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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 4011-4616). Rose State College helps to provide an understanding of upcoming technologies such as wireless, biometrics, remote access, secure coding, mobile devices and digital forensic investigations.

The Oklahoma Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) is a not-for-profit fraternal organization that seeks to promote strong leadership skills for the Fire Chiefs of Oklahoma’s 938 Fire Departments. The OFCA, was established in 1957, and maintains records of our active members, associate members and our retirees. These records would include names of individuals, fire departments and the length of service they individually provided to their community. The OFCA represents the LEADERSHIP of the Oklahoma Fire Service. This group will dictate in the future the course of Public Safety and the technology that is used to assist us in the Mission of firefighters everywhere... to Save Lives and Protect Property. With the additional aspect of possible terrorist acts, the Oklahoma Fire Service must be prepared at many levels of education and training in order to respond efficiently and effectively. It is absolutely necessary that Fire Departments and Arson Investigation programs 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,

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Executive Director