



## Showcase proves a contract bonanza

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JOHNSTOWN — U.S. Rep. John Murtha opened the Showcase for Commerce Friday by announcing seven contracts worth a combined \$115 million.

The largest of the contracts is a five-year, \$45 million pact between Concurrent Technologies Corp. and the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command.

Under the contract, the Johnstown-based company is to supply research and development, along with education and training support, in the fields of information technology, modeling simulation, analysis and space operations.

“CTC is very pleased to have been awarded this important contract. We received the award based on our sound technical approach, superior in-house capabilities, and proven performance in research, development, testing, evaluation and sustainment of advanced information technology programs,” Daniel R. DeVos, corporation president, said in a statement.

DeVos also announced a \$287,000 contract with the U.S. Forest Service to assist in business processes involving electronic invoicing.

“We hope to capitalize on these programs,” DeVos said.

Kuchera Defense Systems’ partnership with Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, Ariz., continues to pay dividends for the Windber company.

On Friday, executive vice president Carl Sax announced that the company has been awarded a \$25.7 million contract to manufacture telemetry units for the Advanced Medium Ranger Air-to-Air Missile. The contract will provide eight new jobs and will sustain 18 to 20 employees for the next decade.

Raytheon also awarded Kuchera three development contracts worth a combined \$1 million. Kuchera will provide engineering and design work for the Kinetic Energy Interceptor program, Mission Kill Vehicle program and David Sling Weapon System short range ground-to-air missile program, according to a press release.

MTS Technologies CEO Dan Perkins announced that his company has received two contracts from the U.S. Army worth up to \$27.6 million. The contracts should allow the Arlington, Va.-

based company to add 30 jobs to its Johnstown operations.

“MTS will go a long way to help defense, but will go on helping economic development and the community,” Perkins said.

Under one contract, valued at up to \$20 million, the company will assist the Naval Health Research Center in developing “cutting-edge operational medical capabilities” to enhance care for wounded soldiers, according to a release.

Another Johnstown-based company, JWF Defense Systems, has partnered with Radant Technologies, Stow, Mass., to pursue an aircraft radome program with the U.S. Air Force that could result in JWF receiving more than \$10 million. A radome is a structural, weatherproof enclosure used to protect an aircraft antenna from weather and debris.

“This partnership is a win-win for our military and local community,” Murtha said.

Laura Bettencourt of the University of Pittsburgh Diabetes Institute announced a partnership with L. Robert Kimball & Associates, Ebensburg, to analyze diabetes in the 12th Congressional District, which Murtha, a Johnstown Democrat, represents.

The project involves using Geographic Information System technology to provide information about environmental, socioeconomic and lifestyle factors linked to the prevalence of diabetes in the region.

“I’ve said before: This may be one of the most important projects done,” Murtha said.

Aerofab President Joe Phillips announced a \$5 million contract with Boeing to manufacture components for the V-22 Osprey aircraft. Aerofab is a company located in Nicktown that provides sheet metal for Boeing helicopters and rotor-craft.

Additionally, Richard Bosserman, president of the Cambria County Association for the Blind and Handicapped, was presented with a performance excellence award from Boeing president of network and space systems Roger Krone. The award was for the organization’s ongoing support in manufacturing insulation panels for the Boeing C-17 Globemaster aircraft.