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RAHALL SUPPORTS PROCUREMENT CENTER AT MARSHALL

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) today issued his strong support for a Cooperative Agreement entered into by the Marshall University Center for Regional Progress and the Lawrence Economic Development Corporation. The joint venture is to establish the Marshall University Procurement Technical Assistance Center to be located on the Marshall campus. Rahall announced that the Center has applied to the Defense Logistics Agency, U.S. Department of Defense, for a grant to defray the costs of establishing the facility. The total cost of the program for Fiscal Year 1989 is \$168,333.

The Procurement Center in addition to providing marketing specialists to call upon potential defense prime contractors and subcontractors in West Virginia, will also provide support services to marketing specialists; provide consultation and technical assistance to prospective clients; and provide ongoing database information to the Procurement Outreach Center of businesses for indexing of products and procurement requests. Rahall, who is organizing a statewide "Procurement Summit" designed to keep West Virginians from competing against each other in obtaining federal contracts, praised the private sector for its contribution to the Center at Marshall whose expanded jurisdiction is to include Cabell, Wayne, Mingo and Logan Counties in West Virginia.

"The business community is coming through in efforts to fund the Procurement Center," Rahall said. "Ashland Oil, Huntington Plating, the Gannett Foundation-Herald Dispatch, Inco Alloys International, CSX Corporation, and David E. Tool have made a combined financial commitment over the next five years of over \$25,000. The Huntington Area Chamber of Commerce has also made a significant contribution of 2000 square feet of floor space."

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