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RAHALL TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF COMPUTER CAPABILITIES

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) has announced that he will hold an Open House on April 24 to introduce the public to the computerized federal contracting services available in his Huntington office.

"The Federal Government is an extremely large market and in my opinion it holds tremendous potential for West Virginia," Rahall commented.

"Recently I have incorporated an on-line database system in my Huntington office which can provide daily information on contracts with the Federal Government."

"One database contains Commerce Business Daily, which lists all contracts being offered by the Federal Government over \$25,000," Rahall said. "The second database is a compilation of awarded Federal Government contracts, which would be of keen interest to those seeking subcontracting dollars."

The Open House is being cosponsored by the Huntington Area Chamber of Commerce and the Marshall University Small Business Development Center and will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 24 in Room 144 of the Sydney Christie Federal Courthouse. The Courthouse is located at 815 Fifth Avenue in Huntington.

"Area resource people will be on hand to answer any additional questions firms may have about doing business with the Federal Government," Rahall explained. "This is a great asset and West Virginia's industries should not miss this opportunity to gain information on how to obtain government contracts."