



October 9, 2001

Mr. Daniel M. Hull  
President  
Principal Investigator for STEP II  
CORD  
601 Lake Air Drive  
Waco, TX 76710

Dear Mr. Hull:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to offer my support for the STEP II project. The curricula resulting from this project will give two-year colleges in the U.S. what they need to address the growing need for trained photonics technicians. Addressing this need is critical to maintaining competitiveness of the U.S. in the growing global photonics marketplace.

As current chair of the SPIE Education Committee and of SPIE's Women in Optics, I will work closely with CORD, Dr. Roychoudhuri and SPIE staff to maintain Society engagement in this critical activity.

As an advisor to the project and member of the proposed Technical/Industrial Working Group, I will provide information about industry needs and assistance with content in my area of expertise, electronic imaging.

I look forward to contributing to the continued leadership of the U.S. in this critical area of technology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Putnam', written over a horizontal line.

Gloria Putnam  
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