

June 24, 2008 - Murtha: House Appropriations Committee Provides \$1m for a Software-based IED Prevention Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that the House Appropriations Committee has passed a \$39.9 billion fiscal year 2009 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill that includes funding to develop a software-based platform that provides law enforcement officials with the capability to effectively prevent radio-controlled Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

IEDs have been used extensively against U.S. forces in both Iraq and Afghanistan. The Department of Homeland Security has warned against the threat of IEDs in the United States, and has recommended counter-IED technologies be accelerated.

The appropriations bill provides \$1,000,000 for MobilVox Inc., Indiana, PA, to continue their development of a software tool that will analyze infrastructure and population centers to provide law enforcement users with the ability to train and respond effectively to a radio-controlled IED threat.

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