

# U.S. GNSS International Activities Update

#### Civil GPS Service Interface Committee Meeting Nashville, Tennessee

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## U.S. National Space Policy

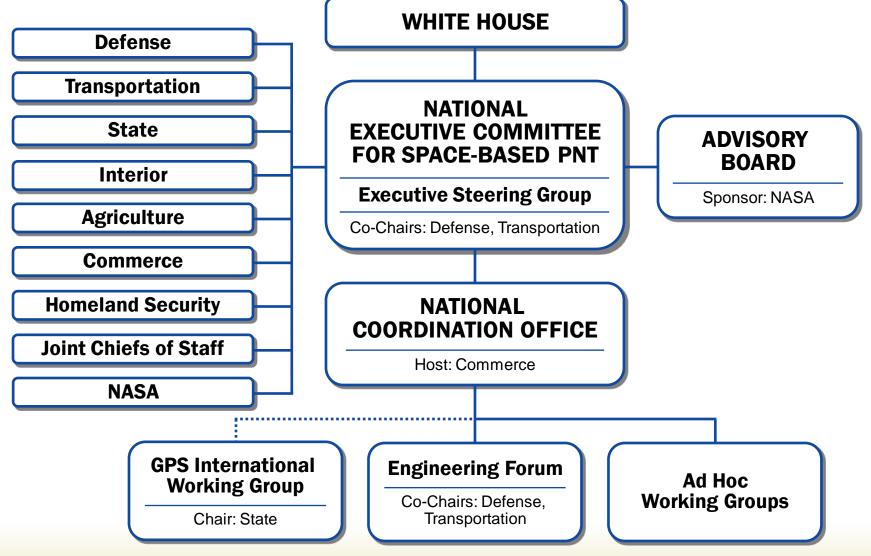
# Space-Based PNT Guideline: Maintain leadership in the service, provision, and use of GNSS

- 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
  - Foreign 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



# **U.S. Space-Based PNT Organization Structure**







# Planned Space-Based Positioning, Navigation and Timing Systems

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



- Regional Constellations
  - QZSS (4+3)
  - IRNSS (7)
- Satellite-Based Augmentations
  - WAAS (3)
  - MSAS (2)
  - EGNOS (3)
  - GAGAN (2)
  - SDCM (3)



#### China

- U.S. and China concluded ITU operator-tooperator coordination on GPS-COMPASS signal compatibility in September 2010
- Successful bilateral GNSS workshop organized by U.S. and Chinese engineering academies, May 2011 in Shanghai
- Bilateral meeting focused on aviation satellite navigation issues took place following the China Satellite Navigation Conference in May 2011
- On going discussions with China Satellite Navigation Office on the margins of multilateral international meetings



### **Europe**

- GPS-Galileo Agreement signed in 2004, ratified by EU in December 2011
  - Four working groups established under the Agreement
- ITU coordination meetings held in September and December 2011
  - Focused on GPS III, WAAS, EGNOS
- Working Groups met in June 2012 to further cooperation activities
- Second Plenary meeting held in June 2012 in Washington, D.C.



#### India

- Joint statement on GNSS cooperation signed 2007
- Third U.S.-India Joint Working Group on Civil Space Cooperation held July 2011
- Parties agreed to resume work on interoperability between GPS and India's GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) system and Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS)



## Japan

- Joint statement signed in 1998
- Cooperation focuses on compatibility and interoperability between GPS and Japan's Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS)
- Bilateral agreements for QZSS monitoring stations in Hawaii and Guam
- Annual plenary meeting held January 2012
  - Both sides reaffirmed close cooperation on GNSS issues, no major outstanding problems or issues
  - GPS-QZSS Technical Working Group completed, released its report



#### Russia

- GPS-GLONASS discussions ongoing since 1996
- Joint Statement issued December 2004
- Working Group 1 met in June 2011 to discuss Russian augmentation system (SDCM), assignment of PRN codes, and GLONASS CDMA signal plans
- Working Group 2 met October 2011 to discuss joint search and rescue capabilities
- Joint statements signed in September 2011 and June 2012 reaffirming intent to continue cooperation
- Russia seeking GLONASS monitoring sites in U.S.: discussions ongoing



#### International Committee on GNSS (ICG)

- Emerged from 3rd UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space 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
- Members include:
  - GNSS Providers (U.S., EU, Russia, China, India, Japan)
  - Other Member States of the United Nations
  - International organizations/associations





#### 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 should be compatible and open signals and services should also be interoperable to the maximum extent possible
  - Working 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

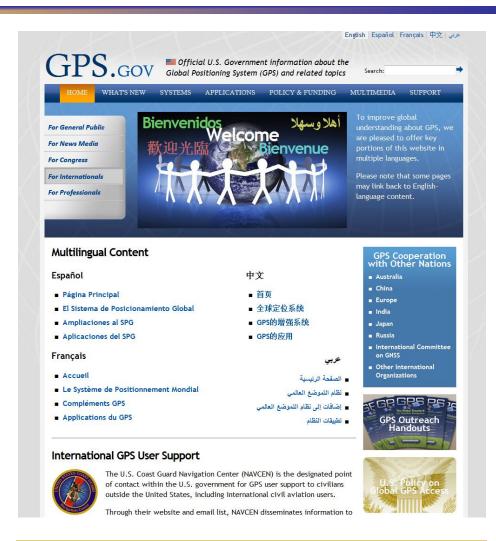
- 6th ICG meeting held in Tokyo, Sept 2011
- The development of Multi-GNSS monitoring networks was a major topic of discussion
  - The Committee endorsed the IGS Multi-GNSS Experiment
  - A Subgroup of the Working Group A has been formed to collectively investigate international GNSS monitoring and assessment
- The Compatibility sub-group of Working A will initiate discussions and collaboration on Open Service GNSS performance parameters, including definitions and calculation methods
- Templates describing the geodetic and timing references for all systems have been completed
- Interference Detection and Mitigation (IDM)
   Workshop endorsed Workshop held 7-8 June 2012

ICG-7 will be hosted by China in November 2012



# Summary

- U.S. policy encourages worldwide use of civil GPS and augmentations
- International cooperation at all levels is a priority
- Compatibility, interoperability, and transparency in open service provision are critical



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