Agenda Item: I.A.1.

DATE: July 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Temporary Authorization of New Institutions under the Postsecondary Authorization Act

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Temporary Authorization

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Commission, under the Postsecondary Authorization Act, has the "power and duty" to act upon applications for authorization to operate an educational institution in the state. For the institutions listed below, applications have been reviewed, site visits have been performed, and staff has determined that all necessary documentation and bonds have been secured. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions met on June 18, 2009 and endorsed staff recommendations for Temporary Authorization of these institutions.

A.   Grand Canyon University – Online   **Phoenix, AZ**

Grand Canyon University is located at 3300 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix, Arizona. The institution is recruitment only and all classes are available online. The institution is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The institution will offer forty-four programs:

Program: **Organizational Leadership**
Credential Awarded: **Doctor of Education**
Length of Program: **61 credit hours (36 months)**

Program: **Teaching**
Credential Awarded: **Master of Arts**
Length of Program: **30 credit hours (24 months)**

Program: **Accounting**
Credential Awarded: **Master of Business Administration**
Length of Program: **51 credit hours (24 months)**

Program: **Finance**
Credential Awarded: **Master of Business Administration**
Length of Program: **51 credit hours (24 months)**

Program: **General Management**
Credential Awarded: **Master of Business Administration**
Length of Program: **51 credit hours (24 months)**

Program: **Health Systems Management**
Credential Awarded: **Master of Business Administration**
Length of Program: **51 credit hours (24 months)**

Program:	**Leadership**
Credential Awarded:	**Master of Business Administration**
Length of Program:	**51 credit hours (24 months)**
Program:	**Management Information Systems**
Credential Awarded:	**Master of Business Administration**
Length of Program:	**51 credit hours (24 months)**
Program:	**Marketing**
Credential Awarded:	**Master of Business Administration**
Length of Program:	**51 credit hours (24 months)**
Program:	**Six Sigma**
Credential Awarded:	**Master of Business Administration**
Length of Program:	**51 credit hours (24 months)**
Program:	**Leadership**
Credential Awarded:	**Master of Business Administration and Master of Science**
Length of Program:	**69 credit hours (24 months)**
Program:	**Ken Blanchard Executive MBA**
Credential Awarded:	**Executive Master of Business Administration**
Length of Program:	**39 credit hours (24 months)**
Program:	**Reading**
Credential Awarded:	**Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction**
Length of Program:	**30 credit hours (24 months)**
Program:	**Technology**
Credential Awarded:	**Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction**
Length of Program:	**30 credit hours (24 months)**
Program:	**Education Administration**
Credential Awarded:	**Master of Education**
Length of Program:	**36 credit hours (24 months)**
Program:	**Education Administration/Organizational Leadership**
Credential Awarded:	**Master of Education**
Length of Program:	**36 credit hours (24 months)**
Program:	**Education Administration/School Leadership**
Credential Awarded:	**Master of Education**
Length of Program:	**36 credit hours (24 months)**
Program:	**Elementary Education**
Credential Awarded:	**Master of Education**
Length of Program:	**45 credit hours (24 months)**

Program: Secondary Education
Credential Awarded: Master of Education
Length of Program: 45 credit hours (24 months)

Program: Special Education
Credential Awarded: Master of Education
Length of Program: 45 credit hours (24 months)

Program: Special Education/Certified Special Educators
Credential Awarded: Master of Education
Length of Program: 36 credit hours (24 months)

Program: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Credential Awarded: Master of Education
Length of Program: 33 credit hours (24 months)

Program: Executive Fire Service Leadership
Credential Awarded: Master of Science
Length of Program: 36 credit hours (24 months)

Program: Leadership
Credential Awarded: Master of Science
Length of Program: 36 credit hours (24 months)

Program: Leadership: Disaster Preparedness
Credential Awarded: Master of Science
Length of Program: 36 credit hours (24 months)

Program: Christian Studies
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Arts
Length of Program: 120 credit hours (48 months)

Program: Communications
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Arts
Length of Program: 120 credit hours (48 months)

Program: English Literature
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Arts
Length of Program: 120 credit hours (48 months)

Program: History
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Arts
Length of Program: 120 credit hours (48 months)

