



## Rochester Precision Optics Extends Design Solutions with the Acquisition of ASE Optics

**Rochester, NY (January 5, 2011)** – [Rochester Precision Optics \(RPO\)](#), a world leader in optical solutions, announced today the acquisition of Rochester based ASE Optics. ASE was formed in 1994 and has provided optical engineering services and research to over 200 different clients ranging from government agencies to Fortune 500 companies. The acquisition allows RPO to extend and grow its design and research services, and with RPO's extensive manufacturing capabilities it will allow ASE to not only design but build prototypes and full production systems for their customers.

"With the acquisition of ASE, we will enhance RPO's ability to design and fabricate very complex optical systems for our customers", said William Hurley, president of Rochester Precision Optics. "Chris Cotton, the founder of ASE, has built a unique company. Their Discovery Service™ gives the customer an economical path to understand and solve what are sometimes very complicated problems. Both companies have complementary expertise, strong market reputations and a passion for technological innovations. We look forward to integrating our similar entrepreneurial cultures and further strengthening our leadership position in the optics and photonics market."

ASE Optics and RPO will provide customers with a one stop option to solve complex problems facing the optics community today. With this acquisition, ASE Optics will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Rochester Precision Optics.

### **About Rochester Precision Optics**

Rochester Precision Optics was formed in 2005 when it acquired the manufacturing technology, intellectual properties and assets from Kodak Optical Imaging Systems. RPO is a leading optics manufacturer providing components and full optical systems to both defense and commercial markets. Its commercial markets are served by both their Shanghai, China location and their headquarters in Rochester, New York. RPO has over 80,000 square feet of modern optical manufacturing and specializes in leveraging its aspheric optics capabilities to provide lightweight and affordable optical sub-systems.

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