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To Whom It May Concern:

Rose State College’s Cyber Security program has been an active member of the Cyber Security Education Consortium (CSEC) since its conception in 2002. The CSEC is based in Oklahoma and has served as an Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Regional Center for the National Science Foundation (NSF) consisting of seven states.

Rose State College prepares students and employees for entry-level employment, career advancement, and customized education in Cyber Security. Rose State College was the first and currently the only community college in the nation to offer all six National Training Standards for System Administration in Information Systems Security certificates (NSTISSI 4011-4016). Rose State College helps to provide an understanding of upcoming technologies such as wireless, biometrics, remote access, secure coding, mobile devices and digital forensics investigations.

The Oklahoma State Firefighters Association (OSFA) is a not-for-profit fraternal organization that seeks to protect the well-being of all the firefighters of Oklahoma. The OSFA, having been established in 1894, has records that stretch over the course of three centuries. The records we keep and maintain include names of individuals, fire departments and the length of service they individually provided to their community. Currently, our database contains information for more than 20,000 active and retired firefighters. Our purpose, representing the firefighters of Oklahoma, will dictate in the future that we be prepared to hire trained graduates in the area of Cyber Security as well as providing internships.

We hope to encourage you to consider allowing Rose State College to offer a Bachelor in Applied Technology (BAT) in Digital Forensics. There is a definite need for this degree program in order to develop and maintain a competent workforce in the State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

Chris Bain, EFO
Executive Director