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Ref: Online Academic Program Delivery

Dear Ms. May,

Thank you for your recent submittal to Dr. Thomas Gibson of documentation establishing that the following Technical College System of Georgia public institutions, specifically including the following:

- Albany Technical College
- Augusta Technical College
- Columbus Technical College
- Georgia Piedmont Tech College
- North Georgia Technical College
- Southeastern Technical College
- Wiregrass Georgia Technical College
- Athens Technical College
- Central Georgia Technical College
- DeKalb Technical College **
- Gwinnett Technical College
- Okefenokee Technical College
- Southern Crescent Technical College
- West Georgia Technical College
- Atlanta Technical College
- Chattahoochee Technical College
- Georgia Northwestern Technical College
- Middle Georgia Technical College
- Savannah Technical College
- Southwest Georgia Technical College
- (**DeKalb renamed Piedmont-10/2011)

- are all accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It is my understanding that inasmuch as these institutions are all administratively responsible to the Georgia System Office, and since we have verified that the accreditations are current, the Georgia System Office will continue to ensure that the SACS accreditations will remain in effect. Thus, this submittal satisfies the requirements of Montana Code annotated §20-25-107 and Board of Regents Policy §320.1, which regulate the award of degrees by educational institutions. Therefore, this letter serves as State Authorization for the schools listed, which allows for the delivery of online academic programs to students residing in Montana.

As you were previously informed, there are also requirements set forth under Title 35 of the Montana Code Annotated for out-of-state businesses transacting business in Montana to register with the Montana Secretary of State's Office. Information on these requirements can be found at: <http://sos.mt.gov/Business/Forms/index.asp>. However, as public institutions, you are exempt from having to also meet the business requirements of State Authorization in Montana by filing with the Montana Secretary of State.

Thank you for notifying us of your intent to offer online academic programs in Montana. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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