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RAHALL PRAISES SBA INITIATIVE

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV) today praised the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) West Virginia District Office for its proposed corporate procurement initiative which helps small businesses contact large corporations so they can supply goods or services.

Marvin P. Shelton of the SBA announced that they had contacted more than 90 contracting/purchasing agents of large businesses in West Virginia, and so far the reaction has been extremely favorable. Rahall hopes that more corporations will follow the lead and steer contracts toward West Virginia's small businesses.

"This is just another step in keeping small businesses flourishing through procurement initiatives," said Rahall. "Small business is a large part of West Virginia's economy and any opportunity to enhance them should be encouraged."

Rahall urged all those who might know of any procurement opportunities for small businesses should contact them through the SBA or his office.

"I am extremely pleased by this initiative," said Rahall. "Anytime we can bring large corporate interests together with small business products, it not only makes dollars but it makes sense too."

Rahall plans to also follow up with these corporations to further pursue this effort.

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