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"This funding will support important projects in Western New York to enhance our nation's security," Rep. Slaughter said. "These projects will create jobs and spur economic development in our community, while at the same time helping ensure our service men and women have the best tools to do their job in the field."

"It is important to remember that each dollar we bring home has a multiplier effect on our community," Rep. Slaughter continued. "Each project that is funded, whether it is for research, transportation, public health, or community revitalization is money getting pumped into the regional economy and helping Western New York create jobs and remain competitive."

"When we invest in our communities, our national security, and our infrastructure, we are investing in our future. That is why these projects and this money are so important for all Western New Yorkers."

The funding was included as part of the FY08 Department of Defense Appropriations bill.

A detailed description of each of the projects is included below:

- \$3 million for Hauptman Woodward to conduct research on virus mutation and virus transfer from humans to animals. Hauptman Woodward will use this funding to research virus mutation and virus transfer from humans to animals and explore ways to address this vulnerability through the development of tests, vaccines and broad-spectrum antivirals to deal with global pandemic threats.

- \$4 million for Koning Corp. (with support from U of R and High Tech Rochester) for innovative technology providing breast cancer diagnostic accuracy at lower radiation levels. Koning CT for Breast Cancer Screening has the potential to detect more breast cancers earlier - saving lives and money. Koning will develop a "cost reduced" version so that all breast screening imagers can purchase the technology and will complete extensive clinical trials to prove its detection accuracy so that it can obtain pre-market approval from the FDA.

- \$2.75 million for RIT and Delphi to accelerate manufacturability and application of Solid Oxide Fuel Cells in the armed forces. Fuel cells are preferable for meeting the armed services power needs, due to their quiet, flexible, and fuel-efficient operation. Moreover, fuel cells' higher efficiency will decrease the amount of fuel that needs to be transported, which in turn will save lives and reduce injuries, and their quiet operation will improve "stealth" capabilities. RIT and Delphi Corporation will establish a cooperative industry/academic fuel cell test, development and demonstration center, and conduct the research required to advance and demonstrate fuel cell manufacturing feasibility and readiness for field testing for a wide range of applications, initially including surface ships, unmanned underwater vehicles, ground vehicles and mobile equipment such as light carts and fork lifts, stationary and mobile power generation, unmanned aerial vehicles and ground support.

- \$2 million for CUBRC, Inc. to develop a new generation of anti-viral drugs for emerging threats. CUBRC will seek to identify small 'druggable' molecules that will be effective against all strains of a given virus, be far less susceptible to drug resistance and achieve this faster and at lower cost than the currently accepted drug development models.

- \$1 million for Logical Images' VisualDx image-based real-time clinical decision support. VisualDx will provide local or online, image-based real-time clinical decisions to ships, submarines and Navy Medical Facilities in the Pacific theater. The field/operational test will demonstrate remote deployed clinicians can improve diagnostic capabilities by identifying uncommon or unfamiliar diseases. This project will support the field/operational test by delivering, training and supporting the installation and use of VisualDx throughout the Navy as required by NHRC. Additionally, VisualDx provides a surveillance capability for the early detection and warning of an outbreak associated with these types of diseases. The field/operational test will demonstrate these capabilities.

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