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## **About COHEAO**

Since 1981, **COHEAO** has served as a partnership of colleges, universities, and organizations dedicated to promoting student friendly, efficiently operated campus-based loan and tuition payment programs. COHEAO members are dedicated to the preservation and improvement of federally supported institutional loan programs and HHS Loan Programs. COHEAO also advocates for the sound regulation of student financial services operations and campus accounts-receivable management practices.

### **Representation**

**COHEAO** keeps its members connected to Washington in two ways—1) helping them access and communicate with relevant Congressional and Administration officials & 2) keeping them informed on the legislative, regulatory, and industry landscape.

### **Advocacy**

**COHEAO** leadership and staff regularly meet with higher education policymakers, providing membership with guidance on the key players and how to communicate with them. COHEAO's advocacy efforts have been critical for maintaining Congressional support for institutional loan programs and student aid awareness efforts.

### **Industry News**

**COHEAO** also provides members with alerts on breaking developments and *The Torch*, a bi-weekly newsletter designed to keep members informed on Congress, the Administration, and the higher education community.

### **Conferences**

**COHEAO** hosts 2 conferences each year on campus-based loans and higher education finance. Members receive a significant discount at these events, which feature informative programs, networking opportunities, and discussions with Members of Congress, key officials from the Department of Education, and other leaders in student lending and financial aid.

### **Professional Development**

**COHEAO** provides professional development and training opportunities including teleconferences offered at a reduced fee to members. COHEAO's professional development opportunities help members stay informed on higher education legislation and regulations, ensure compliance, and learn more on best practices relating to institutional loans, regulatory compliance, receivables, debt management and other relevant topics.

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