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Program to improve safety in handling industrial alloy

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Vanadium is an alloy commonly used with steel in structural military vehicles, tactical bridges, air and watercraft and other steel structures. It has myriad applications and can increase steel strength by more than 25%.

ATI will be the project manager for the Vanadium Safety Readiness Program, overseeing budgetary and technical products. The \$2.57 million agreement between ATI and the Army is for one year, with options to extend it up to \$10.5 million over a five-year period.

"We are proud to see ATI once again deliver assured outcomes for the U.S. Army in support of national initiatives, and bring both greater efficiency and financial returns into this emerging market," said Bill Mahoney, CEO of SCRA. "The program will undoubtedly further advance metals technology and ensure safe practices for the health of the industry's work force."

The program will involve toxicologists, researchers and industry experts to establish occupational health standards and safe work practices relating to vanadium, including safe handling practices and safe air exposure limits.

"We look forward to partnering with such highly esteemed scientists and laboratories to develop a comprehensive health safety and environment database of knowledge on vanadium compounds," said David White, chairman of the committee of health, safety and environment of the Vanadium Producers & Reclaimers Association.