



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 16, 2007

www.house.gov/shuster

Contact: Jeff Urbanchuk, Press Secretary
(202) 225-2431
(202) 593-1040 cell
(202) 225-2486 fax
jg.urbanchuk@mail.house.gov

Shuster Announces Defense Projects for the 9th District

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster**, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, is pleased to announce that he was successful in securing the following projects for the 9th district in the 2008 Defense Appropriations Bill. The Defense Bill was signed into law by the President this week.

“Pennsylvania has a long and proud history of improving our national defense and that tradition continues today thanks to this important legislation,” Shuster said. “These projects will create jobs and economic investment in the district. They will also provide support and protection to the men and women who serve to defend our nation.”

- ***\$1.6 million for a “Hospital Emergency Planning and Integration” project between Letterkenny Army Depot and Chambersburg Hospital, Franklin County:*** This project represents the test-bed for a nation-wide program to coordinate emergency response between the Department of Defense and civilian hospitals in the event of a natural disaster or terrorist attack. The project will establish interoperable command, control, and communications between Letterkenny Army Depot and Chambersburg Regional Hospital. This capability will eventually tie into a larger nationwide program that is addressing communications barriers between federal, state, and local jurisdictions.
- ***\$1 million for the “Improved Advanced Watertight Door for Navy Surface Ships” project, Bedford County:*** This project will analyze new laser cutting and welding processes as well as manufacturing operations to build better, yet significantly less expensive, watertight doors for naval vessels. The project will benefit the economic base of Bedford County as well as save taxpayer dollars that would have been spent on older generation doors.
- ***\$1 million for the “Wireless Maritime Inspection System” project, Indiana County:*** The Global War on Terror requires the United States Navy and the Coast Guard to conduct a significantly increased number of military interdiction operations to intercept maritime traffic suspected of harboring terrorists. This project will reduce the risk associated with interdiction operations by creating a system to transmit intelligence such as photos of crew, passports, and evidence in near-real time.
- ***\$6.5 million for the Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County:*** This important project will allow the depot to develop and test recycling technology to demilitarize munitions in an environmentally friendly manner. Congressman Shuster worked closely with Senators Specter and Casey for this project.

###