

## **Bush seeks \$4M for accelerator project**

*Many are looking from budget fall out including the ever-hungry universities.*

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A nuclear research project that could bring millions of federal dollars and hundreds of new jobs to Lansing would receive \$4 million next year under President Bush's proposed 2007 budget.

That's enough money to keep the project alive and to allow researchers across the country to continue resolving technical problems associated with the Rare Isotope Accelerator project, said Thomas Glasmacher, associate director for operations at Michigan State University's National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory.

"This should keep the momentum going for this project until the National Research Council has completed its review of the science," he said.

The program received \$4 million this year, \$970,000 of which went to MSU, Glasmacher said. When completed, the project would allow scientists to obtain rare and exotic isotopes that could unlock the secrets to the origin of the elements in the cosmos and lead to advances in medicine.

MSU wants to host the \$1 billion program. Argonne National Laboratory is also in the running to get the program.