Led efforts to defeat amendment that would have prevented Harris from competing for Department of Defense Radio Contract

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today applauded Rochester-based Harris Communications for winning a Department of Defense contract totaling $397,451,848. Under the terms of the contract, Harris will develop Consolidated Single Channel Handheld Radios (CSCHR) for the United States Navy.

"This is a perfect example of how Rochester-based businesses can compete and win when given the opportunity to play on a level field," said Slaughter. "The work for this contract will be performed right here in Rochester and will help to support local employment. I am pleased to have led the effort in the House to ensure fair and open competition for contracts such as this and will continue to fight for Rochester jobs and employers."

Earlier this year, during consideration of H.R. 4310, the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Slaughter led the effort to defeat an amendment in the Rules Committee that would have prevented Harris from competing for the contract to sell tactical radio systems to the Defense Department. Her efforts helped save 500 jobs in Rochester.