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JOHNSTOWN, PA - Today at the annual Showcase for Commerce, Congressman John P. Murtha announced that Northrop Grumman has awarded Kuchera Defense Systems three contracts valued at \$6.9 million.

The contracts will enable Kuchera to hire 17 new employees and sustain 10 jobs, they include:

\* E-2D (Hawkeye Aircraft) - new aircraft early warning radar system. The E-2D aircraft is deployed on all U.S. Navy aircraft carriers. Kuchera will manufacture cables, harnesses, electronic circuit cards, control panels and electronic enclosures. This contract will create 3 new jobs.

\* IFTE (Integrated Family of Test Equipment) - Kuchera will build a new complex set of electronic circuit card assemblies. This new contract will create 6 new jobs and sustain 4 employees.

\* Radio Frequency and Power Supply Modules (Proprietary Program) - Northrop Grumman Electronics Systems has awarded Kuchera a contract for the manufacturing and assembly of electronic circuit cards to be integrated into the RF & PS Modules. This contract will create 8 new jobs and sustain 6 employees.