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Congressman Rodney Alexander

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ALEXANDER SECURES DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

FUNDING COULD BENEFIT NORTH LOUISIANA BUSINESSES

Washington, D.C. --U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, today announced that he was successful in securing defense appropriation funding for possible 5th District projects.

Alexander secured funding for the following through the FY 2006 House Defense Appropriations Bill:

Chem/Bio resistant hydration on the move (CamelBak)-----Operation and Maintenance

- The purpose of this funding is for each of these branches to replace outdated canteens with next generation chemical biohydration on the move systems. [This funding has the potential to affect the plant in Winnsboro where many of these CamelBaks are made-- as the funding and need for these increase so will the work given to the Winnsboro plant, Pelican and Co.]

- **ARMY= \$1M**
- **MARINE CORPS = \$1M**
- **DEFENSE WIDE = \$1M**

Littoral Combat Ship (LCS)--Advanced Lightweight Metals Technology for Aluminum Intensive Marine Structures

- The objective of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Advanced Lightweight Metals Technology for Aluminum Intensive Marine Structures is to design, develop, demonstrate, validate and implement a methodology for producing cost effective, lightweight metal structure components for the LCS. [This project has the potential to impact the Delhi facility (Alcoa Engineered Products) with its 280 employees.]

- **Research, Evaluation, Test & Development: NAVY= \$2M**

Although these requests will go to conference (along with the Senate's version), Alexander has laid a funding foundation for these military projects and feels confident that these funding numbers will hold.

"These funded projects have great potential to benefit the 5th District's economy," Alexander said.

"I realize that two businesses in the 5th District are already prepared to build these products, and I hope that this funding will directly benefit their efforts."

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