Mi-Light: Michigan Photonics Cluster

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Mi-Light Welcomes Administrative Support with First Time Hire

Ann Arbor, MI – Mi-Light, the Michigan photonics industry cluster, has taken its next step into expansion by hiring an administrative assistant and new point of contact for the organization.

"Mi-Light is pleased to announce our first hire, after just over two years as an all-volunteer organization," stated Michelle Stock, Mi-Light's Board Chairperson. "With the support of the MEDC and under the direction of the Mi-Light Board, we have engaged Stephanie Lawrence as a part-time administrator. With the addition of Stephanie, we are now able to give more attention to supporting our members and growing Mi-Light. We are very excited to have her as part of our organization."

Stephanie is currently studying African Studies and History at the University of Michigan focusing on economic and social welfare development in African nations. Additionally, Stephanie has been taking courses at the Ross School of Business.

She has a vibrant background in non-profits including working for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County as a Development Assistant and as a Non-Profit Management Intern at South Oakland Shelter, an organization with a mission to end homelessness in Oakland County, where she grew up.

Stephanie's main duties will include member database management, website maintenance, administrative support, and documentation of Mi-Light's operations. She started in her position at the beginning of July.

For more information regarding Mi-Light or the information contained in this press release, please contact Stephanie Lawrence at stephanie.lawrence@mi-light.org.

<u>About Mi-Light</u>: Mi-Light is a non-profit organization serving Michigan's photonics industry by bringing together professionals from companies, academia and organizations to mutually support and promote photonics-related business. For more on Mi-Light visit: www.mi-light.org.

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