# Nationwide Differential GPS (NDGPS) Program Update

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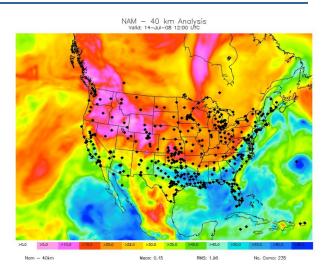
#### **NDGPS Operating Partners**

- United States Coast Guard
  - Aids to Navigation (maritime)
  - DGPS systems operations and maintenance
- Army Corps of Engineers
  - Aids to Navigation
  - Dredging and underkeel clearance
  - Underwater survey
- U.S. Department of Transportation
  - Surface transportation applications
    - Safety systems
    - Survey and construction (AMC)
    - Quality assurance
    - Asset and fleet management
    - Structures monitoring
    - Roadside/ROW management
    - Transit bus and rail location and separation
  - St. Lawrence Seaway (with Canada)

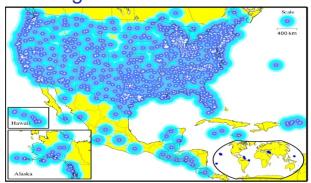


# **NDGPS Applications Partners**

- Department of Commerce
  - Continuously Operating Reference Stations
  - Severe Weather Forecasting water vapor estimates to national weather models
  - Space Weather Monitoring free electron mapping
- Federal Resource Agencies (USDA, NPS, USGS)
  - One meter real-time positioning and navigation
  - Fire management and safety
  - Survey and mapping; GIS applications



- State, County and Local Governments, Private and Non-Profit Sectors
  - Lands, parks and environmental resources management
  - Precision agriculture
  - Mining and other resource management





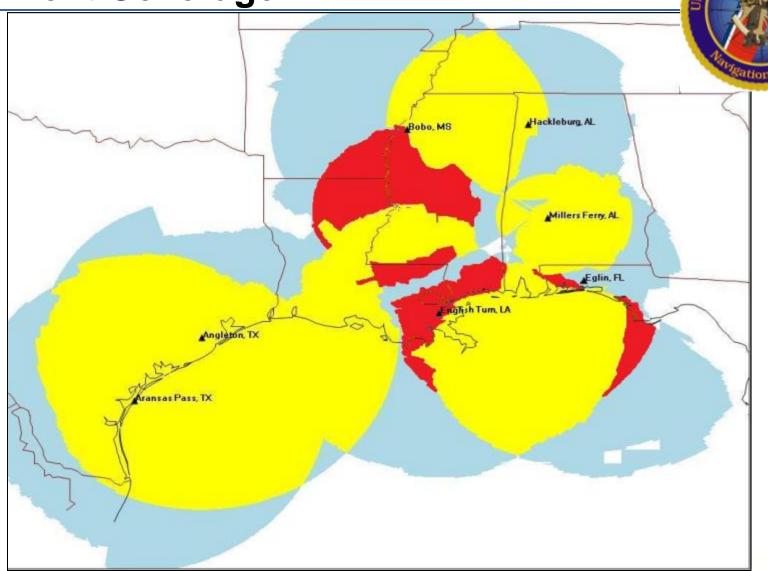


# Vicksburg DGPS Site Closure (ACOE)

- Vicksburg Area Saw Significant Flooding in May-June 2011
  - Mississippi River crested at Vicksburg on Wednesday, May 18
  - Crested at a record level of 57 feet; bankfull is 43 feet
  - Flood stage lasted through third week of June
- Vicksburg DGPS Site Underwater
  - Equipment removed/stored by ACOE
  - Facility significantly damaged
- Vicksburg Site Permanently Off Air July 7
  - ACOE requested immediate site decommissioning
  - Bobo, MS and English Turn, LA provide adequate DGPS coverage



# **Current Coverage**



# **NDGPS Program Status**

- Inland (DOT) Tower Recapitalization
  - Upgrade reference stations/integrity monitors/antenna
  - Install IP-based operations system
  - Upgrade transmitters
  - Depends upon FY12/13 funding
- Buildout Unlikely
  - No budget support for construction funding
  - Strong support for O&M and recap
- USCG/DOT MOA Rewrite
  - Funding
  - Property accountability
  - USCG Billets (FY2016 commitment current)
- USDA NDGPS Study
  - Identified 15 potential new services from existing or new NDGPS infrastructure
  - All high-accuracy/high-integrity applications



# High Accuracy NDGPS Work in Progress/To Do

- Two Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Projects in Progress
  - Ranging
    - Phase I complete; achieved better than 10 meters
    - Results indicate standalone range of <100 miles</li>
  - Compression
    - Compress data stream, ionosphere, troposphere, to < 1000 bits per epoch</li>
    - Awardee willing to make algorithm open source

#### Still To Do

- Integrity
  - Algorithms available; need to determine parameters
  - Lots of testing
- Multi-site integration
  - Used brute force for earlier testing
  - Interpolation between sites is theoretically feasible
  - 3 epoch sub-decimeter solution
- System testing



# Where are New Applications in Transportation?

- GPS Enforcement of Designated Truck Routes
  - Illinois State Legislature required study
  - Illinois DOT study makes eight recommendations for truck GPS systems
    - Vertical clearance
    - Weight restrictions
    - Communications and enforcement of truck GPS systems
- Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) Systems for Data Collection
  - 2011 VDOT Survey
    - Road weather management systems
    - Near-real-time road conditions
    - Mapping noxious weed control
    - Tracking incarcerated workers





# What Are We Trying to Get to?

- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Safety Applications for all Surface Modes of Transportation
  - Leverage technology to make vehicles discoverable to other vehicles, infrastructure, and pedestrians
  - Enable 360° situational awareness to the vehicle and driver
- Intelligent Railroad Systems
  - Assessing HA-NDGPS for meeting requirements
    - Positive Train Control
    - Track Defect Location
    - Automated Asset Mapping/Surveying

