

Altmire Secures \$8 Million for Defense Projects in Western PA

(Washington, DC) - Today, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the conference report on the FY 2008 Department of Defense Appropriations bill (H.R. 3222), which includes \$8.16 million secured by Congressman Altmire for defense projects in western Pennsylvania. The funding is expected to create more than 50 new high-paying jobs and sustain nearly 2,000 positions in western Pennsylvania. H.R. 3222 passed the House by a vote of 400 to 15.

"This bipartisan bill will invest in equipment, training, and cutting edge research that will save American lives and create new jobs in western Pennsylvania," said Congressman Altmire. "These local companies are leading the way with innovative, lifesaving technologies and represent our region's potential to emerge as one of the top high-tech corridors in the country. This funding is critical to continuing the important work of these companies and will help keep our region's economy moving forward."

The following funding was secured by Congressman Altmire:

- Accipiter Systems, Inc. (Wexford, PA) - \$1,000,000 - For the development of the next generation, light weight communications system with the U.S. Army.

- Converteam (Harmar, PA) - \$800,000 - For the development of advanced technology to control the performance of ship propulsion motors with the U.S. Navy.

- Curtiss-Wright Corporation, Electro-Mechanical Division (Cheswick, PA) - \$1,600,000 ½ For the research, development and testing of ship propulsion motors with the U.S. Navy.

- eV Products, a division of II-VI Incorporated (Saxonburg, PA) - \$1,360,000 ½ For the research and development of technology to detect explosives with the U.S. Army.

- Ibis Tek, LLC (Butler, PA) - \$800,000 - For the design, testing, and manufacturing of emergency escape windows for Humvees with the U.S. Army.

- L-3 Communications Corporation (Harmar, PA) - \$1,000,000 - For the research and development of lightweight weapons stations on top of armored vehicles with the U.S. Army.

- PPG Industries (Allison Park, PA) - \$1,600,000 - For the development of an advanced paint primer that is non-corrosive and environmentally-friendly for aircraft in the U.S. Air Force.