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# Kingston armor firm in line for \$2M boost

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This shrapnel illustrates some of the types of projectiles that armor made by Armor Dynamics in Kingston can stop. Rep. Maurice Hinchey announced Monday that \$2 million is available for the company.

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KINGSTON — A Kingston firm is developing a new kind of armor it says will better protect soldiers from improvised explosive devices and other weapons of today's wars.

Armor Dynamics, founded in 2004, is in line to get \$2 million from the federal government to help develop it.

Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-Hurley, announced Monday that the House Appropriations Committee, of which he is a member, included the money in the fiscal 2010 defense appropriations bill. The full House is slated to vote on the bill Wednesday or Thursday.

Hinchey made the announcement at the company's Kingston Industrial Park site.

The company is developing MagmaCore Armor, described as a patented, composite armor technology — lighter and thinner, but stronger and less expensive than the steel now used in vehicle and body armor.

David Warren, Armor Dynamics' president and CEO, said the Army and other government agencies are interested in his product.

The company already provides armor products for government and private entities, including cars used by the Kingston Police Department.

Armor Dynamics at first will add five to 10 people to its seven-member staff, but hopes to add another 20 to 25 — everything from forklift operators to engineers — by next year, when the equipment for the MagmaCore Armor process is installed. It also will more than double the size of its 12,000-square-foot research and development facility.

In 2006, the company predicted it would create 570 jobs here in the next five years.

Hinchey predicted the \$2 million will survive House-Senate negotiations on a final bill.

Armor Dynamics will have to go through the bidding process to get military contracts, but Warren, a former Marine, said he's "very confident in saying we are leading the industry."

"This has the potential to be very, very successful," Hinchey added.

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