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## WEST VIRGINIA GETS PILOT PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded the West Virginia Criminal & Highway Safety Division \$16,064 for a pilot program.

This program will establish a statewide system to enable state and local law enforcement agencies to purchase needed equipment through the U.S. Department of Defense. "The DOD buys equipment in large quantities and therefore they get better prices than our local agencies," said Rahall. "This will enable West Virginia's law enforcement agencies to save money." This is the pilot program which will eventually be extended throughout the nation.

Rahall has also been instrumental in establishing satellite offices of the Regional Contracting Assistance Center in Charleston to Huntington and Beckley. This was an effort to lure more procurement activities to the State and help West Virginia businesses.