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## SCHUMER ANNOUNCES SENATE SET TO APPROVE OVER \$21 MILLION FOR MILITARY PROJECTS IN CAPITAL REGION

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U.S Senator [Charles E. Schumer](#) ▼

today announced that the Senate is set to approve \$21.5 million in funding for military projects in the Albany region.

The funding includes \$5 million from the Arsenal Support Program Initiative (ASPI) which will enable the Arsenal Business and Technology Partnership to rehabilitate and develop unused space at the Watervliet Arsenal so that additional private companies and jobs can be brought to the site. In addition, \$1.2 million has been secured to fund collaborative nanotechnology research between the University at Albany's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, Benet Laboratories and private companies already located at the Arsenal.

The funding also includes \$960,000 for the Watervliet Arsenal Coalition to help develop an advanced weapons system, \$800,000 for Crystal IS, Inc. in Green Island to develop high power, high temperature applications of importance to the military, \$1.6 million to the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs to purchase advanced infrared radar systems, \$2,560,000 to the C9 Corporation for Army research and development in Wilton, \$3,440,000 to Integrated Ship and Motion Control Technology for Navy research in Malta, \$2 million to [United Technologies Corporation](#) ▼ for Air Force research, and \$4 million to **TechSolve** for Army research.

"This is terrific news for the entire Capital Region," said Schumer. "Providing our brave men and women with the resources they need is essential to the success of our military. I will continue to fight for funds that will help our soldiers perform at the optimum level. In addition, the \$5 million in ASPI money will allow Tony Gaetano and the Arsenal Partnership to attract even more private companies to the Watervliet Arsenal. That is a win-win because it delivers good paying jobs while making the core mission of manufacturing cannon leaner and meaner by utilizing unused space on the campus."

The purpose of the seven-year old Arsenal Support Program Initiative (ASPI) is to help maintain the viability of Army manufacturing arsenals and the unique capabilities of these arsenals in supporting national security interests. Funds will be used to help Watervliet Arsenal to secure new companies on site, bringing significant investment to the Capital Region and reducing the Army's cost of ownership. Past funding has helped to attract 18 companies and over 200 jobs to the site.

Crystal IS Inc., in conjunction with the Army, will use the funds as part of a broader three year, \$30M effort to leverage the recent development of large single-crystal aluminum nitride substrates into robust semiconductor sources of deep ultraviolet light as well as developing other high power, high temperature applications of importance to the military.

The funds for the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs will go towards the purchase of five Ultra 7500-B forward looking infrared radar (FLIR) systems and six Quick Fielding Rapid Install (QFRI), to be distributed at flight facilities throughout New York State for use on the UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopters. Two systems would go to the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) at Rochester, two at the AASF at Ronkonkoma and one at the AASF in Albany.

The C9 Corporation will use the funds to help to continue research and development work and to begin a manufacturing pilot program in the field of silicon carbide semiconductor components for use in future Army technologies and programs. The funds will also be used by Advanced Energy Conversion for Integrated Ship and Motion Control Technology for Navy research, by [United Technologies Corporation](#) ▼ for Air Force research into plane propellers that would support the 109th Air Wing at the New York Air National Guard, and by **TechSolve** for Army research into producing the Smart Machine Platform, a next generation of high-tech manufacturing equipment which would help to keep New York at the cutting edge of specialty manufacturing.

The Defense Appropriations are being passed as a part of the Continuing Resolution. The House passed the CR on Wednesday night, and the Senate expects to pass it in the coming days.