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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha announced today the awarding of an \$11.2 million contract to Advanced Acoustic Concepts (AAC) in Uniontown, PA.

The funds will be used for engineering services in support of the AN/SQQ-89(V) anti-submarine warfare (ASW) combat system and to produce three scaled improved performance sonar (SIPS) kits. The SIPS kits are installed on U.S. Navy destroyers and frigates to enhance active and passive submarine and torpedo detection, classification and localization capabilities. SIPS provides an affordable solution to modernization of existing sonar systems using an accelerated and customized approach developed by a team of small businesses, university laboratories and the U.S Navy, for which AAC serves as the prime integrator.

Approximately 40 percent of the work will be done at the company's Uniontown facility, and the remainder at its Hauppauge, NY, facility, and is expected to be completed by March 2007. The award will fund the continuation of this proven successful program, and will help in the retention of 55 full-time associates and 20 part time employees at the Uniontown facility.

AAC began operations in Fayette County in 1998 and moved into its current 40,000 square foot building in 2005. The company's intern program, now in its seventh year, has been the source of bright young local talent for AAC, with 30 former interns now employed as full-time associates at the Fayette County facility.

AAC has been a leader in the design and development of software products running in open architecture environments that employ mainstream, readily available commercial license-free hardware/software technology. AAC's extensive experience in both USW sensor signal processing and training applications provides a synergistic approach in producing high fidelity, innovative signal processing and training products to the Navy. Through the installation of this common technology across several Navy warfighting platforms, the company has emerged as a leading supplier of Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) automated, real time processing systems and provider of tactical training support to the U.S. Navy. Headquartered in Hauppauge NY and with locations in eleven states, AAC is a privately held company with annual sales of \$50 million and 220 employees.