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Ford City, PA - Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today at the annual ARMTech Showcase of Industry & Technology that Optical Systems Technology, Inc. (OSTI), in Freeport, has received a competitive award of \$7.9 million from the U.S. Marine Corps.

The U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operation Command has awarded OSTI \$7.9 million for procurement of their Magnum Universal Night Sight™ (MUNS) system. This advanced night-vision system provides tactical advantages to U.S. troops fighting in both conventional and urban environments by combining infrared thermal imaging to a low-light system, allowing targets to be more easily identified in darkness. OSTI originally was awarded a \$7.9 million contract from the Marine Corps for the MUNS system, and the order was increased to \$15.8 million because of the quality of the system produced by OSTI.

"OSTI's night-vision technology is providing our troops with the life-saving technology they need on the battlefield," said Murtha. "This competitively awarded contract will continue to provide our region with high tech jobs that are necessary to diversify our local economy."

Since its founding in 1995, OSTI's mission is to design and develop multi-spectral optical systems and stabilized gimballed optical platforms for military and law enforcement applications. In 1997, OSTI began to design, develop and prototype new electro-optical surveillance systems, small arms night vision weapon sights, and stabilized gimballed products.