

Rusnano Puts Store and Database Online

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TOMSK — As part of the Tomsk innovation forum Innovus, the Rusnano nanotechnologies corporation launched a new information portal Thursday that will serve as the first Internet store for nanotechnology products in the country and a source of information on the companies producing them.

The portal, called Effective Nanotechnologies Solutions, can be found at Solutions.rusnano.com. It was created to provide nanotech producers a place to post information about their products and to allow interested companies and people free access to the information.

According to the State Statistics Service, the country produces 300 billion rubles (\$10.6 billion) worth of nanotechnology products per year, and that number is expected to triple by 2015.

Rusnano projects alone have received 100 billion rubles in investment, the company said. The world nanotechnology market is forecast to grow to as much as \$2.9 trillion by 2015,

and Russia is trying not to miss the opportunity to get a chunk of the market.

The portal, which, the company says, will have an English-language version "in the foreseeable future," lists products in alphabetical order and provides contact information for companies that have used the products listed in the database.

The web site was created at the request of state and private enterprises in several categories, said Alexander Morozov, director of the demand stimulation department at Rusnano.

The enterprises include federal and municipal enterprises, small and medium-sized businesses and large corporations like Russian Railways, Gazprom and Russian Highways, Morozov said.

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