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RAHALL SETTING UP TRADE DELEGATION TO KUWAIT

-- HOPES FOR KUWAITI-WEST VIRGINIA PARTNERSHIP --

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall today announced that he has begun formal negotiations with the Kuwaiti Ambassador, His Excellency Sheakh Nasir Al-Sabah, to try and set up a trade delegation of West Virginians who would tour that war-torn country in hopes of securing contracts.

"Last Wednesday, I met with the Ambassador, and we have begun the formal steps in trying to send a trade delegation to Kuwait," said Rahall. "West Virginia has a host of equipment and services of which Kuwait is in desperate need and there is no reason why both parties should not benefit from that fact."

Rahall said the rebuilding contracts process has been a slow one and there is still plenty of time for West Virginia to get in on the ground floor.

"Rebuilding Kuwait will be a tremendously long process, and no one expects us to repair Kuwait with the speed Iraq used in destroying it," said Rahall. "But we have to establish a dialogue and put some names with some faces. That is the only way to be sure that West Virginia will prosper from this situation."

During the meeting, Rahall personally forwarded the resumes of firms located in West Virginia and will continue to do that in the future.

"It is my hope that with the Ambassador's help and the cooperation of the State, we will be able to secure a number of contracts for West Virginia," said Rahall.

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