

## **Momentive to Receive Third Frontier Grant From State of Ohio to Commercialize Boron-Nitride Composites for LED Lighting**

ALBANY, N.Y., March 31, 2010 — Momentive Performance Materials has been selected to receive a \$918,000 Third Frontier Advanced Materials Program grant by the State of Ohio, to commercialize the next generation of material for boron-nitride polymer composites for use in LED lighting. The Third Frontier program is aimed at helping Ohio-based companies develop and bring to market advanced materials for use in future applications.

Momentive's Strongsville, Ohio team will collaborate with PolymerOhio, Steer America, the University of Akron, and SABIC Innovative Plastics to commercialize the next generation of material for boron-nitride polymer composites, enabling the manufacturing of simpler, lower cost, highly tailored LED housing products for LED lighting device manufacturers.

"We are very pleased to be selected as a recipient of a 2010 Third Frontier Award and are excited about working collaboratively with our partners on this project," said Greg Shaffer, Global Ceramics Technology Manager, Momentive. "We are committed to driving new innovations in the fast-growing LED market. It is gratifying to see the State of Ohio invest in cutting-edge research and development by supporting advanced, next-generation energy technologies." The Momentive proposal was selected for funding after a competitive review and will now move into the formal distribution phase.

Established in 2002, The Third Frontier Advanced Materials Program focuses on accelerating the development and growth of the advanced materials industry and its supply chain in Ohio. The program supports the commercialization of new products, manufacturing processes or technologies; the adaptation or modification of existing materials or components to address issues including cost, size, weight, strength, resistance to the environment, and durability; and the addressing of technical and commercialization barriers.

More information about the Ohio Third Frontier and the Advanced Materials Program can be found at [www.ohiothirdfrontier.com](http://www.ohiothirdfrontier.com).

### **About Momentive Performance Materials**

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