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Shuster Applauds Defense Contract for BAE Systems *Mine Protected Vehicles Contract will Bring Business to Letterkenny Army Depot*

Washington, D.C. –**Congressman Bill Shuster**, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, applauds the decision of the Department of Defense to award a \$132 million production contract to BAE Systems for the Army’s Medium Mine Protected Vehicles program. Final assembly of these necessary vehicles will be performed at the Letterkenny Army Depot.

“Today’s announcement puts the spotlight on Letterkenny and once again shows that the depot plays an integral role in our military’s readiness,” Shuster said. “BAE Systems’ strategic partnership with Letterkenny will bring more work to the depot and help enhance the economy of Franklin County.”

"Our workforce joins me in applauding Congressman Shuster and other state elected leaders who worked diligently with Letterkenny and BAE," said Letterkenny’s Commander, Colonel Steve Shapiro. “We look forward to working together with BAE on these vehicles which ultimately serve to offer better protection to our Warfighters”.

The Medium Mine Protected Vehicle (MMPV) is a multi-purpose, mine protected, 6x6 wheeled vehicle based on BAE Systems' next generation RG33 family of vehicles. U.S. Army engineers will use MMPVs to conduct route and area clearance missions, command and control, mount mine clearing systems, and conduct explosive hazards reconnaissance. MMPVs will also be used by Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams.

“MMPV provides invaluable protection to soldiers in the field,” said Matt Riddle, vice president of Wheeled Vehicles Programs for BAE Systems. “As the sole producer of MMPV, BAE Systems will work closely with the U.S. Army to ensure these vehicles match the requirements and protect our soldiers in the field.”

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