future if you would like to make changes. Additionally, we ask that a copy be distributed to teacher education institutions and that you bring their attention to any partnership elements that may have changed as result of the state's renewal.

Thank you for your continuing support of NCATE and the excellent work you and your colleagues accomplished to ensure a timely and outstanding partnership agreement. We at NCATE look forward to our continuing successful partnership with Colorado. .