

Adoption of the 2008-2009 Work Plan

**Professional Services Division
October 10, 2008**

A paragraph was inadvertently omitted from the Work Plan, page 5.

Paragraph present on page 5 of Item 8:

- d) *Continue Partnership with the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and efforts to collaborate with other national accrediting bodies, where appropriate.* The Partnership Agreement with NCATE was renewed in 2007 and is effective through 2014. The COA will continue monitoring the agreement to make certain that the implementation of the partnership ensures that state issues are appropriately addressed in each joint NCATE-CTC visit and that the process reduces duplication.

Paragraph that was omitted:

NCATE offers the option for a state's review of its programs to confer *National Recognition* to the program as if the professional association had completed the program review. Historically, California has not requested this option. In September 2008, however, Commission staff submitted information to NCATE requesting the ability to confer National Recognition for California's educator preparation programs where the specialized professional association standards are closely aligned. Staff will continue to work with NCATE during the 2008-09 year to gain this ability.

Paragraph present on page 5 of Item 8:

In addition, the COA will continue to explore ways to coordinate the accreditation of preparation programs that are associated with national or professional organizations with state processes. When analyses of the alignment between national or professional organization standards and Commission standards are received, the COA will review the analysis, consistent with its responsibilities set forth in the Education Code, and determine issues of comparability.