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RAHALL ANNOUNCES PROCUREMENT GRANT

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall today announced the West Virginia Regional Contracting Assistance Center, with an office located at Marshall University, has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense procurement technical assistance program for \$150,000.00.

Rahall, who has been instrumental in establishing a procurement assistance center based at Marshall University, said, "I am very pleased with this announcement, and I am happy the defense department has approved the grant which includes assistance for the Marshall Center. The Pentagon spends about 72.6 million dollars in my district, but it receives some 384.3 million dollars in taxes from the working men and women of the Fourth District. This grant will help narrow this unbalance. A level playing field for West Virginia is all we ask, we can compete for government procurement dollars with the best of them."

Congressman Rahall also wants to discuss with the higher education community in Raleigh, Mercer, Wyoming and McDowell Counties the possibility of opening yet another center in this part of the state so resident businesses and industries can have more local access to technical assistance. "My vision for procurement's future in West Virginia is that all areas of the state can be served by a local center. This grant makes the possibility of that day a little brighter." said Rahall.

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