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Local Company to Develop and Market Revolutionary New Technology

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, on Tuesday joined members of Buffalo's academic, scientific, and economic communities to announce \$3 million in federal funding for Buffalo BioBlower Technologies LLC.

Rep. Slaughter secured the funding as part of the 2006 House Defense Appropriation Bill. The company, a spin-off of the research team at the University at Buffalo which developed the BioBlower, will use the funds to perfect and market its invention, which is a revolutionary new way to eliminate a wide array of deadly pathogens from the air.

"The BioBlower is a technology that can be applied widely in civilian and military life to keep people safe and secure in times of emergency or terrorist attack," Rep. Slaughter said. "Everything from hospitals, first-responder units, and postal facilities -- to government buildings and mass-transit systems could benefit enormously from the security and peace of mind generated by this device," she added.

"I'm also proud to say that the BioBlower was invented right here at the University at Buffalo," Rep. Slaughter said. "Once again, our region is serving as a leader in technological development, and it is this labor and innovation that are benefiting people both locally and throughout our country."

"It's a perfect example of what can be accomplished when government, the private sector, academia, and the non-profit community collaborate to advance local economic opportunities," Rep. Slaughter said. She continued, "Not only with this funding help create jobs; it will do so while protecting our troops and improving our homeland security."

The BioBlower rapidly heats air it collects, destroying airborne pathogens in the process. It is effective against anthrax and has the potential to eradicate pathogens such as SARS, and a variety of other deadly organisms. The BioBlower system is also superior to air filters currently in use because it eliminates pathogens instead of merely trapping them for later disposal. It was developed by a team of researchers at the University AT Buffalo, and is currently undergoing final testing before being produced and distributed by Buffalo BioBlower Technologies LLC.