



A timeline of Congresswoman Slaughter's work in creating a National Manufacturing Institute for Photonics in Rochester

Here is an extensive timeline of Congresswoman's Slaughter's work to bring a national manufacturing institute for photonics to Rochester. For more info, visit louise.house.gov or 1.usa.gov/1GwXWkB.

June, 2012	Slaughter convenes industry and academic leaders to establish Rochester Regional Optics, Photonics and Imaging Accelerator, Advocate for Advanced Manufacturing Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge (AMJIAC).
October, 2012	Slaughter announces a \$2.6 million Advanced Manufacturing Jobs and Innovation Accelerator (AMJIA) federal grant to assist the growth of the regional optics industry.
February, 2013	Slaughter reconvenes industry and academic leaders to continue collaborative approach on advanced manufacturing grant.
June, 2013	Slaughter secures increase in funding for U of R Laser Lab.
September, 2013	Slaughter addresses Rochester Regional Photonics Cluster annual meeting, receives award for supporting industry.
October, 2013	Slaughter returns to Exelis to celebrate UR Laser Lab, QED and Exelis collaboration on locally made advanced polishing machine.
October, 2013	Slaughter's Op-Ed in support of local optics industry appears in The Hill.
February, 2014	Slaughter delivers keynote address to Optical Society of America.
March, 2014	Slaughter sends letter to President Obama advocating for a manufacturing institute for optics and photonics in Rochester.
May, 2014	Slaughter secures AmTech grant to fund development of New York Photonics Manufacturing Initiative.
May, 2014	Slaughter leads second letter to President Obama advocating for a manufacturing institute for optics and photonics in Rochester.

May, 2014	Slaughter brings senior Defense Department leaders to Rochester to showcase local optics and photonics capabilities.
May, 2014	Slaughter helps secure Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership for Rochester, giving region access to \$1.3 billion in federal funds to develop OPID industry and create jobs.
June, 2014	Department of Defense (DoD) releases a Request For Information (RFI), giving local and national stakeholders the opportunity to formally make the case for a federal investment in an optics and photonics manufacturing institute.
July, 2014	Slaughter announces \$2 million award for OLEDWorks for development of high quality organic light emitting diode products.
September, 2014	Slaughter delivers keynote address to Rochester Regional Photonics Institute, focuses on securing National Manufacturing Institute.
September, 2014	Slaughter sends a letter to Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense to make the case for Rochester as a location for a Manufacturing Institute in Optics, Photonics and Imaging.
October, 2014	Obama Administration commits to creating an Institute for Manufacturing Innovation dedicated to photonics; Rep. Slaughter begins organizing Rochester's application.
October, 2014	Slaughter brings U.S. Army Deputy Assistant Secretary Richard Kidd to Rochester to tour local optics and photonics manufacturers.
November, 2014	Slaughter convenes high-level meeting with industry, academic, and political stakeholders to begin writing application for the institute.
December, 2014	Slaughter writes letter to Governor Cuomo asking for a \$250 million investment in the local photonics industry to create jobs and leverage a federal investment.
January, 2015	Slaughter announces Rochester named one of three finalists to compete for the institute.
April, 2015	Slaughter secures \$250 million in state funding commitment for Rochester-based manufacturing institute
April, 2015	Slaughter leads a bipartisan group of lawmakers in writing to the Secretary of Defense in support of the Rochester-led application for the photonics institute