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GPS Status and Modernization

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### **GPS Enterprise Operational View**

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#### **Department of Defense**

- Services (Army, Navy, AF, USMC)
- Agencies (NGA & DISA)
- US Naval Observatory
- PNT EXCOM
- GPS Partnership Council

#### **Maintenance**

- Develop & Publish ICDs Annually
  - Public ICWG: Worldwide Involvement
  - Materials Available at: gps.gov/technical/icwg
- Update GPS.gov Webpage
- Distribute PRNs for the World
  - 120 for US and 90 for GNSS

#### **International Cooperation**

- 57 Authorized Allied Users
  - 25+ Years of Cooperation
- GNSS
  - Europe Galileo
  - China Beidou
  - Russia GLONASS
  - Japan QZSS
  - India NAVIC





### **Civil Cooperation**

- 3+ Billion civil & commercial users worldwide
- Search and Rescue
- Civil Signals
- L1 C/A (Original Signal)
- L2C (2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Signal)
- L5 (Aviation Safety of Life)
- L1C (International)

### Spectrum

- World Radio Conference
- International
  Telecommunication Union
- Bilateral Agreements
- Adjacent Band Interference



### **Department of Transportation**

Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Department of Homeland Security**

• U.S. Coast Guard

### 34 Satellites / 31 Set Healthy Baseline Constellation: 24 Satellites

Satellite Block	Quantity	Average Age	Oldest
GPS IIA	1	25.4	25.4
GPS IIR	11	17.1	21.6
GPS IIR-M	7	11.6	13.4
GPS IIF	12	5.1	8.8
<b>Constellation</b>	31	11.5	25.4



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### **GPS SIS Performance Scoreboard**

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# GPS III Space Vehicles (SVs)

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- GPS III features
  - Increased accuracy and power
  - Inherent signal integrity
  - New L1C signal
  - Longer design life (15 years)
- SV01 launched 23 Dec 18; currently undergoing on-orbit test
  - Expected to be operational in early 2020
- SV02 is in launch preparation; targeting a 25 Jul 19 launch date
- SV03 -10 are in different phases of production





First GPS III satellite successfully launched in Dec 2018

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### GPS IIIF Acquisition Strategy Modernization, Recapitalization, and Resiliency

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- Focused on ability to deliver capability with high production maturity
- Continued partnerships with AFRL for technology insertion and path to flight
  - Digital Payloads
  - High Power Amplifiers
  - Advanced Clocks
  - Near Real-Time Commanding/Crosslinks
  - Signal Upgradeability



Ensuring the Gold Standard today and into the future

AFL – Available for Launch

ATP – Authority to Proceed CDR – Critical Design Review

SV - Space Vehicle

ILC – Initial Launch Capability NRE – Non-recurring Engineering RFP – Request for Proposal

### GPS IIIF contract awarded to Lockheed Martin on 26 Sep 18

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# GPS Enterprise Roadmap







## **GPS** Director's Perspectives

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- GPS is the Global Utility
  - Committed to maintaining uninterrupted service
  - "The Gold Standard"
- Continue to enhance GPS resiliency by:
  - Addressing near-term needs with current efforts
  - Identifying opportunities for resiliency improvements
  - Maturing technical needs for future use
- Appreciate the need for alternative PNT sources, and challenge the community (labs, industry, others) to propose & explore solutions
- Exploring & expanding multi-GNSS potential





## Next Generation Operational Control System (OCX)

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- Incremental Development
  - Block 0 Launch and Checkout System (LCS)
  - Block 1/2 Operational Control System
- Current Status
  - LCS supported GPS III SV01 launch on 23 Dec 18
    - Continues to function nominally during SV01 on-orbit checkout and testing (OOCT)
    - Preparing to support SV02 launch in 4QFY19
  - Block 1/2 development continues to meet milestones
    - Ready to Transition to Operations: 2Q 2022
- Enhanced command and control capability
- Modernized, agile architecture

### OCX program continues to execute and meet schedule







# GPS III Contingency Operations (COps)

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- Limited operations for GPS III SVs until OCX Block 1/2 delivery
  - Provides legacy and modernized civil signal operations
  - Uses OCX Block 0 for GPS III launch, major anomaly, & disposal capabilities
- Software Development
  - Risk reduction modification to current control system
  - Four incremental software builds
- Current Status
  - Software development completed Jun 2018
  - Operational Acceptance: Apr 2020

### COps is a critical bridge, enabling sustainment of legacy signals for GPS III