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Government to provide $2 million for technology project

BATAVIA – Congressman J. Dennis Hastert on Monday announced that Rosetta-Wireless Corporation of West Chicago will receive $2 million to continue its development of a Wireless Intelligent Personal Server, a wallet-sized computer that provides workers with access to files and e-mails when they are out-of-the-office.

Presented by the Department of Commerce, the grant is part of the Advanced Technology Program, which assists with funding to develop technologies that promise significant commercial value and widespread benefits for the nation.

"This investment has the potential to change the way millions of Americans do business," Hastert said. "The government sets aside dollars for projects just like this, and I am pleased we were able to direct some of those funds to a local initiative."

The ATP partners with companies of all sizes, universities and not-for-profits, encouraging them to take on greater technical challenges with potentially large benefits that extend well beyond the innovators – challenges they could not or would not do alone.

Grants are selected through open, peer-reviewed competitions, and all industries and all fields of science and technology are eligible. The Rosetta-Wireless award was one of 16 grants announced out of 136 proposals in the second round of 2003 ATP funding. In all, the ATP has awarded 23 grants, out of more than 600 proposals in 2003.

Formed in 2000, Rosetta-Wireless Corporation is focused on developing new technology to use wireless devices to deliver information instantly to workers wherever they are located. For more information, please contact Keith Campbell at 630/561-0410.

"Consider the benefit of responding paramedics having a patient's complete medical history at their fingertips, so they can give the most appropriate emergency care," said Ed Bachner, President of Rosetta- Wireless. "That is what WIPS is all about."   ###