

September 17, 2008 - Murtha: Northpointe Receives \$2 million Federal Grant for Construction of Additional Multi-Tenant Building

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that the Armstrong County Industrial Development Council has received a \$2,000,000 grant through the U.S. Department of Commerce for construction of the Northpointe Technology Center II.

This funding will be used to construct a second multi-tenant facility to house advanced technology firms spinning off from the Penn State Electro-Optics Center at the successful Northpointe Industrial Park. The current Northpointe Technology Center is at 100 percent occupancy, and the County has been approached by other companies looking for similar space.

"The Penn State Electro-Optics Center has been a catalyst for attracting high-tech companies and good paying jobs to Armstrong County," commented Murtha. "The construction of a second multi-tenant technology center at Northpointe is further testament to this success and to the high-tech growth of our region."

Murtha also praised the Armstrong County Commissioners and State Senator Don White, saying that "their commitment to economic development is unparalleled, and that their vision has further established Armstrong County as a high-tech hub."

Patricia Kirkpatrick, Chair of the Armstrong County Board of Commissioners, added, "The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners extends our gratitude to Congressman Murtha for his support of our economic development efforts. We continue to see the demand for high tech businesses needing ready-to-go space at Northpointe."

The new building will be approximately 30,000 square feet and construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2009. The total cost of the new facility is \$4.1 million, with the State of Pennsylvania providing \$2 million. It is anticipated that this new facility will create 60 jobs and leverage \$20 million in private investment.

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