WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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RAHALL ANNOUNCES COMPUTER ACCESS FOR STATE TO FEDERAL CONTRACT SOURCES

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced that the state of West Virginia and the U.S. Department of Commerce have entered into an agreement that the Department will provide computerized <u>Commerce Business</u>

<u>Daily</u> on an experimental basis to the state for a trial period that will end July 1.

"I contacted the Secretary of Commerce and asked that the computerized version of <a href="Commerce Business Daily">Commerce Business Daily</a> be made available to the Governor's Office of Community and Industrial Development," Rahall said. "My four district offices, as well as my Washington office, have this information capability and I have already received many comments as to how helpful it has been to businesses in the 4th district. I believe that this information needs to be made accessible statewide."

Rahall has made his computer system available for all interested parties at several seminars throughout the district as well as on an appointment basis in his district offices in Logan, Beckley, Bluefield and Huntington.

The state is attempting to establish a database of West Virginia businesses, listing their goods and services available for government contracting, according to Rep. Rahall. "This is a natural extension of what the state is trying to do in providing our businesses with a timely and consistent listing of what is available," he pointed out.

"I am hopeful that this capability will allow the state and its businesses to match services and opportunities -- a profitable match for our state," Rahall added.