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### Defense Precision Optics Consortium (DPOC) Sharpens Focus



AmeriCOM's CEO, Dave Shelton, recently met with optics manufacturing leaders at

**SPIE's Optics and Photonics Conference** in San Diego to answer two pressing questions: What is DPOC? and Why do you need to join? His presentation outlined how AmeriCOM's DPOC can help galvanize the optics manufacturing industry to spark new research and drive innovation. Read More

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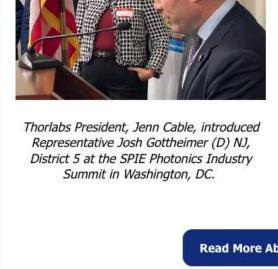


# The American Precision Optics Manufacturers Association (APOMA) will host a two-

**APOMA Technical Workshop** 

leaders and experts to share cutting-edge insights and innovations. The conference will feature two AmeriCOM speakers: CEO Dave Shelton will present "Chalcogenide Glass Recycling and Plans for Infrared Material Growth," while Program Manager for Workforce and Higher Education, Kirsten Nobel, will lead a session titled "Training Tomorrow's Opticians, AMERICOM-Supported Workforce Development Ecosystems." Other featured speakers include Tayyab Suratwala from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Daewook Kim, Associate Professor of Optical Sciences at University of Arizona's Wyant College of Optical Sciences. The event will also include a tour of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) in Livingston, Louisiana, where participants will learn about gravitational wave detection. AmeriCOM is a proud sponsor of the event. SPIE Summit Recap

#### third annual SPIE Photonics Industry Summit did not disappoint.



"What can we do

potential [optics]

to alleviate

supply chain

were well covered. Remarks from representatives of the Departments of Commerce, Energy, and Defense; NASA; the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST); the Economic Development Agency; and Lawrence

Our Collective Impact

Just like the previous two gatherings, the

Both aspects of AmeriCOM's mission workforce development and optics manufacturing technology research -

Livermore National Laboratory highlighted AmeriCOM's impact. **Read More About the Summit** OWING

## bottlenecks?" Dave Shelton, President & CEO, AmeriCOM **New Optics Program Director** Front Range Community College (FRCC) in Longmont,

CEO Dave Shelton shares his vision for AmeriCOM with Laser Focus World's Justine Murphy in the latest edition of Following the Photons: A Photonics Podcast. Front Range Community College Announces

#### CO, named **Dr. Jenna Montague** as the new Director of its **Optics and Laser Technology Program**. Dr. Montague recently earned her PhD from the University of Arizona's Wyant College of

Optical Sciences. She will lead the program which is the only one of its kind in Colorado. Boulder, and the surrounding northern Colorado region, is a national hub for optics and photonics manufacturers, which creates a strong demand for skilled optics technicians. UPCOMING EVENTS APOMA Technical Defense Manufacturing

Workshop

New Orleans, LA

October 8-11, 2024

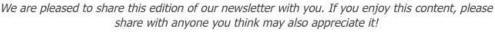


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