Assessment and Accountability in Higher Education

Past, Present and Future of the Federal Role

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Agenda

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The Federal Interest

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Wall Street

K-12 Education

Health Care
The Federal Interest: History

Tuition Increases and Regulatory Policy

Average Private Not-for-profit Tuition & Fees, Constant 2008 Dollars

HEA 92: SRK/SPRE

Reliance on Accreditation

Cost Commission/IncreasedRegs

Source: College Board, Trends in Student Aid 2008.
The Bush Administration

- Spellings Commission
- Pressure on Accreditation
The Obama Administration

• A “Bold Goal” for Higher Education
• Unprecedented Support
• High Expectations
• A New Role for States
A Window of Opportunity
A Leadership Challenge