

# **Proposed Placement of Programs Sponsors in the Accreditation Cycle**

## **Professional Services Division**

**August 24, 2006**

At the June 2006 COA meeting, the Committee adopted priorities for consideration in the scheduling of accreditation visits. Staff presented the following to the Commission for endorsement at its August 1, 2006 meeting:

### **Scheduling of Site Visits**

Scheduling site visits is one of the many steps in implementing the Commission's Accreditation System. The COA acts to create procedures that will implement the policy decisions of the Commission. At the May/June 2006 meeting, the COA discussed what procedures should be followed by staff to create an accreditation site visit schedule in the event that the Commission takes action at a future meeting to start accreditation site visits. The priorities listed below are the procedures that the COA adopted for use in the scheduling of accreditation site visits.

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2. Institutions/Program Sponsors that have not had an accreditation visit of any kind following initial institutional accreditation
3. Institutions/Program Sponsors that have only had a formative visit
4. Length of time since the last accreditation site visit, length of time since initial institutional accreditation
5. Scheduling approximately equal number of site visits per year
6. Creating a balance in the size of teams needed each year
7. Information reviewed as part of the interim reporting (biennial reports and program review)

The Commission endorsed the priorities, with the reversal of items 1 and 2 above. Therefore, staff has developed a draft schedule based on the following priorities. The draft schedule will be shared as an in-folder item at the meeting.

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