

Funds Domestic Production of High-Powered Lasers for Military

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(Saxonburg, PA) - Today, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) presented II-VI Incorporated with a check for \$5.2 million. II-VI will use the funding to produce the materials used in high-powered solid state lasers needed by the Department of Defense. Congressman Altmire secured this funding in the continuing resolution (H.R. 2638) passed by the House on September 24, 2008 and signed into law by the president on September 30, 2008.

“The innovative technology developed by II-VI continues to be of enormous benefit to our local communities, as well as the country,” said Congressman Altmire. **“This project will create jobs for western Pennsylvanians and contribute to the production of the next generation of weapons systems for use by the U.S. military. I am glad to do my part to help advance this project.”**

“Our company has a rich history of developing advanced materials and we look forward to the challenges associated with this project,” said Fran Kramer, President and CEO, II-VI Incorporated. **“We are pleased that Congressman Altmire has led the effort to secure funding for this important Department of Defense initiative.”**

With this funding, the II-VI team will establish a capability in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for manufacturing transparent polycrystalline laser gain materials. These materials will be utilized in lasers which are critical components for future weapons systems and will greatly improve current illumination, tracking and intercept applications.

The funding delivered by Congressman Altmire today is part of more than \$20 million secured by him in the continuing resolution to support job creation and economic growth in western Pennsylvania. The funding will help create more than 100 new high-paying jobs and sustain over 2,200 positions in western Pennsylvania.