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GARY COOPERATIVE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION

WELCH, W.VA. - U. S. Rep. Nick Rahall, (D-W.Va.) today announced that the U.S. Department of Commerce/Economic Development Administration has invited the Gary Miners Cooperative to submit an application to receive funds for a feasibility study.

According to the Congressman, the project will require approximately \$20,000 in EDA funds. The Gary group must submit its application by March 9, 1987.

Rahall is in McDowell County today as host of an Economic Development Seminar. He calls the EDA decision a boost in the arm for workers trying to re-open the closed USX Mines in the Gary area.

"I am here in Welch today because the people of McDowell County are determined to expand, rejuvenate and diversify their economy," Rahall said. "The news from EDA is great and a positive sign on the road to reopening the USX mines."