

# U.S. Space-Based PNT Policy, Programs, and **International Cooperation**





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# **Overview**

- U.S. Space-based PNT Policy
- GPS & Augmentation Programs Status
- International Cooperation Activities



# U.S. Space-Based PNT Policy

GOAL: Ensure the U.S. maintains space-based PNT services, augmentation, back-up, and service denial capabilities that...

- Provide uninterrupted availability of PNT services
- Meet growing national, homeland, economic security, and civil requirements, and scientific and commercial demands
- Remain the pre-eminent military space-based PNT service
- Continue to provide civil services that exceed or are competitive with foreign civil space-based PNT services and augmentation systems
- Remain essential components of internationally accepted
   PNT services
- Promote U.S. technological leadership in applications involving space-based PNT services





- No direct user fees for civil GPS services
  - Provided on a continuous, worldwide basis
- Open, public signal structures for all civil services
  - Promotes equal access for user equipment manufacturing, applications development, and valueadded services
  - Encourages open, market-driven competition
- Global compatibility and interoperability with GPS
- Service improvements for civil, commercial, and scientific users worldwide
- Protection of radionavigation spectrum from disruption and interference



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# **GPS Constellation Status**

# 31 Operational Satellites (Baseline Constellation: 24)

- 13 Block IIA
- 12 Block IIR
- 6 Block IIR-M
  - Transmitting new second civil signal
- Continuously assessing constellation health to determine launch need
  - 2 Block IIR-M's remaining
- Global GPS civil service performance commitment met continuously since December 1993







# **GPS Signal in Space Performance**



System accuracy far exceeds published standard

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# **Recent Program Successes**

- GPS IIR(M): 3 Successful launches since Oct 07
- GPS IIF: Completed all functional and performance tests; Currently in vacuum test
- GPS IIIA: Awarded to Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company (Newton, PA), May 08
- Operational Control Segment (OCS)
  - Architecture Evolution Plan (AEP)/Launch & Early Orbit, Anomaly Resolution & Disposal Operations (LADO) switch over – Sep 07
  - Alternate Master Control Station fully functional
- Next Generation Operational Control Segment (OCX)
  - Needed for Block III satellites & full functionality of modernized signals
  - Awarded Phase A contracts to Northrop Grumman & Raytheon, Nov 07





# **GPS Modernization Program**



Increasing System Capabilities 

Increasing Defense / Civil Benefit

#### **Block IIA/IIR**

#### **Basic GPS**

- Standard Service
- Single frequency (L1)
- Coarse acquisition (C/A) code navigation
- Precise Service
- Y-Code (L1Y & L2Y)
- Y-Code navigation

#### **Block IIR-M, IIF**

#### IIR-M: IIA/IIR capabilities plus

- 2nd civil signal (L2C)
- M-Code (L1M & L2M)

#### **<u>IIF</u>**: IIR-M capability plus

- 3rd civil signal (L5)
- Anti-jam flex power

#### **Block III**

- Backward compatibility
- 4th civil signal (L1C)
- Increased accuracy
- Increased anti-jam power
- Assured availability
- Navigation surety
- Controlled integrity
- Increased security
- System survivability



# GPS Modernization – New Civil Signals

- Second civil signal "L2C"
  - Designed to meet commercial needs
  - Higher accuracy through ionospheric correction
  - Available since 2005 without data message
  - Phased roll-out of CNAV message starting in 2009
  - Full capability: 24 satellites ~2016





Third civil signal "L5"

- Designed to meet demanding requirements for transportation safety-of-life
- Uses highly protected Aeronautical Radio Navigation Service (ARNS) band
- 1<sup>st</sup> launch: 2009; 24 satellites ~2018



# Fourth Civil Signal (L1C)



**Under trees** 



**Urban Canyons** 

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- Designed with international partners for interoperability
- Modernized civil signal at L1 frequency
  - More robust navigation across a broad range of user applications
  - Improved performance in challenged tracking environments
  - Original signal retained for backward compatibility
- Specification developed in cooperation with industry, recently completed
- Launches with GPS III in 2014
- On 24 satellites by ~2021



