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JOHNSTOWN, PA - Today at the annual Showcase for Commerce, Congressman John P. Murtha announced that DynaCom Industries, of Johnstown, PA, has been approved by the Small Business Administration (SBA) to form a Mentor-Protégé Agreement with defense leader Lockheed Martin Systems Integration in Owego, NY.

Under the agreement, Lockheed Martin Systems Integration will prepare DynaCom to compete more successfully for federal government contracts. Assistance will include streamlining DynaCom's supply chain management system, setting up lean manufacturing processes, expanding its product offerings and increasing the quality of its manufactured products.

"DynaCom already enjoys an informal Mentor-Protégé relationship with Lockheed Martin as a supplier of precision-machined parts, cables, harnesses, special tooling and holding devices for our aerospace programs," said Louis DeSantis, vice president of Systems Solutions at Lockheed Martin Systems Integration - Owego. "By formalizing this arrangement, both companies will be better positioned to work together and pursue new business opportunities."

"I'm pleased to see the forging of this new relationship," commented Murtha. "With the mentor-protégé program, Lockheed Martin will be able to help DynaCom grow into a preferred manufacturing supplier."

DynaCom is an approved supplier of precision components and services to the telecommunications, aerospace and defense industries. The company has operated in Johnstown, PA, since 1998 and is certified as an 8(a) Small Disadvantaged Business by the SBA, which encourages private-sector relationships as part of its Mentor-Protégé Program.

Headquartered in Bethesda, MD, Lockheed Martin employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services.