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UCF receives gift worth \$24 million from defense company

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - A California defense company gave the University of Central Florida \$24 million worth of patents, cash and equipment to help the school become a leader in developing smaller computer chips.

Northrop Grumman made the donation Tuesday after receiving the technology - which could make computer chips ten times smaller than normal - as part of a business acquisition. A line of related research was already under way at UCF's College of Optics and Photonics.

"It was a natural for us to donate that technology here," said Tom Romesser, a Northrop Grumman Space Technology vice president. "It forges a very strong partnership with UCF."

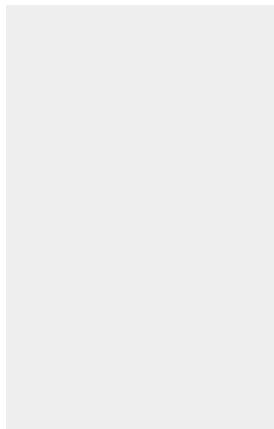
Computer production relies on ultraviolet-light lasers to imprint tiny technical features on a chip's surface. The new technology - called extreme ultraviolet lithography - uses shorter wavelengths to

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