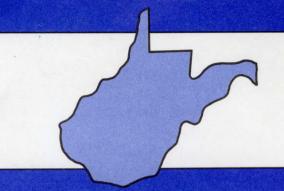
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MARSHALL'S PROCUREMENT CENTER ANNOUNCES FIRST CONTRACTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced today the first victories of the Technical Assistance Center at Marshall University. Technology World, Inc. received \$4,500 contract from the Defense Electronics Supply Center in Dayton, Ohio and another contract of \$3,700 from the Defense Contracting Supply Center in Richmond, Virginia. S.J. Enterprises, which is opening a branch in West Virginia also received a Defense contract. Theirs was a \$14,000 contract from the Supply Center in Columbus, Ohio.

"This is a very special day for all of those who assisted in making the Marshall Procurement Center a reality," said Rahall. "A lot of hard work and long hours have made this day possible, and it would never have happened if not for the vision of some very dedicated people."

Marshall University's Procurement Techninical Assistance Center is the first step in what Rahall hopes will become a procurement assistance network for Southern West Virginia. Plans are under way to set up another Center for the district's southern most counties.

"From tiny acorns grow mighty oaks," said Rahall. "It is from the minds of people who care about Southern West Virginia that good economic times will roll again."