

October 2, 2008 - Murtha: JARI and CAL U Sign Cost-Sharing Agreement with the DoD

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that both the Johnstown Area Regional Industries (JARI) and California University of Pennsylvania (CAL U) have been awarded a cost-sharing Department of Defense Procurement Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement.

"The Department of Defense Procurement Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement with JARI and CAL U exists so that local companies can identify and compete for federal and state contracts," commented Murtha. "This in turn has helped to expand and diversify our local economy as we attract additional business to our area."

The value of the Agreement for JARI is \$400,000. The Department of Defense will provide \$300,000 and JARI must raise the difference through local sources and in-kind contributions. JARI will use this funding to assist local companies to compete for government contracts and to continue the successful Showcase of Commerce annual event. JARI has participated in the Agreement every year since 1990.

The value of the Agreement for CAL U is \$371,125. The Department of Defense will provide \$181,815 and CAL U receives a grant from the Sarah Scaife Foundation to make up the difference. CAL U will use this funding to assist local companies compete to for federal, state and local government contracts and subcontracts. CAL U has participated in the Agreement every year since 1985.

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