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## Kiger's Notebook

By Jeff Kiger, Post-Bulletin business columnist

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### Rushford + nanotech

It sounds like Rushford's bet on nanotechnology a few years ago might be starting to pay off.

An Indiana (Go Hoosiers!) guy has plans to open Rushford Hypersonics, which will apply coatings to metal using a nanotech process called hypersonic plasma particle deposition, according to an article in the Tri-County Record's 2008 Business Outlook edition. He hopes to open it yet this year.

The guy - Dan Fox - is working with the non-profit Rushford Institute of Technology, which specializes in nanotechnology.

Fox estimates having 3 to 5 employees to start with and grow to 70 within five years.

Rushford launched the Institute of Technology back in 2001.

Here's a little from the Institute's Web site:

I hope that as you browse our cyber home, you will come to understand our mission well enough to want to become involved in some way. Or, that you come to understand that Nanotechnology is a technology revolution that will dwarf the computer revolution and will transform virtually all industries.

The US government predicts that by the year 2013 one of every seven jobs in the USA will be dependent upon nanotechnology-enabled products, processes, or services. It also predicts that this will represent over \$1.0 Trillion (USD) in business.

This is why RINTEK was conceived and is being implemented. One aspect of our mission is to create awareness of the possibilities associated with nanotechnology both economically and ecologically.

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The second aspect of our mission is to support and perform research in the area of toxicology of engineered nanoparticles as they interact with living cells.

I'll have more on this later.

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