



## INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE Office of the President

Mr. Duncan McBride  
National Science Foundation  
4201 Wilson Blvd.  
Arlington, VA 22031

Dear Mr. McBride:

Indian River State College (IRSC) is pleased to partner with the University of Central Florida (UCF) and OP-TEC in the development of the project "Education and Training for Precision Optics technicians." This project will build on the strong foundation in optics and photonics that IRSC has established as a principal member of OP-TEC.

As a partner in this new initiative, IRSC will adopt and test two courses that will be developed under this project and provide feedback to UCF and NSF. Participants in the new courses will include current students of the Robotics and Photonics Institute, and incumbent workers from industry. The project's goal is to eventually establish an AS degree in Precision Optics Technology.

We have confidence in the proven expertise of UCF and OP-TEC and look to the future fully assured of their ability to lead and manage this project. The involvement of the precision optics industry from around the country and the desire to keep this niche technology in the United States further guarantees the success of this project.

Indian River State College looks forward to this new important endeavor that will create additional, secure jobs in the United States while strengthening the Optics and Photonics industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Edwin R. Massey'.

Edwin R. Massey, Ph.D.  
President