Sample I-983 Form

For general use only. ISSS comments are in the color boxes. Specific student cases may vary, therefore the student is responsible for reading and following ICE form instructions:

All boxes must be complete and address all program requirements before an I-20 may be issued requesting STEM OPT.

Check that the form isn’t expired.

The dates for which your STEM will be valid (it will start the day after your post-completion OPT EAD expires)

If you are basing the STEM extension on your most recently earned degree for which you are currently on post-completion OPT, check “No.” If this is based on a prior degree, then check “Yes.” Be prepared to show documentation of the prior degree to ISSS and USCIS. Make sure that the “Name of School Where STEM Degree Was Earned” is correct above if the degree was earned at another U.S. institution.

All signatures on the I-983 must be in ink; digital signatures are not allowed.

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This refers to your first date of STEM OPT training with the employer, which may be different from the date you started work. The date should be on or after whatever your first date of STEM OPT employment will be.

Street Address should refer to the employer/company’s mailing address.

It is up to your employer to decide who has signatory authority. The official signing section 4 may be the same or different from the official signing section 6.
Site Address should be where you will physically work; it may be the same or different from the employer/company mailing address listed on section 3.

The official listed here must be an appropriate individual within the employer’s organization who is familiar with, and will monitor, the student’s goals and performance. This may or may not be the same Employer Official as in Section 4.

Please answer the above questions fully
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Evaluations must be signed and submitted to DSO/ISSS. The first evaluation is due at the end of the first year. The final evaluation is due within 10 days of the end of training (either at the end of second year, end of STEM OPT employment, or due to a change of status being approved therefore ending the STEM OPT training). Submit all 5 pages with your evaluations.