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JOHNSTOWN, PA - Today at the annual Showcase for Commerce, Congressman John P. Murtha announced that Kuchera Defense Systems has been awarded a \$750,000 SBIR research and development contract through the U.S. Air Force that will create two new jobs.

Kuchera has already successfully completed an Air Force Phase I SBIR titled "Innovative Corrosion Protection (ICP) via Cold Spray/Kinetic Metallization." This project demonstrated the viability of applying corrosion resistant coatings to aerospace grade aluminum alloys using the Cold Spray process.

As a result of the projects success, Kuchera has been awarded a Phase II SBIR to continue the development and implementation for corrosion resistant coatings on aluminum alloys. Kuchera has teamed with the Applied Research Laboratory at Penn State for both Phases I and II.

"This is another fine example of the military being so pleased with the work performed at Kuchera that they have provided their own internal funding to keep the project moving forward," Murtha said.