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Three-time Congressional candidate and Akron millionaire Jack Davis has given \$1.5 million to the **University at Buffalo** School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, university officials said Tuesday.

The donation from Davis, the owner of **I Squared R Element Co.**, who's running as a Democrat for the 26th Congressional seat, is the largest single contribution by an individual to the engineering school.

The money will be used to build a 5,000-square-foot "clean room" within a to-be-constructed flagship engineering building on UB's North campus. The clean room, which will be devoid of airborne particles and contamination, will allow better research in nanotechnology, electronics, biomedical engineering and other manufacturing fields, university officials said.

The university expects to break ground on the new building next summer.

Davis graduated from UB in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. This fall, he faces Jon Powers and Alice Kryzan for the seat being vacated by Rep. Tom Reynolds, R-Clarence.

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