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Dear Dr. Carter:

The National Resource Center for Materials Technology Education (MatEdU) is pleased to support the future scope of work for the National Center for Optics and Photonics Education (OP-TEC) as they transition to a Support Center. Specifically we will share website links with the Center and support their growth and impact by using our network to broaden access to educational resources that blend optics, photonics and materials.

MatEdU builds upon numerous public and private initiatives, including NSF-funded centers and projects, through strong partnerships with higher and secondary education, professional groups and industry. We have built an extensive collection of curriculum modules for technician education in material science and commit to supporting OP-TEC as needed by providing materials science information, dissemination of Center course information, access to the resources on our website and materials science expertise. Leveraging our joint resources provides an ideal environment for development and further dissemination of information related to the field of materials and photonics.

Thank you for the excellent work you are doing to advance workforce education in community and technical colleges nation-wide. Let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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