

## UCONN Innovation Accelerator Team Assists RSL Fiber Systems To Identify Potential Commercial Markets

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**(For Immediate Release) January 19, 2008:** RSL Fiber Systems, a sole source provider of remote source lighting applications for the US Navy, recently collaborated with students at UCONN's Innovation Accelerator to identify emerging business opportunities for remote source lighting.

The Innovation Accelerator (IA), as part of the University of Connecticut's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CCEI), assists entrepreneurial ventures in addressing myriad challenges associated with the identification and capture of business opportunities. The IA, supported with State funding, builds an academic/industry partnership to further foster the entrepreneurial culture in Connecticut.

RSL Fiber Systems is based at the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) Regional Innovation Center in East Hartford, CT. RSL Fiber Systems develops remote source lighting technology, components, and systems for several Navy vessels. Currently, the company is exploring expanding markets for the RSL Advanced Lighting Systems™ for both the military/government and the commercial markets.

"The UCONN business students had the opportunity to work with a real company, developing new technology for a potentially large market; while RSL Fiber Systems received a quality effort by a team of students who will soon be leaders in industry," said David Patch, President of RSL Fiber Systems.

"This type of collaboration is valuable to all those involved: For RSL, it brings fresh thinking, analysis and prescriptive solutions from some of the best and brightest at UConn; for the students it gives hands on opportunities to apply the skills learned in the classroom in a high-tech entrepreneurial context; and for the State of Connecticut, it fosters innovation and plants the seed for a new wave of

savvy entrepreneurs educated at UConn”, said Luke Weinstein, Director of the CCEI/Innovation Accelerator.

The IA, RSL Fiber Systems team consisted of four UCONN students who worked with the East Hartford-based company for three months. The final report identified and analyzed potential markets for RSL Fiber Systems, and summarized recommendations based on the IA team findings.

***RSL Fiber Systems, a subsidiary of Skyler Technologies Group, is located at the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) Regional Innovation Center in East Hartford, CT. Since 2001, RSL Fiber Systems has been developing remote source lighting technology, components, and systems. RSL Fiber Systems has been selected to provide remote source lighting and Advanced Lighting Systems™ to the US Navy for shipboard use on the Navy Experimental Craft "Seafighter", the LPD 17 class and the DDG 1000 class ships. RSL Fiber Systems is focusing on the continued development and sales of remote source lighting and Advanced Lighting Systems™ for both the military/government and the commercial markets.***