

# GPS International Diplomatic Activities

# 51st Civil GPS Service Interface Committee (CGSIC) Meeting

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# 2010 U.S. National Space Policy

# Space-Based PNT Guideline: Maintain leadership in the service, provision, and use of GNSS

- Provide civil GPS services, free of direct user charges
  - Available on a continuous, worldwide basis
  - Maintain constellation consistent with published performance standards and interface specifications
  - Non-U.S. PNT services may be used to complement services from GPS
- Encourage global compatibility and interoperability with GPS
- Promote transparency in civil service provision
- Enable market access to industry
- Support international activities to detect and mitigate harmful interference



# Planned Satellite-Based Navigation Systems

- Global Constellations
  - -GPS(24+)
  - GLONASS (30)
  - Galileo (27+3)
  - Compass (27+3 IGSO + 5 GEO)
- Regional Constellations
  - -QZSS(3)
  - IRNSS (7)

- Satellite-Based Augmentations
  - WAAS (3)
  - -MSAS(2)
  - -EGNOS(3)
  - -GAGAN(2)
  - SDCM (3)



# Ratification of U.S.-EU GPS— Galileo Cooperation Agreement

- As a matter of policy, the U.S. and European Commission have considered the U.S.-EU GPS-Galileo Agreement to be in force since its signing in June, 2004
- The EU has also informed the U.S. that all member states have accepted legal provisional application since November 1, 2008
- In November 2010, the U.S. was informed that all EU Member States had deposited entry-into-force notes and the U.S. subsequently sent an entry-into-force diplomatic note to the EU on June 6, 2011, to the EC Depository
- The Final step for full legal ratification is EU Parliament approval, required under the new Lisbon treaty - expected this fall



# Bilateral Consultations (1)

#### **U.S.-EU Cooperation**

- May 2011 video conference was the last "plenarytype" meeting with the EU
- GPS-Galileo Issues were also discussed at the June 2011 U.S.-EU Space Policy Dialogue in Brussels
- WG-A: An ITU operator-to-operator coordination meeting will take place September 27, 2011
  - Focus will be on GPS III, WAAS and EGNOS
- WG-B: an October 2011 video conference is scheduled to discuss trade and commercial issues including EU's interest in Lightsquared's potential impacts to GNSS



# Bilateral Consultations (2)

#### **U.S.-Russia Cooperation**

- WG1: Last met in Vienna, June 8, 2011.
  - Agenda included detailed presentation on the Russian proposed SBAS known as SDCM, assignment of GPS L1 C/A PRN codes, and GLONASS CDMA signal plans
- *WG2 :* Next meeting October 31-November 3 in U.S.
  - Research on Distress Alerting Satellite System space/ground segments

#### **U.S.-Japan Cooperation**

- Annual plenary meeting held in Washington, D.C., Jan. 13, 2011.
  - Progress noted on QZSS monitoring stations on Guam and Kauai.
  - Both sides reaffirmed close cooperation on GNSS issues, with no major outstanding problems or issues.
  - The future contribution of QZSS to the space-based PNT services of Japan and the important contribution of GNSS cooperation to the peaceful development of the Asia-Pacific region were discussed



### Bilateral Consultations (3)

#### **U.S.-China Cooperation**

- U.S. and China concluded ITU operator-to-operator coordination on signal compatibility between GPS and COMPASS in Sept. 2010
- Discussions on broader cooperation issues take place during meetings of the International Committee on GNSS (ICG)
- Government officials from both nations participated in a bilateral U.S. National Academy of Engineering and Chinese Academy of Engineering GNSS workshop held in Shanghai, May 2011

#### **U.S.-India Cooperation**

- In July, 2011, the U.S. and India convened the third U.S.-India Joint Working Group on Civil Space Cooperation in Bangalore
- Parties agreed to resume work on interoperability between GPS, the Indian GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation System (GAGAN),and the proposed Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS)



# International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG)

- Emerged from 3rd UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space held in July 1999
  - Promote the use of GNSS and its integration into infrastructures, particularly in developing countries
  - Encourage compatibility and interoperability among global and regional systems
  - Met annually since 2006
- Members include:
  - GNSS Providers China, EU, India, Japan, Russia, United States
  - Other interested Member States of the United Nations
  - International organizations/associations
  - CGSIC is an Associate Member



#### ICG Providers Forum

- Six space segment providers listed previously are members
- Purpose:
  - Focused discussions on compatibility and interoperability, encouraging development of complimentary systems
  - Exchange detailed information on systems & service provision plans
  - Exchange views on ICG work plan and activities
- Providers have agreed that all GNSS signals and services must be compatible and open signals and services should also be interoperable to the maximum extent possible
  - Definition of compatibility includes respect for spectral separation between each system's authorized service signals and other systems' signals
  - Interoperability definition addresses signal, geodetic reference frame realization, and system time steerage considerations



#### ICG-6 Outcomes

# The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ICG, to include the Providers Forum and four working groups, was hosted by the Government of Japan in Tokyo, September 5-9, 2011

- Development of Multi-GNSS monitoring networks were a major topic of discussion
  - ICG endorsement of the IGS Multi-GNSS Experiment
  - Subgroup will be formed to collectively investigate international GNSS monitoring and assessment
- Templates describing the geodetic and timing references for all systems have been completed and will be available on the ICG website
- Subgroup to be formed which will focus on GNSS applications



#### U.S. Contributions to ICG-6

#### • Presentations:

- U.S. system and policy update
  - Including information on the status of the LightSquared authorization
- Earthquakes and Other Natural Hazards: GNSS for Disaster Management
- FAA GNSS Update

#### Proposals:

- Potential improvements to the ICG's web site
- Joint Japan-U.S. Recommendation for an Interference Detection and Mitigation (IDM) Workshop was approved by the Committee
  - Time and location still to be determined
- Recommendation for GNSS service providers to define the Space Service Volume (SSV) was approved



# Summary

- U.S. policy encourages worldwide use of civil GPS and augmentations
- International cooperation at all levels is a priority
- Increased attention is being placed on interference detection and mitigation
- U.S. is pleased at progress at the International Committee on GNSS (ICG) to increase cooperation among system providers and improve services to users worldwide



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