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The New York State Economic Development program, through the new regional council program, has awarded Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute (HWI) with $500,000. HWI was one of 720 projects statewide that received funding that totaled $785.5 million dollars.

The money for the economic development program came in part from a $200 million dollar competitive bid process. The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus emerged as one of the biggest winners of the competition, obtaining nearly 10% of the money destined for the area.

The funds awarded to HWI will be used to expand the high throughput crystallization laboratory biotech services at the Institute. Directed by George DeTitta and Joe Luft, the High-Throughput Crystallization Laboratory at the HWI has been funded for more than 10 years by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a national resource for academic researchers. Service is provided at or below the cost of materials. The facility has processed over 13,000 protein samples and has a worldwide reputation. The laboratory can equally well serve biotech and pharmaceutical industry scientists working on drug discovery. Such clients would pay commercial rather than academic rates which will help generate new revenues for the Institute to support its research.

As a not-for-profit institution, the HWI has not had the ability to dedicate funds necessary to expand and further commercialize the operations of the lab. The New York State Economic Development grant funds will provide the necessary capital to hire staff and upgrade equipment needed to expand services and offer competitive, revenue generating and sustainable research. Expected outcomes include job creation, a stable and sustainable revenue stream, and the ability to hasten vital scientific research that will advance drug development and other goals.

ABOUT HWI

2011 marks the 25th anniversary of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry which was granted to Buffalo’s only Nobel Laureate and HWI namesake Dr. Herbert A. Hauptman. The anniversary will be celebrated throughout the calendar year with special events and publications. With more than 50 years of exceptional scientific research, the Hauptman-Woodward Institute is an internationally-renowned independent, non-profit facility specializing in life-altering research. Our team of more than 75 members is committed to improving human health through the study of the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their fundamental molecular level. HWI is located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in downtown Buffalo, New York, in a new state-of-the-art structural biology research center at 700 Ellicott Street. For more information, visit HWI’s website at www.hwi.buffalo.edu or call 716-898-8600.