

Altmire Secures \$10 Million for Defense Projects in Western PA

(Washington, DC) - U.S. Representative Jason Altmire (PA-4) announced today that he has secured nearly \$10 million for defense projects in western Pennsylvania. The funding, included in the recent FY2008 Defense Department Appropriations bill (H.R. 3222), is expected to create more than 60 new high-paying jobs and sustain nearly 2,000 positions in western Pennsylvania. H.R. 3222 must be approved by the U.S. Senate and the President of the United States before it becomes final and the funding is made available to the recipients.

"I am proud to have secured \$10 million to create new quality jobs, to support the ingenuity of local companies, and to help western Pennsylvania's economy grow," said Congressman Altmire. "Local companies are at the forefront of developing innovative technologies for the U.S. military. This funding is critical to supporting their work and keeping these jobs based here."

The following projects were secured by Congressman Altmire in the FY2008 Defense Appropriations bill:

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, Inc. (Harmar, PA) - \$1,000,000 - 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) - \$2,000,000 - 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) - \$1,700,000 - For the research and development of technology to detect explosives with the U.S. Army.

Ibis Tek (Butler, PA) - \$1,000,000 - For the design, testing, and manufacturing of emergency escape windows for Humvees with U.S. Army.

L-3 Communications Corporation (Harmar, PA) - \$1,250,000 - For the research and development of lightweight weapons stations on top of armored vehicles with U.S. Army.

PPG Industries (Allison Park, PA) - \$2,000,000 - For the development of an advanced paint primer that is non-corrosive and environmentally-friendly for aircraft in the U.S. Air Force.

"With a highly educated workforce and some of the nation's top research facilities, our region is primed to emerge as one of the top high-tech corridors in the country," added Rep. Altmire. "Companies like these are leading the way in putting our region on the vanguard of innovation and high-tech job creation. This funding moves us one step forward to realizing this goal."