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JOHNSTOWN, PA - Congressman John P. Murtha announced today at the annual Showcase for Commerce that Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, AZ, has awarded Kuchera Defense Systems seven new development contracts and one production contract with a total value of \$7.1 million.

These contracts will allow Kuchera to create eight new jobs while sustaining 17 current positions. Because the contracts are for Advanced Development Programs, they have the potential to provide additional jobs and product manufacturing for the next 5 to 10 years.

The contracts include:

- * EPAK (Enhanced Paveway Avionics Kit) - an electronic enclosure build for Paveway laser guided bombs.
- * KEI (Kinetic Energy Interceptor) - engineering technical services.
- * Maverick - development and production of a new circuit card motherboard.
- * ERGM (Extended Range Guided Missile) - low rate in production and production phases for electronic circuit cards.
- * DSWS (David Sling Weapons System) - short range ground-to-air missile.
- * MALD (Miniature Launched Decoy) - various electronic assemblies.
- * EP3 (Enhanced Paveway III) - electronic systems compliance.
- * PavewayTM II - Laser Guided Bomb - electronic circuit card assemblies.

"Raytheon's continued partnership with Kuchera on electronic circuit systems is further testament to the quality product that Kuchera produces," said Murtha.