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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha today announced a U.S. Navy award of \$8.1 million to Advanced Acoustic Concepts (AAC) of Uniontown, PA for a modification to a previously awarded Naval Sea Systems Command contract.

The Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) funding will be used for the conversion/installation of seven AN/SQQ-89(V) Scaled Improved Performance Sonar (SIPS) kits and engineering services in support of Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) improvements across multiple surface ship platforms and programs.

"It is very pleasing to see that the Navy is providing continued support to this proven successful program," said Murtha. "AAC embodies what the military has come to expect from Western Pennsylvania companies - the right product, produced on time and at the right price."

The SIPS kits will be installed on DDG and CG platforms to enhance active and passive submarine and torpedo detection, classification and localization capabilities. SIPS provides an affordable solution to modernizing legacy surface ASW platforms using an accelerated and mission configurable approach developed by a team of small businesses, university laboratories and the U.S Navy, for which AAC serves as the prime integrator.

Brian Boyle, executive vice president of AAC, stated, "This award is exciting not only because it improves the sonar capabilities for our Naval fleet, but also because the funding will be used to advance the U.S. Navy's Chief of Naval Operations' vision of commonality across multiple platforms. We are developing advanced technologies that will be paid for once, but used many times. For example, the LCS ASW Mission Package is leveraging technology introduced by SIPS, facilitating interoperability of deployed mission package sensors - a true force multiplier."

Headquartered in Hauppauge, NY, AAC specializes in advanced integrated sonar and detection systems, training/knowledge management systems and Rapid Supportability initiatives for both Navy and Homeland Security applications. AAC began operations in Fayette County in 1998 and moved into its current 40,000 square foot building in 2005.