

August 15, 2008 - Murtha: EOC Awarded Competitive \$23 million Contract that Creates 20 New Jobs

KITTANNING, PA -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today at the annual Armtech showcase in Kittanning, PA, that the Penn State Electro-Optics Center (EOC) has won a competitive three-year contract with the U.S. Missile Defense Agency (MDA) worth 23 million dollars.

"ArmTech is a premier showcase for industry and technology," said Murtha. "Through the diligent work of the Armstrong County Commissioners and local officials, this area continues to attract high-tech business opportunities."

Under this contract, EOC, located at the Northpointe Industrial Park in Freeport PA, will improve the reliability and reduce costs of MDA sensor, laser, radio-frequency and power subsystems.

"The EOC is recognized internationally for their expertise in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance technology," added Murtha. "This competitively won contract is a testament to their dedicated employees and demonstrates the EOC's edge when it comes to high quality and expertise."

This contract will help bolster the MDA's industrial base while creating 20 local jobs and retaining 10 jobs in the local region.

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