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Dear Prospective Industry Advisory Board Member,

We look forward to your organization possibly joining the only Forensic Science focused Industry-University Cooperative Research Center (IUCRC) in the country, called the Center for Advanced Research in Forensic Science (CARFS) which is jointly funded by the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Justice and by fellow Industry Advisory Board (IAB) members. CARFS is a collaborative effort among industry, universities and government partners using a model that has been successfully utilized and refined for over 40 years by the NSF.

Under this model, stakeholders partner to advance critical technologies from early-stage research to the marketplace. Faculty and students complete use-inspired research projects with continuous feedback from industry partners to solve real-world needs. The Industrial Advisory Board advises center leadership on which research projects to fund and works with faculty, students, and industry mentors to ensure success. The NSF and NIJ fund the majority of the administrative overhead costs.

Over the first 5 years of CARFS (2017-2022) more than 40 researchers from 2 university sites and 3 partner universities collaborated with more than 20 industrial partners to solve problems at the forefront of forensic science and to promote innovation and commercialization of the technologies they develop. CARFS has recently been funded for the next 5 years (2023-2028) with 3 university sites and additional partner universities and we are adding new industrial partners from private companies and government labs and would welcome your participation.

You can get additional details at the CARFS website <https://forensicrosearch.org/> as well as the attached CARFS brochure. We look forward to further discussions and hopefully having you join our groundbreaking effort to advance forensic science innovation.

Sincerely,

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