



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Benefits Administration
Washington DC 20420

April 7, 2009

In Reply Refer to: Yellow Ribbon Program

Dear Higher Education Executive,

We welcome you to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program that is available for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) also known as degree granting institutions. VA's final regulations for the Post-9/11 GI Bill were published in the Federal Register on March 31, 2009.

If your institution wishes to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program, please complete the attached VA Form 22-0839, Yellow Ribbon Program Agreement. The **Name**, **Address**, and **Facility Code** fields at the top of the Agreement must be filled out along with questions 5, 6 and 7 for the Agreement to be valid. VA must receive signed Agreements no later than May 15, 2009, in order to secure participation for the 2009-2010 academic year. Electronic PDF file copies and late agreements will not be accepted. (The Agreement indicates a return by February 15, which we will follow for all subsequent academic years). If your institution responded to our earlier survey, you must still complete the Agreement to participate, as the survey was not binding.

We recommend you use accelerated shipping with a tracking mechanism (Contact name and number - Janice Fisher, 202-461-9850) in order to prevent loss and guarantee receipt of the Agreement by the deadline. Please send to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Education Service
810 Vermont Ave, NW (Yellow Ribbon Program)
Washington, DC 20420

VA looks forward to working with you to provide the best educational opportunities possible to our nation's veterans. You will receive a copy of the signed Agreement after VA has processed it. A list of Yellow Ribbon participating institutions will be posted on the website June 1, 2009. If you have questions about the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the Yellow Ribbon Program or the Agreement, please visit www.gibill.va.gov or send an email to the Yellow Ribbon Program corporate mailbox at yellow.ribbon@va.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith M. Wilson", is written over the typed name.

Keith M. Wilson
Director, Education Service