

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
May 8, 2012**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Bridgepoint Education, Inc.

File No. 001-34272- CF#28051

Bridgepoint Education, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-K filed on March 7, 2012.

Based on representations by Bridgepoint Education, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

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| Exhibit 10.55 | through August 31, 2021 |
| Exhibit 10.67 | through March 2, 2015 |
| Exhibit 10.70 | through January 1, 2016 |
| Exhibit 10.73 | through January 1, 2016 |

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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