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### **Cornell's JumpStart program begins R&D projects with four NY companies**

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The Cornell Center for Materials Research (CCMR) JumpStart program announced today that four companies – Summit Lubricants of Genesee, Specialty Silicone Products of Saratoga, American Aerogel of Rochester, and Universal Photonics of Hicksville – are receiving matching support for research and development projects in fall of 2006. These companies are collaborating with CCMR on projects for developing, testing, or improving the critical properties of materials important to their businesses.

This program, funded by the New York State Office for Science, Technology and Academic Research (NYSTAR), supports small business development in the state by providing \$1 to every \$2 of company expenses for projects of up to \$15,000 in value. Projects are awarded to those companies who align best with the resources and capabilities of the CCMR.

Wakonda Technologies, a spring 2006 participant, is gaining access to significant additional resources as a result of the boost provided by the program. “The benefits of a CCMR partnership can go an awful long way if you look at the value it brings early on, accelerating your growth into the marketplace. I have leveraged \$5000 worth of JumpStart matching support into \$200,000 worth of federal money in the course of about 6 months, and I'm now looking to leverage that into about a million dollars of funding for next year,” stated company President Les Fritzeimer.

CCMR Industrial Programs Manager David Jung stated, “The JumpStart program continues to demonstrate that a leading research institution, like Cornell, can have a real impact on small regional businesses that drive our local economies. We're looking forward to delivering success with our four new recipients.”

The JumpStart program is just one element of CCMR's small business program that has reached out to over 200 small businesses across upstate New York. Visit the CCMR website (<http://www.ccmr.cornell.edu/industry/>) for further details about this exciting program and to apply for spring 2007 projects (applications will be accepted in Oct. 16-Nov. 13, 2006).



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## **About NYSTAR**

The New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research (NYSTAR at <http://www.nystar.state.ny.us/> ) fosters and promotes the growth of high technology research and economic development in New York State by providing funding and other forms of assistance to world-class high technology academic research and development centers, business development organizations, and technology trade groups in New York State. The agency works in partnership with other State agencies and organizations regarding the Centers of Excellence and the Gen\*NY\*sis biotechnology research centers, and it supports efforts to commercialize high technology innovations while serving as a resource for small and start-up technology companies.

## **About the Cornell Center for Materials Research (CCMR)**

CCMR is a National Science Foundation and New York State funded interdisciplinary center at Cornell University whose mission is to advance, explore and exploit the forefront of the science and engineering of advanced materials with an aim to be world leaders in the design, control and understanding of the behavior of both crystalline and disordered nano-materials. This objective is pursued through fundamental experimental and theoretical studies of the assembly and processing of nano-materials and of their resulting behavior, educational outreach, and collaborations with industry.