## **Optics in Eastern Connecticut Summary:**

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This paper describes a partnership between EASTCONN, a regional educational service center, and Three Rivers Community College, both located in eastern Connecticut, to present optics and photonics to students from 5th grade through college. Using innovative approaches including hands-on workshops on selected topics in light, vision and optics/photonics, field trips to local photonics industries, and authentic learning opportunities at a college campus, students and their teachers learn about light and optics with age-appropriate activities.