Program: Interdisciplinary Studies
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Arts
Length of Program: 120 credit hours (48 months)

Program: Justice Studies
Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Science
Length of Program: 120 credit hours (48 months)

Program:	**Psychology**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**
Program:	**Sociology**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**
Program:	**Accounting**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**
Program:	**Applied Management**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**
Program:	**Business Administration**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**
Program:	**Elementary Education and Special Education**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**
Program:	**Elementary Education**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**
Program:	**Secondary Education**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**
Program:	**Emergency Management**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**
Program:	**Entrepreneurial Studies**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**
Program:	**Finance Economics**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**
Program:	**Marketing**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**

Program:	**Public Safety Administration**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Science**
Length of Program:	**120 credit hours (48 months)**

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

B.   ITT Technical Institute – Knoxville Annex   **Knoxville, TN**

ITT Technical Institute – Knoxville is located at 10215 Technology Drive, Suite 101, Knoxville, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation.

The institution will offer six programs:

1.   **The Bachelor of Applied Science in Criminal Justice Program** is designed to cultivate specialized human relations skills appropriate to the industry and the understanding of the causes and prevention of crime. The program offers a foundation in criminal law, legal procedures, criminal evidence and criminology. Courses will cover the following areas: criminal law, legal procedures, criminal evidence, criminology, victimology, forensics investigations, cybercrime and homeland security. Additionally, the program offers an interdisciplinary study of the mechanisms of social control, criminology and criminal justice in American society.

Program:	**Criminal Justice**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Applied Science Degree**
Length of Program:	**180 quarter credit hours (48 months)**

2.   **The Bachelor of Applied Science in Software Applications Development Program** is designed to provide students with knowledge and skills needed to pursue career opportunities in areas involving software design and development, systems analysis, programming, process design and management. The coursework offers a foundation in programming skills using a number of languages and platforms while systematically addressing theories and methods of software engineering processes and models governed by industry standards.

Program:	**Software Applications Development**
Credential Awarded:	**Bachelor of Applied Science**
Length of Program:	**180 quarter credit hours (45 months)**

3.   **The Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice Degree Program** is designed to provide students with knowledge and skills necessary for entry-level employment in criminal justice and law enforcement related fields. Students will receive training in communication, criminal law and procedures, cybercrime and homeland security issues. The curriculum is designed to offer a balance of theory and application used in the field by integrating interpersonal skills and administrative subject matter. The course curriculum includes the following: Principles of Policing and Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Organization and Administration, State and Local Government, Criminology and Criminal Investigation.

Program:	**Criminal Justice**
Credential Awarded:	**Associate of Applied Science**
Length of Program:	**96 quarter credit hours (24 months)**

4. **The Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies Degree Program** is designed to help students prepare for entry-level positions as paralegals. Areas of study include ethics, legal research and writing, and law office technology. Additionally, specific areas of the law will be addressed; such as, criminal, corporate and litigation. The coursework includes: introduction to paralegal studies, ethics for paralegals, technology in the law office, legal research and writing I and II, family law, real estate law, criminal law, contract law, tort law, and constitutional law.

Program:	**Paralegal Studies**
Credential Awarded:	**Associate of Applied Science**
Length of Program:	**96 quarter credit hours (24 months)**

5. **The General Education Core Courses for the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree** are designed to broaden communication skills and contribute to the intellectual growth of the student. In addition, these courses provide balance beyond the area of professional concentration. The General Education Core Courses are generally, 4 credit hour courses, and include: humanities, composition, mathematics, the sciences and the social sciences.

Program:	**General Education**
Length of Program:	**Varies by Course Selection**

6. **The General Education Core Courses for the Associate of Applied Science Degree** are designed to broaden communication skills and contribute to the intellectual growth of the student. In addition, these courses provide balance beyond the area of professional concentration. The General Education Core Courses are generally 4 credit hour courses, and include: humanities, composition, mathematics, the sciences and the social sciences.

Program:	**General Education**
Length of Program:	**Varies by Course Selection**

The institution will apply to participate in Title IV funding after approval by THEC and the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS); however, at this time the institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

C.   ITT Technical Institute   **Johnson City, TN**

ITT Technical Institute is located at 4721 Lake Park Drive in Johnson City, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation.

