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## Solar firm to add 190 employees at TechCity

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TOWN OF ULSTER — U.S. Rep. Maurice Hinchey on Monday upped estimates for job creation at Precision Flow Technologies by more than three times the number announced only four months ago.

Hinchey, D-Hurley, said employment by the Saugerties-based company is now expected to expand by 190 from 185 to about 375. In addition, 31 jobs are expected for construction of facilities for the company at TechCity.

“These new jobs with Precision Flow are a testament to the company’s employees and I applaud (company President) Kevin Brady and his team for what they have accomplished,” Hinchey said in a news release.

Officials in December announced that Precision Flow Technologies would be one of four subcontractors used to produce silicon carbide semiconductor-grade material for the military through a \$2.8 million congressional earmark administered by Saratoga County-based C9 Corporation. Included was funding for the company to build a 40,000-square-foot manufacturing facility at TechCity.

Hinchey noted that funding will come from the 2010 defense appropriations bill intended to help job growth locally, which at the time was expected to allow the company to expand from 185 employees to about 245 within a year.

Precision Flow Technologies is among 15 companies in The Solar Energy Consortium, which Hinchey helped spearhead.

“As (Precision Flow Technologies) has grown, they have provided business opportunities to several other TSEC partner companies (by) creating jobs elsewhere in our region,” said Solar Energy Consortium President Vincent Cozzolino.

Brady in December said the company could grow by \$100 million to \$200 million if the product development is successful.

“If you look beyond the military application, the commercial opportunities could literally double the size of the company if you hit the timing correctly,” he said.

Work being done includes finding ways to get more battery life for powering hand-held and back-pack devices for troops, recharging unmanned reconnaissance platforms, and development of hybrid vehicles.

“These are products that haven’t been really designed yet,” said C9 Corporation President Kevin Donegan.