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Spratt Announces \$143 Million Contract for SOPAKCO

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced Wednesday that SOPAKCO, of Bennettsville, has won a contract valued at \$143 million from the Department of Defense. Under the terms of the contract, the food processing firm will produce 1.35 million cases of “Meals Ready to Eat” (MREs) for the military over the next three years.

“Contracts like this are welcome news,” said Spratt, “because in 1993, the Pentagon decided to drop SOPAKCO as a supplier. I thought that was a bad decision and I took SOPAKCO's case to the highest levels of the Pentagon. The Pentagon reassessed its needs, and SOPAKCO is once again a part of the industrial base.”

SOPAKCO, a reliable producer of rations for the Pentagon since World War II, has indicated that it will add jobs at its Bennettsville and Mullins facilities to meet the terms of the contract, with approximately two dozen new jobs expected in Bennettsville.

“I am extremely proud of SOPAKCO,” said Spratt. “This award is a tribute to the company and its employees.”

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