

## March 12, 2009 - Murtha: Nokomis Wins \$100,000 NASA Contract

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman

John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that Nokomis, Inc. of Charleroi, PA has competitively won a Phase 1 Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) contract from NASA's Glenn Research Center for the development of an advanced conformal phased array antenna technology.

This six month Phase

I project provides funding of \$100,000 and focuses on the development of digitally controlled "smart antennas" that adhere to the surface of aerospace vehicles and satellites. These antennas transfer higher data rates and will provide NASA with greater communication range and bandwidth.

The research

conducted during this SBIR program will also have potential dual-use applications in areas like cellular base stations, commercial satellite communications, WiFi systems, airport infrastructure and public safety.

"Nokomis continues

to win competitive contracts because they've proven to the federal government that their research and development is cutting-edge," said Murtha. "I'm proud of the work they are doing in Charleroi and I am confident that they will continue to grow."

Walter J. Keller,

CEO of Nokomis commented, "We're extremely pleased with this award. Not only are we looking forward to providing cutting edge technology to future NASA missions, but in the process we feel very good about the strong prospects for continued job growth in this difficult economy."

Nokomis, founded in 2002, is a certified Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) small business with headquarters located in Charleroi, PA. The company currently has 27 employees and a proven track record of successful execution and transition of NASA, Air Force, Army, Navy, Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and National Science Foundation (NSF) SBIR funded awards.

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