The institution will offer seven programs:

1. **The Bachelor of Applied Science in Construction Management Degree Program** is designed to assist students in acquiring skills and competencies

needed to gain entry-level employment in the field of construction. The program is designed to provide students with a foundation of construction management through the exposure of the fundamentals of construction techniques and legal matters relating to the construction management field. The program curriculum includes: building codes, site construction and measurement, construction documents, construction project management, and construction safety management. The program prepares students to fulfill a variety of roles in the construction field which should result in better marketability for graduates.

Program: **Construction Management**
Credential Awarded: **Bachelor of Applied Science**
Length of Program: **180 quarter credit hours (45 months)**

2. **The Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Information Systems Security Program** provides up-to-date knowledge in informational security through technical application. The focus of the program is to prepare students with the techniques used in the industry so that they are able to fill multiple roles in the information technology community. The curriculum includes: internetworking infrastructure and operations, information security essentials, research methods, introduction to project management, written analysis, hacker techniques, social psychology, incident handling, and ethics. Students are prepared for a wide range of information technology activities such as analyzing, designing, and implementing information security systems.

Program: **Information Systems Security**
Credential Awarded: **Bachelor of Applied Science**
Length of Program: **180 quarter credit hours (45 months)**

3. **The Bachelor of Applied Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering Technology Program** is designed to work in conjunction with and build upon lower level courses and expand upon the student knowledge base. The curriculum includes: C Programming in Linux, Embeded Systems, Introductory and Technical Calculus, Advanced Circuit Analysis I and II, and a Capstone Project. Students completing this program are prepared for a wide range of work environments. Students should develop a working knowledge of circuit design, calculus, data and network communications, and digital communications in the presence of noise.

Program: **Electronics and Communications Engineering Technology**
Credential Awarded: **Bachelor of Applied Science**
Length of Program: **180 quarter credit hours (45 months)**

4. **The Associate of Applied Science in Computer Drafting and Design Degree Program** is designed to give students the knowledge and skills needed to be able to guide ideas and plans to production. The emphasis of the program is problem solving in the design process by either computer aided means or traditional graphic communications. Specific coursework includes: Strategies for the Technical Professional, Drafting/CAD Methods, Rapid Visualization, Architectural Drafting I and II, Descriptive Geometry and 3D Modeling. Upon

completion of the program, graduates should have the competencies and working knowledge necessary to create and modify drawings from computer software systems. They should also have substantial understanding of the concepts and developments within the drafting field.

Program: **Computer Drafting and Design**
Credential Awarded: **Associate of Applied Science**
Length of Program: **96 quarter credit hours (24 months)**

5.   **The Associate of Applied Science in Computer and Electronics Engineering Technology Degree Program** is designed to assist students in acquiring skills and competencies needed to gain entry-level employment in the field of computer technology and electronics. The program is intended to provide students with an integrated learning experience that combines classroom theory and practical application. Specific coursework prepares the student in areas such as: Problem Solving, Network Standards and Protocols, AC and DC Electronics, Physics, Digital Electronics I and II, and Microprocessors. The skills and abilities developed as a student progresses through the program prepare them to meet the needs of employers in multiple and diverse fields.

Program: **Computer and Electronics Engineering Technology**
Credential Awarded: **Associate of Applied Science**
Length of Program: **96 quarter credit hours (24 months)**

6.   **The Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology - Computer Network Systems Degree Program** is designed to assist students to acquire the skills and competencies needed to gain entry-level employment in the field of information technology and network systems. The goal is for students to be able to complete such tasks as installing, upgrading, and maintaining networks. Specific, targeted coursework includes: Strategies for the Technical Professional, Operating Systems, Network Standards and Protocols, Database Development, Group Dynamics, and a Capstone Project. Laboratory experience prepares students of this program for many different challenges that they will face in the work environment.

Program: **Information Technology - Computer Network Systems**
Credential Awarded: **Associate of Applied Science**
Length of Program: **96 quarter credit hours (24 months)**

7.   **The Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies Degree Program** is designed to help students prepare for entry-level positions as paralegals. Areas of study include ethics, legal research and writing, and law office technology. Additionally, specific areas of the law will be addressed; such as, criminal, corporate and litigation. The coursework includes: introduction to paralegal studies, ethics for paralegals, technology in the law office, legal research and writing I and II, family law, real estate law, criminal law, contract law, tort law, and constitutional law.

