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RAHALL SAYS ARMY IN SEARCH OF LARGER FACILITY IN BECKLEY

Washington - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that the U.S. Army is in search of a larger facility to lease for its Military Entrance Processing Station in Beckley. The Army's lease on the present facility at 115 Prince Street expires June 30, 1988 and military officials need more space.

"The Army is in search of 23,625 square feet of administrative space and parking spaces in Beckley," Rahall said. "With applicants from West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky arriving in Beckley each day for processing, the current facilities are just too small. An average of 73 young men and women pass through the facility each day and the peak load is 102."

Currently, the Army occupies 11,350 square feet and is inadequate due to a substantial increase in mission including: full processing for the Army National Guard and Air Force Reserve, which will add an additional 1,200 applicants per year and additional physical, computer, and medical testing. Since there is no government-owned or controlled space available in the area to accomodate these activities, the Army is looking to private agents.

A proposal to lease space was submitted by the Army to the Committees on Armed Services of the House and Senate with an estimated rent of \$329,600. Local property owners who may be able to accomodate these services are urged to contact the Beckley Processing Station for more information.

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