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## **Rep. Shuster and Sen. Specter Welcome Job Producing DOD Contracts with JLG in Fulton County**

### ***New Contract will Create up to 700 Jobs, Support our Nation's Warfighters***

*Washington, D.C.* – Today, **Congressman Bill Shuster** joined **Senator Arlen Specter** in congratulating Oshkosh/JLG on their successful contracts with the Department of Defense to deliver 2,244 M-ATVs (MRAP All-Terrain Vehicles) to our troops in Afghanistan and 60 employees will be performing vehicle suspension installations in Kuwait.

The contracts, valued at \$1.05 billion, will be carried out by Oshkosh in Wisconsin and JLG's production offices in Pennsylvania. The McConnellsburg plant is expected to call back approximately 550-650 employees as production ramps up for these new vehicles.

"This contract award is a testament to the skilled men and women employed at JLG Industries in Fulton County who will help produce vehicles of crucial importance to the warfighters in Afghanistan," **Senator Specter** said. "This contract award will be a strong boon to the local economy by sustaining hundreds of jobs."

"This contract award is great news for our nation's warfighters and the hardworking men and women in Pennsylvania whose work supports our troops," said **Congressman Shuster**. "As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I have been involved in getting mine resistant vehicles like the MRAP built and delivered to soldiers in Iraq for the past few years and work closely with JLG to support our warfighters."

"I am also pleased that these contracts will enable JLG to call back a significant number of employees as production ramps up," **Shuster** added. "We have a highly skilled workforce in Fulton County and this contract will enable them to show the Department of Defense that they are second to none in quality and workmanship."

The need for these heavy protective vehicles was made clear to Congressman Shuster through stories from soldiers who personally recounted their vehicles' performance on the battlefield. General Bennet Sacolick, a former Delta Force commander, personally told Shuster how a MRAP modified by the Letterkenny Depot in Franklin County saved the lives of his men in Iraq. Now, vehicles produced by workers in Fulton County will save lives in Afghanistan with the M-ATV.

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