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New contracts will help Rini Technologies become manufacturer

Three Army, NASA deals worth nearly \$2 million

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Rini Technologies Inc. has two new contracts and a third in the works worth a combined \$2 million that will allow the firm to add manufacturing to its research-and-development work.

The Oviedo firm got a \$600,000 contract about two months ago from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory to develop advanced thermal management technology that will keep critical electrical systems cool during space travel.

In addition, Rini signed a \$600,000 contract two weeks ago with the U.S. Army's Natick Soldier Research, Development & Engineering Center in Natick, Mass., to finish developing personal cooling systems for soldiers. The brass ring will come from a \$700,000 contract that will have Rini Technologies make those systems.

All three contracts, which have 12-month durations, "are not just a chunk of money," said company founder and President Dan Rini. "They move us to the next rung of the ladder."



Dan Rini demonstrates how the cooling unit attaches to a soldier's vest, lined with a system of tubes into which the cooled water flows.