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Federal Funding to Support Transportation, Economic, Medical, and Community Revitalization Initiatives

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"I am pleased to announce that I have secured over 22.5 million dollars in federal funding for Western New York," Rep. Slaughter said. "This funding will create jobs, improve our transportation infrastructure, and enable community revitalization and further medical research across the 28th district."

"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."

"That's 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 enacted into law earlier this year, and the omnibus appropriations bill that passed in the House of Representatives on Monday, which included the FY08 Transportation-HUD appropriations bill, the FY08 Labor-HHS appropriations bill, the FY08 Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill, the FY08 Financial Services appropriations bill, the FY08 Interior appropriations bill, and the FY08 Energy and Water appropriations bill.

A detailed description of the projects is below:

\$12.95 Million Secured For FY08 Defense Projects

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

\$3.2 million for Koning Corp. (with support from the University of Rochester 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 must develop a "cost reduced" version so that all breast screening imagers can purchase the technology and must 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. These applications will initially include 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.

\$1.6 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.

- \$2.4 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 that 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 the Naval Health Research Center. 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.

\$4.25 Million Secured For FY08 Transportation -HUD Projects

\$400,000 for the Burchfield-Penney Art Center's new museum project in Buffalo, New York. This project will provide funds for the Burchfield-Penney Art Center to build a new stand-alone museum on an ideal 4-acre site directly across the street from the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. The Burchfield-Penney Art Center is a 40 year old art museum dedicated to the art of nationally recognized artist Charles Burchfield and artists who have lived and continue to live in Western New York. The funding will be used to build a state-of-the-art facility, which will enhance the center's ability to serve the public.

\$1.6 million for the redevelopment of the Fruit Belt neighborhood in Buffalo, New York. This project is part of the larger Fruit Belt Redevelopment Plan that is designed to spur economic growth in the region. This funding will be used for roadway, streetscape, pedestrian access, and other infrastructure improvements necessary for the development of the Fruit Belt neighborhood in Buffalo. The project will include streets, sidewalks, curbs, street lights, and utility upgrades.

\$100,000 for the construction and enhancement of Motts Lane in the Town of Penfield, New York. Due to recent development in towns adjacent to Penfield, traffic has increased to 35,000 vehicles per day in this area, making it difficult and unsafe to enter and leave driveways that serve the businesses operating along it. This funding will be used to increase vehicular and pedestrian safety in Penfield, NY by completing an extension of Motts Lane and realigning its intersection with Liberty Street.

\$200,000 for the rehabilitation of the exterior of the Group Ministries community services building in Buffalo, NY. The building at 1323 - 1337 Jefferson Street was constructed in the early 1900s. It is structurally sound and presently houses GROUP Ministries, Inc., a multifaceted community based organization that offers services to substance abusers and persons afflicted with/at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS. The exterior of the building still retains its original features which have deteriorated with time. The entire building has been a work in progress for the past few years. This funding will be used to rehabilitate the exterior of the building and will include the architectural design, replacement of doors and windows, and other façade improvements.

\$1.95 million to complete phase 1B of cargo apron at the Niagara Falls International Airport in Niagara Falls, New York. The Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority has entered into a consortium with three cargo businesses to develop a cargo handling facility at the Niagara Falls International Airport. In order to accommodate this new activity, which is critical to economic development in Western New York, improvements must be made to the cargo apron. This funding would be used to expand the cargo apron so that two B-747 aircrafts can park alongside the cargo facilities and simultaneously operate.

\$2.663 Million Secured For FY08 Energy and Water Projects

\$1.466 million to dredge the Genesee River at Rochester Harbor. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) dredges the Genesee River at the Rochester Harbor every few years. Dredging the Rochester Harbor will allow it to stay open to commercial interests and prevent severe economic losses for Western New York.

\$197,000 Olcott Outer Harbor Breakwater Project. Funding will be used for a feasibility study for the construction of a 600-foot breakwater, 200 feet off the end of existing Federal piers in Lake Ontario near Olcott, New York.

\$1 million for the Nanosystems Initiative at the University of Rochester. Funding will be used for the University of Rochester to launch a Nanosystems Initiative focused on fuel cells and optical biosensors.

\$1.222 Million Secured For FY08 Commerce, Justice, and Science Projects

\$625,100 for the Monroe County Crime Lab Computer and Document Forensic/Digital Evidence Module. Monroe County, NY. This funding will be used for the development and implementation of a Computer Forensic/Digital Evidence Section in the Monroe County regional crime laboratory.

\$98,700 for Livescan fingerprint equipment. Lewiston Police Department in Lewiston, NY. Funding will be used to purchase Livescan fingerprint equipment.

\$470,000 for law enforcement technology, including a camera system and shot spotter software for the City of Buffalo, NY. Funding will be used to help the Buffalo Police Department purchase and install a camera system at hot points in the City to help deter violent crime, identify offenders, and provide enhanced homeland security along the border.

\$28,200 for Quad A for Kids after school program for elementary school at risk youth. Quad A for Kids, Rochester, NY. Funding will be used for continuation and enrichment of activities for at-risk youth at two schools, program expansion at three schools, and the addition of a new health component with medical, physical and nutrition objectives and activities.

\$600,000 Secured For FY08 Financial Services Projects

- \$100,000 for the Urban League of Rochester's Minority and Women Business Development Programs. The Urban League of Rochester will use these funds to expand its minority and women business development services, with a specific focus on the Jefferson Avenue corridor. Services provided include start-up, business development, business retention, and business expansion services through intensive workshops and technical assistance. The Urban League of Rochester provides services to minorities, women, dislocated workers, those economically disadvantaged, and individuals with disabilities who are seeking to start a business, are in the process of starting their own business ventures, or are early-stage firms (businesses already existing, less than 5 years).

\$500,000 for the Micro and Small Business Loan Program in Buffalo, NY. The City will use these funds to further capitalize and expand the Micro and Small Business Loan Program in Buffalo, which revitalizes neighborhoods by

providing start-up and expansion loans to local entrepreneurs who may have difficulty accessing support through more traditional sources.

\$540,000 Secured For FY08 Interior Appropriations Projects

\$440,000 to repair the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the Village of Lyndonville, NY. The plant was built in 1978 and is in need of major repairs. This funding will enable the Village of Lyndonville to upgrade their Waste Water Treatment Plant in order to comply with EPA regulations.

\$100,000 for the restoration of the historic Mount Hope Cemetery, City of Rochester, NY. Dedicated in 1838, Mount Hope Cemetery is known nationally as the final resting place of abolitionist Frederick Douglass and women's rights leader Susan B. Anthony. The cemetery is also the oldest operated Victorian cemetery in the United States. This funding will be used to restore and renovate the cemetery's architectural assets.

\$827,000 Secured For FY08 Labor-HHS Appropriations Projects

- \$487,000 for the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for technology upgrades and staffing for cardiac research at the Heart Center.

- \$97,000 for the adoption programs for hard-to-place children at Hillside Family of Agencies Children's Center, including education and training for Hillside children, recruiting adoptive families, and providing post-adoptive services.

- \$243,000 for Hillside Family of Agencies work-scholarship connection Youth Employment Training Academy (YETA). This funding will expand the YETA to provide additional academic services to students participating in this hugely successful dropout prevention program. The YETA teaches employment readiness skills to youth.

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