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VIA EMAIL
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Ms. Sondra Schneider
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*Re: Addendum to August 21, 2014 Denial Letter
ACCET ID #1295*

Dear Ms. Schneider:

This letter is to inform you that, at its August 2014 meeting, the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) voted to deny reaccreditation to Security University, located in Herndon, Virginia. After receipt of the August 21, 2014 denial letter, the institution notified ACCET that the exhibits referenced in the Commission action letter as "corrupt" had in fact been resubmitted to ACCET by the institution prior to the Commission meeting. These files were overlooked during the August review as they were not included with the original submission. To ensure a complete review of the institution's file, the Commission reviewed the attachments in question and reconvened via teleconference on September 2, 2014. At that time, the Commission determined that the exhibits provided in the institution's response to areas of noncompliance failed to demonstrate that the institution was in full compliance with ACCET standards, policies, and practices and, therefore, voted to affirm its original decision to deny reaccreditation based on the twelve areas of noncompliance identified in the Commission's August 21, 2014 letter.

Since denial of initial accreditation is an adverse action by the Accrediting Commission, the institution may appeal the decision. The full procedures and guidelines for appealing the decision are outlined in Document 11 – Policies and Practices of the Accrediting Commission, which is available on our website at www.accet.org. If the institution wishes to appeal the decision, the Commission must receive written notification no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of this letter, in addition to a certified or cashier's check in the amount of \$8,500.00, payable to ACCET, for an appeals hearing.

In the case of an appeal, a written statement regarding the grounds for the appeal, saved as **PDF documents (with exhibits bookmarked) and copied to six individual flash drives**, must be submitted to the ACCET office within sixty (60) calendar days from receipt of this letter. The appeal process allows for the institution to provide clarification of and/or new information regarding the conditions at the institution at the time the Accrediting Commission made its

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decision to deny or withdraw accreditation. The appeal process does not allow for consideration of changes that have been made by or at the institution or new information created or obtained after the Commission's action to deny or withdraw accreditation.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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