

## **REGULATORY RELIEF PRINCIPLES – AREAS OF CONSENSUS**

On November 9, 2011, the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) and South Carolina’s public colleges and universities released a report with recommendations on regulatory relief. The Governor’s Office is broadly supportive of the concepts expressed in pages 20-22:

- Institutions earn higher degrees of autonomy by demonstrating sound management in personnel, finance, procurement, and related areas
- Three tiers of relief are attainable in each management area; institutions may earn Level II relief in some areas but not others, but Level III relief requires success in all fields
- Institutions will not be precluded from progressing to Level III on the basis of their size or composition

## **ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

The Governor’s Office asks CHE and the institutional presidents to consider the following additions/revisions to what was proposed in the November 9<sup>th</sup> report:

- Procurement relief available at each tier should be specifically identified in the regulatory relief legislation, instead of negotiated with MMO after the fact
- Regulatory relief in the technology and construction fields should be granted on the basis of objective criteria, as opposed to the certifications of individual state officials
- Level I relief should not be automatic
- At Level III, the state should no longer appropriate FTEs; institutions should manage complement independently

The Governor’s Office continues to review the “Financial Incentives” proposed for Level I.

## **ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL**

With the cooperation of the institutions and other state agencies, CHE should compile an inventory of all state-mandated reporting requirements. This report would help us achieve our mutual goal of reducing institutions’ compliance burdens by eliminating conflicting, redundant, or other excessive reporting requirements.