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Johnstown, PA - Congressman John Murtha announced at the Showcase for Commerce today that a West Virginia-based information technology business has expanded its operation by opening a facility in Johnstown. The company expects to have 13 employees by the end of the year, with additional hiring anticipated in 2007.

Information Manufacturing Corp. has signed a lease to set up shop in the United Cerebral Palsy building in the Johnstown Business Park on Jari Drive. Under a major contract with the Marine Corps, the company will continue work on a program involving the Corps' Light Armored (combat) Vehicle (LAV).

With its team partner, Alexandria, Va.-based Portal Dynamics, IMC is developing an Integrated Digital and Collaborative Environment (IDCE) for the LAV. The IDCE will tie together Marine Corps maintenance units in the field to headquarters, combatant commands, and industry manufacturers and suppliers, allowing significantly more efficient collaboration between the Marines, the Army and Department of Defense agencies and their industry partners in the maintenance and repair of the LAV. All of the pertinent information - parts ordering, service repair manuals, equipment inventories, maintenance schedules, asset tracking and readiness information - will be available on a Web-based system for rapid retrieval.

"Projections are that this system will reduce LAV maintenance costs an estimated 15 to 20 percent and improve equipment readiness turnaround by 30 percent by cutting down on errors and speeding up work," Murtha said. "These faster, less expensive repairs can help save lives because more and better equipment will be available more quickly to the troops on the battlefield, and the lower cost frees up funds that can be directed to other warfighter needs."

Admiral T. Joseph Lopez, USN (Ret), IMC president, said, "We're very pleased to receive this continuing contract award, which was made possible by Congressman Murtha's support, for this important Marine Corps program."

Robert Hytner, IMC president and chief executive officer, said, "IMC's Defense Business Sector will manage this project, but our Health Support Services Business Sector is pleased that we're locating our facility near the invaluable Windber Research Institute and the Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center. We're excited about the potential for collaboration with our work in support of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology Tissue Repository and Windber's work on genomics research."

IMC is a \$60-million-per-year information technology company headquartered at the Allegany Ballistics Laboratory in Rocket Center, W.Va., near Cumberland, Md. The company, which opened in 1998, has 400 high-technology employees in Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. The Johnstown facility will be the company's first Pennsylvania operation.

