Information for Policymakers from the National Coordination Office for Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT)

#### **April 2013**

### President's FY 2014 Budget Request Includes Nearly \$1.3 Billion for GPS Program



The Administration requested a total of \$1.2756 billion in Air Force funds for the GPS program, including \$533.6 million in procurement and \$742.0 million in development. The President's budget also includes \$20 million in FAA funds to add designated civil capabilities to GPS. For GPS augmentations and alternatives, the request seeks \$109 million for the Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS), \$2.5 million for Ground Based Augmentation Systems (GBAS), \$3.5 million for

Alternative PNT (APNT) systems for aviation, and \$5.6 million for the inland portion of the Nationwide Differential GPS System (NDGPS). For detailed budget information, visit <a href="https://www.gps.gov/policy/funding">www.gps.gov/policy/funding</a>.

### **Future of NDGPS Program Under Review**

On April 10, DOD, DOT, and DHS published the 2012 version of the Federal Radionavigation Plan (FRP) required by Congress. The plan states DHS and DOT are analyzing future requirements for the NDGPS to support investment decisions beyond FY 2016. An April 16 public notice requests comments on current and future usage of the NDGPS, the need to retain the NDGPS, the impact if NDGPS signals were not available, alternatives to the NDGPS, and alternative uses for the existing NDGPS infrastructure. Comments are due July 15. View the notice at <a href="federalregister.gov/a/2013-08844">federalregister.gov/a/2013-08844</a>. Download the 2012 FRP at <a href="https://www.navcen.uscg.gov">www.navcen.uscg.gov</a>.

# Members Reintroduce Legislation to Protect Personal Location Information

Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR), Mark Kirk (R-IL), and Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) recently reintroduced the Geolocation Privacy and Surveillance Act (S. 639/H.R. 1312), which would provide greater clarity on what kinds of GPS-based tracking activities and data disclosures are legal/illegal. Among other things, the bill would require law enforcement to obtain a warrant before using GPS to track suspects. Separately, Reps. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Ted Poe (R-TX), and Suzan DelBene (D-WA) reintroduced the Online Communications and Geolocation Protection Act (H.R. 983), which would also require a warrant or other specific conditions for the government to intercept and disclose personal geolocation information. Learn more about the legislation at www.gps.gov/policy/legislation.

## Air & Space Museum Opens Exhibit on Time & Navigation



A major new Smithsonian exhibition, Time and Navigation: The Untold Story of Getting from Here to There, explores how revolutions in time-keeping over three centuries have influenced how people find their way. Among other things, the exhibit describes the history and future of satellite navigation.

The National Coordination Office for Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing is a proud co-sponsor of the exhibit, along with other government and corporate contributors. To learn more about the exhibit, visit timeandnavigation.si.edu.



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