May 7, 2009

Ken Dewey, Director / Professor Networking / Cyber Security
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Dear Mr. Dewey,

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 certifications (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.

INTEGRIS Health is the state’s largest Oklahoma-owned health care corporation and one of the state’s largest private employers (about 9,000 employees statewide), with hospitals, rehabilitation centers, physician clinics, mental health facilities, fitness centers, independent living centers and home health agencies throughout much of the state.

The health industry has a great need to provide security and privacy to patients, physicians, vendors, and other clients. As more and more consumers use the Internet as their main source of communications we will have a critical need for trained graduates in Cyber Security. The need already outpaces the current supply; therefore we would strongly encourage you to allow Rose State College to offer a Bachelor in Applied Technology (BAT) in Digital Forensics. This is imperative if we wish to develop and maintain a competent workforce.

Sincerely,

Lyn Hester, System Vice President
INTEGRIS Health