

## July 11, 2008 - Murtha: Cambria County Receives \$225,000 Grant for Wireless Broadband Network

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that Cambria County has received a grant in the amount of \$225,000 to help develop the Cambria Connected wireless high speed broadband network.

The grant, provided by the U.S. Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), will underwrite the acquisition of WiMax and WiFi wireless equipment necessary to install the network. The new wireless system will be called Cambria Connected and will serve over 700 businesses and 24,000 residents throughout Cambria County with high-speed broadband service.

“Building a county-wide wireless network will benefit both residents and businesses,” said Murtha. “High-speed broadband is crucial for attracting high-tech businesses and growing those businesses currently operating in our area.”

The wireless infrastructure will be County-owned and maintained. It will also be linked to public safety initiatives, giving first responders access to high-speed wireless technology.

“I applaud the Cambria County Commissioners for their innovative efforts to bring these capabilities to our region,” added Murtha.

In addition to this grant, Cambria County will provide \$267,180, bringing the total project funding to \$492,180.

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