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Shuster Announces Defense Projects for 9th District Projects Passed by Congress, Signed into Law by President

Washington, D.C. –**Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that he has been successful in securing \$42 million in federal funding for defense and military construction related projects in the 9th district. The legislation that included these projects has been signed into law by President Bush.

“The 9th district has long been associated with helping our military keep up with the demands of protecting our nation,” Shuster said. “The projects I secured this year continue that tradition of service.”

“The economic benefit of these projects is also important in a slowing economy,” Shuster added. “These projects attract investment into our region. They will help keep jobs in the district and create new good paying jobs and new opportunities for my constituents.”

Congressman Shuster secured the following projects in the “Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009” which was passed by Congress on September 27th and signed into law on September 30, 2008:

Defense Projects:

- ***\$1.6 million: Expeditionary Persistent Power (USSOCOM) (Bedford County)***

This program builds on the recent success and advancements in ground based power and alternative propulsion systems for US Special Forces Command. The power/propulsion system will use latest-generation, commercially available Li-ion polymer batteries storing power from wind, solar, and regeneration techniques.

- ***\$800,000: Maritime C4ISR System (Bedford County)***

The Maritime C4ISR System is a comprehensive suite of sensor devices together with Internet based network communications to support situational awareness for maritime protection activities. The system allows the user to manage several complex and diverse tasks simultaneously through remote access, automation, information management, and the

development or enhancement of decision aides to simplify decision-making and support defensive action by joint forces.

- ***\$800,000: Fire Support Technology Improvement Program (Bedford County)***
Funding for this project would be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation to develop advanced artillery battle management technologies and to integrate these advanced technologies into the Army fire support modernization initiatives.
- ***\$800,000: Hospital Emergency Planning and Integration (HEPI), Letterkenny (Franklin County)***
Funding for this project would be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation to establish a network of regional communication and collaboration centers, fielded by the Department of Defense (DOD) that will provide technology to emergency responders for day-to-day use and will provide a system for execution of the DOD Homeland Defense mission. The development of enterprise architecture will link existing state and local systems with the DOD and other federal agencies.
- ***\$2.4 million: Rural Health (CERMUSA) (Cambria County)***
Funding for this project would be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation to continue the St. Francis University Center of Excellence for Remote & Medically Under-Served Areas (CERMUSA) national test bed for research in tele-health, distance learning, tele-rehabilitation, and associated technologies.

Military Construction Projects:

- ***\$14.9 million: Letterkenny Army Depot, Army Reserve Center (Franklin County)***
Funding for this project would consolidate three area Army Reserve facilities at the Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD) in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. The project will provide a 300 member training facility with administrative areas, classrooms, assembly hall, arms vault, kitchen, equipment storage areas, physical training rooms, and maintenance facilities. LEAD has set aside 7.5 acres of secure federal land for construction of the Reserve Center. The Center will be constructed behind the Letterkenny fence and adjacent to 600 acres of federal land which are used for Reserve training. This facility will also meet all projected force protection and anti-terrorism standards.
- ***\$7.5 million Letterkenny Army Depot, Upgrade Munitions Igloos Phase 2 (Franklin County)***
Funding for this project would modify igloo doors and provide concrete ramps to significantly increase productivity and enhance Letterkenny Army Depot's ability to rapidly and safely support mission requirements. Letterkenny is a major receiving, storage, maintenance, and shipping site for both tactical missiles and conventional ammunition. These munitions are stored in 902 igloos constructed in the 1940s to store low technology ammunition that could be carried by hand. 706 of these igloos have 4 foot wide single doors and a two step differential between the pavement and igloo floor. Funding for this project will modify approximately 100 igloos to 10 foot doors and provide concrete ramps direct from the pavement to the igloo.
- ***\$13.4 million: Carlisle Barracks, Museum Support Facility (Cumberland County)***
Funding will be used to construct a Museum Support Facility to provide curation, conservation, and storage of historical artifacts and art; conservation of manuscripts and associated paper materials; research areas, office, and associated activities to support the U.S. Army Heritage and Educational Center and other Army Historical activities in coordination with the Center of

Military History. The facility will also provide a major educational and tourist facility in the Central Pennsylvania region.

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