Program: **Paralegal Studies**
Credential Awarded: **Associate of Applied Science**
Length of Program: **96 Quarter Credit Hours (24 months)**

ITT Technical Institute – Johnson City will be granted temporary authorization conditioned upon the completion of the institutional facility. The condition will be satisfied after a certificate of occupancy is provided and a site visit is conducted by the Division of Postsecondary School Authorization staff; at such time ITT Technical Institute – Johnson City may begin to advertise, recruit, and/or enroll students for this location.

The institution will apply to participate in Title IV funding after approval by THEC and the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS); however, at this time the institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

D.   Massage Institute of Memphis, LLC   Memphis, TN

Change of Ownership:

Massage Institute of Memphis, LLC is located 3251 Poplar Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee. The institution is a Limited Liability Corporation and has been authorized by THEC since November, 1992.

The institution was sold to Dan and Julie Woods on January 1, 2009.

The institution will offer one program that is already approved by THEC:

Program:	**Massage Therapy**
Credential Awarded:	**Diploma**
Length of Program:	**700 contact hours (12 months)**

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

E.   O'More College of Design   Franklin, TN

O' More College of Design is located at 230 Franklin Road in Franklin, Tennessee. The College is a not-for-profit organization that is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology.

The institution will offer one program:

1.   **The Bachelor of Fine Art in Fashion Design and Merchandising Program** is designed to prepare students to obtain and hold major positions in the fashion world. The program teaches students the basic fundamentals of designing, merchandising, advertising and marketing. The curriculum enables graduates to compete for entry-level positions in fashion design and merchandising. Students are required to complete an internship in their emphasis, which provides hands on experience and networking opportunities. Students are also required to complete a full-scale business plan that prepares them for the option of entrepreneurship.

Program: Fashion Design and Merchandising

Credential Awarded: Bachelor of Fine Arts
Length of Program: 125 quarter credit hours (48 months)

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

F.   Prepare to Care Training Center, Inc.   Cleveland, TN

Change of Ownership

Prepare to Care Training Center, Inc. is located at 2321 North Ocoee Street in Cleveland, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation that has been authorized by THEC since July, 2006.

The institution was sold to Diane Jones on March 4, 2009.

The institution will offer one Certificate of Completion in Certified Nursing Assistant which is already approved by THEC.

Program: Certified Nursing Assistant
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 90 contact hours (6 weeks)

The institution will offer one new Certificate of Completion Program:

1.   **The Certificate of Completion in Certified Phlebotomy Technician Program** is designed to teach students the skill of blood drawing, from patients in the hospital or at a blood bank, for analysis. The program is designed to enable students to learn and become familiar with the anatomy of the circulatory system, specimen collection procedures, venipuncture, laboratory tests, and the equipment used for blood collection. Additionally, students will be responsible for scheduling their own practicum which includes 20 venipunctures and 10 capillary sticks. Upon completion, students are eligible to take the Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) exam administered by the National Healthcareer Association.

Program: Phlebotomy Technician
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 36 contact hours (3 weeks)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

G.   Tulsa Welding School – FL   Jacksonville, FL

Change of Ownership:

Tulsa Welding School is located at 3500 Southside Blvd in Jacksonville, Florida. The institution is a for-profit corporation and has been authorized by THEC since January 27, 2005.

The institution was sold to TWS Acquisition Corporation on September 10, 2008.

The institution will offer two programs that are already approved by THEC:

Program: Structural Welder
Credential Awarded: Diploma
Length of Program: 405 contact hours (15 weeks)

Program: Master Welder
Credential Awarded: Diploma
Length of Program: 705 contact hours (30 weeks)

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

H.   United Truck Driving School, Inc.   Dandridge, TN

 Change of Ownership:

United Truck Driving School is located at 1606 East Highway 25/70, Dandridge, TN 37725. The institution is a for-profit corporation and has been authorized by THEC since April, 1998.

The institution was sold to Volunteer Training Center, Inc. on April 14, 2009.

The institution will offer one program that is already approved by THEC:

Program: Commercial Driver Training
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 150 contact hours (15 days)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.