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Johnstown PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha announced today that DRS Laurel Technologies has been awarded a contract from DRS Technologies' Test & Energy Management unit in Huntsville, Ala.

The contract is expected to add 35 to 40 new jobs at DRS Laurel Technologies' Johnstown facility producing the U.S. Army's Sidecar™ Embedded Diagnostic Kits. The Sidecar™ is a DRS product that provides the military with an embedded diagnostic capability to monitor vehicle health during combat operations.

"Under this contract, DRS Laurel Technologies will build the cables that are part of the Sidecar™ kits that are used on various military vehicles," said Congressman Murtha. "Awarding this work to the Johnstown facility improves the local facility's long-term foothold in the defense industry and clearly demonstrates the corporation's commitment and confidence in its current and future workforce."

"We appreciate the confidence that our fellow unit in Huntsville has placed with our workforce to meet their production needs to support system deliveries," said Patrick R. Marion, Vice President and General Manager of DRS Laurel Technologies. "The best part of today's award is that these new jobs will be sustainable based on DRS Test & Energy Management's long-term commitment to our facility."

Rep. Murtha noted that Johnstown Magazine recently named DRS the 4th largest employer in the area, and in December the Veterans Community Initiatives organization named them their 2006 Employer of the Year.

"Going from around 140 employees in 1996 to more than 700 today with 113 veterans employed, DRS has established themselves as one of the community's leaders in creating and sustaining local jobs," said Murtha.

"I congratulate the folks at DRS Laurel Technologies for their efforts in supporting our military with high quality products," he added. "This high-tech manufacturing company continues to attract talented leaders and employees, and it strengthens Johnstown's manufacturing economy. Based on their track record, I am confident that DRS will continue to deliver new technologies that can benefit the nation's troops, as well as create and retain well paying jobs for local residents."

DRS Laurel Technologies is a leader in the electronic manufacturing marketplace. It provides contract manufacturing and engineering services to prime U.S. Department of Defense contractors, and it has products on key weapon systems on many major defense platforms supporting America's warfighter. In addition, DRS Laurel Technologies is a part of DRS

Command, Control & Communications (C3) Strategic Business Unit (SBU) which was recently appraised as fully compliant at Maturity Level 5 for Systems, Software and Hardware, according to Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute (SEI) Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI).

DRS Laurel Technologies is a unit of DRS Technologies headquartered in Parsippany, New Jersey. The corporation is a leading designer and manufacturer of systems, products and services to U.S. and international military forces, intelligence and homeland security agencies and fellow aerospace and defense technology companies. DRS employs approximately 10,000 people worldwide. For more information about DRS Technologies please visit the company's web site at [www.drs.com](http://www.drs.com).