



FRIB Will Help The Economy

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It's a facility that is supposed to be more scientifically sophisticated than any MSU has seen, but the most positive impact the rare isotope beams could have on mid-Michigan would happen outside of the laboratory.

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"Given the litany of the sort of sour news about the economy nationally and here in Michigan, to have this announcement today will be a shot in the arm for the spirit of everybody through out Michigan," East Lansing City Manager, Ted Staton says.

Staton says that's because both money and jobs will come with the new facility. □

"During the construction phase, there will be hundreds of people employed putting this building together," Scott Watkins, of the Anderson Economic Group, says.

Watkins estimates the job gain to be close to 800 in the construction phase alone, and once the building is open, there will be 400 more...

"High paying, very scientific jobs at this facility, just the kind of jobs we need here in Lansing and in Michigan to really move our economy forward," Watkins says.

And to put East Lansing on the map...

"For the life sciences, bio-technology, and scientific jobs that are really at the core of our economy for the next generation," Watkins says.

The next generation...that for the first time, in a long time, is actually looking up.

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