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Your Dollar\$ at Work: N.C. Technology Funding Cover a Variety of Initiatives

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RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK – The whopping \$555 billion “Omnibus Appropriations” bill sent by Congress to President Bush just before Christmas is crammed with money for a wide variety of technology projects in North Carolina.

From research and development funding for biofuels to money to help launch a “military business park” in Fayetteville, the list makes for interesting reading.

What follows are some of the projects as provided by Senator Elizabeth Dole's office:

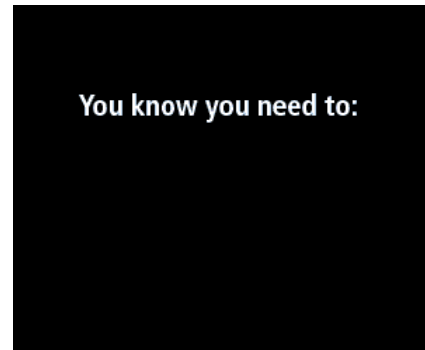
- National Textile Center - \$4,700,000: The National Textile Center, which includes N.C. State University, develops new textile materials and technologies, trains personnel, and conducts textile education research.
- NCSU Integrated Biomass Refining Institute - \$1,000,000
- Nanostructural Materials for Safe Alternative Energy, NCSU - \$1,000,000
- University of North Carolina Collaborative Initiative in Biomedical Imaging, to purchase equipment for noninvasive medical research - \$1,000,000
- Aquaculture, N.C. State University - \$244,000
- Crop Pathogens, N.C. State University - \$242,000
- Raleigh Police Department Interoperable Communications Technology - \$376,000
- Town of Cary Police Department technology upgrades - \$352,500
- Center for Sustainable Life for Space Exploration - \$376,000 - For research and develop biological processes for human life support (recycling air, purifying water, producing food, and maximizing human performance) in the context of exploring the solar system.
- North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center Rural Ventures Fund - \$282,000
- North Carolina Technology Association Education Foundation, school technology demonstration grants - \$97,000
- City of Fayetteville Military Business Park - \$150,000
- St. Joseph of the Pines Health System, electronic records - \$97,000

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