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# The U.S. Space-Based PNT Policy Update

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# Introduction



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- During the past decade, GPS has grown into a global utility providing space-based positioning, navigation and timing (PNT)
  - Consistent, predictable, dependable policy and performance
  - Augmentations improve performance



- Like the Internet, GPS is a critical component of the global information infrastructure
  - Scalable applications enabling broad new capabilities
  - Innovations in efficiency, safety, environmental protection, public security and science

#### GNSS Applications Support A Wide Range of Economic Activities





#### GNSS is Key to Scientific Monitoring of the Earth





# To better understand the changes and complex dynamic processes of our home planet

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#### New Applications Are Evolving Every Day





- Wireless/mobile applications
- Child/pet tracking
- Spacecraft control
- Power grid management
- Open pit mining
- Automatic snowplow guidance





# **U.S. Policy History**





- 1978: First GPS satellite launched
- 1983: President offered free civilian GPS access to GPS
- 1996: Established joint civil/military GPS management
- 1997: Congress passes law providing civil GPS access free of direct user fees
- 2000: President set Selective Availability to "Zero"
- 2004: President issues U.S. Policy on Space-Based PNT
- 2007: President announces Selective Availability eliminated from future GPS III satellites





- No direct user fees for civil GPS services
- Open public signal structures for all civil services
  - Promotes equal access for user equipment manufacture, applications development and value-added services
  - Encourages open market-driven competition
- Encourage use of GPS time, geodesy and signal standards
- Promote global compatibility and interoperability of GNSS systems with GPS
- Protect the radionavigation spectrum from disruption and interference
- Recognition of national and international security issues and protect against misuse





- Recognizes the changing international scene
  - Other nations are implementing space-based systems that provide PNT services
- National Executive Committee for Space-Based PNT
  - Chaired by Deputy Secretaries of Defense and Transportation
  - Membership includes: State, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Homeland Security, Joint Chiefs of Staff and NASA
- Established National Coordination Office with staff from each member agency



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



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#### **Eight meetings since 2006**

- Five-Year National Space-Based PNT Plan
  - Summarizes EXCOM agency planning for development, acquisition, sustainment and modernization of U.S. space-based PNT systems

#### Interference Detection and Mitigation Plan

- Department of Homeland Security coordinating U.S. capabilities to detect and mitigate sources of interference to GPS and its augmentations

#### National PNT Architecture

- Provides national PNT framework/investment strategy to help guide future
  PNT system-of-systems investment 2025 timeframe
- International Cooperation and Consultation
  - Compatibility and interoperability with other foreign systems







- Global Constellations
  - GPS (US)
  - GLONASS (Russia)
  - Galileo (EU)
  - Compass (China)
- Regional Constellations
  - QZSS (Japan)
  - IRNSS (India)

- Satellite-Based Augmentations
  - WAAS (US)
  - EGNOS (EU)
  - MSAS (Japan)
  - GAGAN (India)





2004 U.S. Space-Based PNT Policy International Relations

#### **Goals:**

- U.S. space-based PNT systems and services remain essential components of internationally accepted services
- Promote U.S. technological leadership in applications involving space-based PNT services

#### To achieve these goals, the U.S. shall:

- Encourage foreign development of PNT services/systems based on GPS
  - Seek to ensure foreign space-based PNT systems are interoperable with civil GPS and augmentations
  - At a minimum ensure compatibility
- Promote use of GPS and its augmentations, civil services and standards with foreign gov'ts and other int'l organizations



# **Goal of Civil Interoperability**





- Ideal interoperability provides users a PNT solution using signals from different GNSS systems:
  - No additional receiver cost or complexity
  - No degradation in performance

Interoperable = Better Together Than Separate



#### International Committee on GNSS (ICG) and Providers Forum



- ICG was established November 2006
  - Promote the use of GNSS and its integration into infrastructures, particularly in developing countries and encourage compatibility and interoperability among global and regional systems
  - Members include: GNSS providers (U.S., EU, Russia, China, India, Japan), international organizations and associations
  - U.S. to host ICG-3 in Pasadena, Dec 2008
- Providers Forum established at ICG-2, Sep 2007
  - Six providers listed above are members
  - Enables focused discussions on compatibility and interoperability
  - Consensus reached on the general definitions of compatibility and interoperability - including spectral separation between each system's authorized service signals and other systems' signals





## Summary



U.S. Space-based PNT effort progressing well in policy, programs and international outreach

- Implementation of 2004 U.S. Policy proceeding well
- U.S. space-based PNT system performance continue to improve into the future
- International cooperation is a top U.S. priority
  - Actively engaged in multi-lateral/bi-lateral consultations
- New GNSS applications emerging

As new space-based GNSSs emerge, compatibility and interoperability is the key to "success for all"





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- PNT.gov established to provide a source for information about U.S. Space Based PNT Program including:
  - U.S. policy, Executive Committee membership, Advisory Board and frequently asked questions
  - Announcements about Selective Availability and offer letter to International Civil Aviation Organization
  - Recent public presentations
- GPS.gov established for public information about GPS applications
  - Available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese
  - Brochures also available in hardcopy upon request
  - Links to various other Web sites





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