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Dear Dr. Soileau,

We are writing to express Internet Scout and ATE Central’s commitment to work with OP-TEC, the Support Center for Optics and Photonics Education, in its efforts to educate optics and photonics technicians for the US workforce.

As you know, ATE Central’s services and tools are designed to support and amplify the critical work that ATE centers and projects deliver through their NSF funding. In addition, accessing the ATE Central collection online allows PIs and their staff to leverage work done by others, help spot research or pedagogical gaps, and discover and share events or resources of interest with their target audiences.

It will be important to collect, disseminate, and archive the materials OP-TEC develops and, as part of that effort, to add relevant metadata for ease of discoverability, and feature them in searchable, accessible collections.

We look forward to continuing to work with the team at OP-TEC to disseminate information about the valuable work they are doing to enhance optics and photonics programs at two-year colleges. These efforts play an ongoing and important role in providing the workforce with technicians who are trained to engage in using these critical emerging technologies.

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