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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Representative John P. Murtha (D-PA 12) and Daniel R. DeVos, President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) announced today that the Computer-Aided Design (CAD)/Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAM) Training and Resource Center for Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs), operated by CTC at its Johnstown, Pennsylvania location, is operational and charting positive results for the manufacturing community. The center was established through a \$2.1 million appropriation by Murtha, administered by the Defense Logistics Agency, to provide training and development opportunities for SMEs in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, and western Maryland to encourage small-business participation in competitive procurements for manufactured parts to assure a robust and willing base of smaller manufacturers to support the Department of Defense (DoD) supply chain.

"Western Pennsylvania companies have had tremendous success in sustaining and expanding their businesses through Government contracting in recent years," Murtha said. "In the process, we've created thousands of jobs in the region and saved taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars by manufacturing high-quality, cost-competitive products. This new CAD/CAM center will help more of our smaller manufacturers take advantage of similar opportunities by eliminating the high-cost training and development obstacles they face with this training and development."

The center has already had a positive impact on the local manufacturing community. CTC provided assistance to the Cambria County Association for the Blind and Handicapped (CCABH), Johnstown, by providing the necessary software capabilities to effectively transfer files from aircraft manufacturing giant, Boeing and develop requisite mechanical drawings. This capability resulted in an enhanced subcontracting arrangement with Boeing, resulting in additional project funding and the potential for CCABH to hire new employees with disabilities this year. Kuchera Defense Systems, Windber, Pennsylvania, required the center's CAD hardware and software to assist with creating large-assembly images of Kuchera's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV). Kuchera was in the process of upgrading its CAD hardware and software when its UAV Government sponsor asked the company to host a design review. Because the company had only partially completed its upgrade, it turned to CTC for assistance and obtained the necessary images resulting in a successful design review.

In addition to providing training with software packages not usually affordable to SMEs, the center will provide networking opportunities to encourage collaborative manufacturing efforts among the enterprises participating in the training program. The center will also make resources accessible to SMEs to enable them to prepare and submit bids to large prime contractors.

"The high cost of training, coupled with increased competition and continually evolving manufacturing technologies challenge small- and medium-sized enterprises every day, DeVos said. "We are pleased to be working with the DoD and key regional partners to offer no-cost training and resource development opportunities and look forward to assisting the manufacturing community in enhancing their skills and successfully pursuing work for the DoD," he added.

CTC's project partners in this effort include Johnstown Area Regional Industries, and the Doyle Center for Manufacturing

Technology, Pittsburgh. Their roles are to identify and contact SMEs in need of training and to provide outreach.

CTC is an independent, nonprofit, applied research and development professional services organization providing management and technology-based solutions to a wide array of clients representing state and federal government as well as the private sector. Established in 1988, CTC operates from more than 35 locations with a staff of over 1,400 employees. For more information about CTC, visit www.ctc.com .

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