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## State helps fund new project in Tooele County

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SALT LAKE CITY — The Governor's Office of Economic Development announced Tuesday a new technology that will be used to construct a first of its kind facility in Tooele.

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. has developed a proprietary "ion transport membrane" technology with Ceramatec, a Salt Lake City-based company. The proposed project will consist of a \$40 million investment to allow Air Products to accelerate the commercial manufacture of ceramic ITM modules to be used for the production of oxygen.

This would be the first attempt to establish a commercial product using the new ion transport membrane technology. The initial 33-month project will be mostly funded by the U.S. Department of Energy under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act while the state and Tooele will assist the with development of the project.

The GOED board approved a 66-month post-performance incentive of \$208,500 based on new taxes paid by the company over the term of the incentive. The state will receive over \$1 million in new tax revenue during the incentive period.

The project is scheduled to get under way this month. Upon completion, the facility will employ 57 new full-time workers at wages in excess of 125 percent of the county average wage, including full benefits.

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