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**Congressman Eric Massa**  
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**Congressman Eric Massa announces  
\$651,605 National Science Foundation  
Awards for 29<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

*Henrietta, New York's Rochester Institute of Technology  
and Lumetrics, Inc. will receive funds to advance  
scientific research*

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congressman Eric Massa announced \$651,605 in National Science Foundation Awards for two Henrietta, New York recipients, Rochester Institute of Technology and Lumetrics, Inc. Rochester Institute of Technology will receive \$162,426 for a project titled "EAGER: Poly(Ionic Liquids)" with funding effective August 1, 2009. Lumetrics, Inc. will receive \$489,179 for a project titled "SBIR Phase II: Fiber-optic System for Fast non-contact measurements of optical structure of human eye" with funding effective August 1, 2009.

"I'm proud to help announce these important investments in the talented students at Rochester Institute of Technology and in the talented employees at Lumetrics, Inc.," said Congressman Eric Massa. "These National Science Foundation funds will help advance scientific research in our district and bring jobs to our area. Making investments in scientific education and research is critical and will help propel our students and our industries into the future with the skills necessary to compete on the world stage."

"The work of Thomas Smith, a professor of chemistry and microsystems engineering, will advance discovery and knowledge in his imaging material laboratory at RIT," says RIT President Bill Destler. "The lab centers around the design and synthesis of functional polymers. We are grateful to Congressman Massa for securing this NSF funding that invests in core science and technology."

“We are very pleased to be the recipient of this NSF grant award which will result in improved vision for patients who receive lens implants. We fully expect that this award will not only increase our R&D programs but will result in increased employment in our Henrietta headquarters. We are very appreciative of the efforts by Congressman Massa and his office in supporting our application and advocating to the NSF on our behalf,” stated John Hart, President and CEO of Lumetrics, Inc.

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