



Anne M. Kress, Ph.D.  
President

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Dr. John Souders  
OP-TEC  
324B Kelly Drive  
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Dear Dr. Souders:

Monroe Community College (MCC) is honored to accept your invitation to partner with the Optics and Photonics Technical Education Center (OP-TEC) along with community colleges in Colorado and Florida in the creation of a new degree program supporting optical manufacturing. The optics industry has enjoyed a long and very vibrant history in the Rochester region and we are convinced that it is an industry crucial to our economic success in the future. We welcome the opportunity to provide critical optics fabrication education and training.

Optical technology is a special source of pride to MCC since our associates degree program in Optical Systems Technology, established in 1963 is the oldest one of its kind in the country. We enjoy a strong, reciprocal relationship with the local optics industry and are committed to strengthening that relationship by meeting their expressed needs for a highly-skilled, technically trained workforce.

MCC has a reputation for innovation and is one of only twenty community colleges to serve on the League for Innovation in the Community College Board of Directors. This partnership with OP-TEC, sister community colleges, and major optical manufacturers enables MCC to further its primary mission: to tailor education to community needs.

We are confident the National Science Foundation will see the benefit of this project and fund it accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anne M. Kress'.

Anne M. Kress  
President