COUNCIL ON OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

"Our vision is to be the standard for education that works"

Date: February 19, 2025

To: U.S. Secretary of Education, Appropriate State Licensing and Authorizing Agencies, Appropriate Accrediting Organizations, and Interested Parties

From: Kirk A. Nooks, Ed.D.
President & CEO
Council on Occupational Education

Subject: Houston Area Plumbing Joint Apprenticeship Committee (349700) - Voluntary Withdrawal of Accreditation

Pursuant to the Council on Occupational Education (COE) Policies and Rules and 34 Code of Federal Regulations §602.26(f)(1), COE provides written notice to the U.S. Secretary of Education, the appropriate State licensing or authorizing agencies, the appropriate accrediting organizations, and the public, within ten business days, when an accredited or preaccredited institution or program decides to voluntarily withdraw from accreditation.

The Council on Occupational Education received Houston Area Plumbing Joint Apprenticeship Committee's February 18, 2025, request to voluntarily withdraw from COE's membership, effective June 30, 2025. Given the nature of this request, the institution is following through with the guidance listed in Handbook of Accreditation: 2024 Edition, Section V, A., 8. Voluntary Withdrawal of Status, page 28- 29.

In keeping with COE policy, the Commission Actions on Institutions (notification and action documentation) is available on the COE website, www.council.org for access by interested parties and members of the public.

COE is providing this notice in addition to updating the USDOE's Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs (DAPIP)