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Date: August 10, 2011
To: Minnesota GI BILL Program Representatives
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Subject: 2011-2012 Minnesota GI Bill Participation

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education is contacting eligible educational institutions within Minnesota to invite their participation in the Minnesota GI Bill Program for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The Office of Higher Education has created a web-based reporting mechanism to gather participation information for the MN GI Bill program. If your institution chooses to participate in the Minnesota GI Bill program, please complete the participation agreement now. The participation agreement states that your institution agrees to abide by the applicable laws, rules and policies governing this program. You can access the participation reporting screen at: <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/surveys/GIBill/participation.cfm>

The statute that creates this program states that all public postsecondary institutions must participate and each private postsecondary institution is encouraged to participate. Any participating private institution may suspend or terminate participation in the program at the end of any semester or other academic term.

Participating schools will receive their 2011-2012 initial allocation notice in September 2011. Your estimated initial allocation will be based on the utilization of funds in the 2010-2011 academic year at the institution as well as an estimate of the amount of expected awards to service members provided by each institution.

Approximately 50 percent of your initial allocation will be sent in September. The remaining 50 percent will be disbursed in January. We anticipate one or more reallocations taking place throughout the aid year.

If you have any questions, contact Megan FitzGibbon at megan.fitzgibbon@state.mn.us or 651-259-3931.