



Area News Roundup: Oneonta firm gets \$1.5 million

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ONEONTA ""The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has awarded up to \$1.5 million in incentives to an Oneonta firm developing an energy-efficient product, a media release announced Wednesday.

Ioxus Inc., formerly known as Renewable Energy Development Inc. or REDI, has shown ``significant prospect in developing new products that are energy efficient and demonstrated its need for bridge capital to bring those products to market," the NYSERDA release said.

The company is a subsidiary of Custom Electronics Inc. in Oneonta.

This is the first award under NYSERDA's enhanced Manufacturing Business Incentive Program, an application for bridge funding available to firms producing innovative energy-efficient products in New York state.

Ioxus is establishing a plant in Oneonta to develop electric double-layer capacitors and modules using such capacitors. The technology shows promise because it stores much more electrical energy than traditional capacitors, officials said, therefore making it attractive for use in combination with batteries, solar cells and other power sources. Michael Pentaris, chief executive officer of Ioxus Inc., said production will begin this month. He said in the release that he "is committed to making Ioxus a leading company in the field of green energy products and revitalizing the upstate economy through the creation of jobs.

``We appreciate NYSERDA and the state of New York's help in making this a reality," Pentaris added.

{"headline18"/}Weapons arrest made in Maryland

MARYLAND _ A convicted felon was arrested after being in possession of a rifle at his home, Otsego County deputies said Tuesday.

John A. Terberg, 38, of 122 Cemetery Road in Maryland, was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, deputies said in a media release. He was issued a ticket to appear in Maryland Town Court at a later date, deputies said, and he faces up to a year in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

Otsego Sheriff Richard Devlin Jr. said deputies received information about Terberg and interviewed him at his residence, where he was found in possession of a 30-60 rifle. The weapon was taken without incident, deputies said.

Terberg was convicted of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony, in the 9th Circuit Court in Kalamazoo, Mich., on May 30, 1996, deputies said.

{"headline18"/}Court date of alleged rapist postponed

The Wednesday Oneonta City Court date for Christopher J. Callahan, 39, of Oneonta, charged with raping a girl younger than 15, was adjourned until Monday, a court employee said. Callahan remained at Delaware County jail on \$25,000 cash bail, an officer there said.

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