# Wide Area Augmentation System

- Two replacement satellites launched in 2005
  - Intelsat (Galaxy XV) and Telesat Canada (Anik F1R)
  - Provides dual coverage over United States
- Service expanded into Canada and Mexico
  - New reference stations in Mexico (5) and Canada (4)
  - Operational Sep 2007





# Local Area Augmentation System (LAAS)

- Precision Approach For CAT- I, II, III
- Multiple Runway Coverage At An Airport
- 3D RNP Procedures (RTA), CDAs
- Navigation for Closely Spaced Parallels
- Super Density Operations
- First certified ground systemearly 2009



• LAAS is Expected to Achieve Category-III By 2012

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# Nationwide Differential GPS



- Expansion of maritime differential GPS (DGPS) network to cover terrestrial United States
- Built to international standard adopted in 50+ countries
- Department of Transportation recently re-committed to continuing inland element of NDGPS

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#### **U.S. Space-Based PNT Policy** (Excerpts focused on International Relations)

#### Goals:

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

### To achieve this, the United States Government 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

#### The Secretary of State shall:

- Promote the use of civil aspects of GPS and its augmentation services and standards with foreign governments and other international organizations
- Lead negotiations with foreign governments and international organizations regarding civil PNT matters



## **Planned GNSS**

- Global Constellations
  - GPS (24+)
  - GLONASS (30)
  - Galileo (27)
  - Compass (38)
- Regional Constellations
  - QZSS (3)
  - IRNSS (7)

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



# U.S. Objectives in Working with Other GNSS Service Providers

- Ensure compatibility ability of U.S. and non-U.S. space-based PNT services to be used separately or together without interfering with each individual service or signal
  - Radio frequency compatibility
  - Spectral separation between M-code and other signals
- Achieve **interoperability** ability of civil U.S. and non-U.S. space-based PNT services to be used together to provide the user better capabilities than would be achieved by relying solely on one service or signal
  - Primary focus on the common L1C and L5 signals
- Ensure a level playing field in the global marketplace

### Pursue through Bi-lateral and Multi-lateral Cooperation



# *The Goal of RNSS Civil Interoperability*



 Ideal interoperability allows navigation with one signal each from four or more systems with no additional receiver cost or complexity

Interoperable = Better Together than Separate



# U.S. - Europe Cooperation

- 2004 U.S.-EU agreement provides foundation for cooperation
- Four working groups were set up under the agreement:
   Technical, trade, and security issues working groups have met
- Improved new civil signal (MBOC) adopted in July 2007
- First Plenary Meeting successfully held in October 2008



Oct. 22, 2008 , EU-U.S. Plenary delegations meeting under the auspices of the GPS-Galileo Cooperation Agreement



Signing ceremony for GPS-Galileo Cooperation Joint Statement, Oct. 23, 2008 (Michel Bosco, European Commission; Kenneth Hodgkins, U.S. Department of State)



- Japan's status as a world leader in GPS applications and user equipment makes it an important partner
- Regular policy consultations and technical meetings on GPS cooperation began in 1996 and led to the 1998 Clinton-Obuchi Joint Statement
  - Annual Plenary meeting just occurred on Monday in Tokyo
- Both countries have benefited from the close relationship:
  - QZSS designed to be compatible & interoperable with GPS
  - U.S. and Japan's Satellite-Based Augmentation Systems, WAAS & MSAS are highly interoperable and based on GPS
  - U.S. working with Japan to set up QZSS monitoring stations in Hawaii and Guam



- U.S.- Russia Joint Statement issued in December 2004
- Negotiations for a U.S.-Russia Agreement on satellite navigation cooperation have been underway since late 2005
- Several very productive technical working group meetings have been held:
  - Russia is adopting two new civil CDMA signals at L1, L5 to be interoperable with GPS
  - Next technical working group meeting is planned for December 2008



- Policy and technical consultations on GPS cooperation underway since 2005
  - One aim is to ensure interoperability between the Wide-Area Augmentation System (WAAS) and India's planned GAGAN augmentation system, both based on GPS
  - Another important topic is ionospheric distortion and solutions to this phenomena
- U.S.-India Joint Statement on GNSS Cooperation issued in February 2007 in Washington
  - Bi-lateral meeting held in Bangalore in September 2007
  - Technical Meeting focused on GPS-IRNSS compatibility and interoperability held in January and July 2008



# International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (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





### International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG)

- ICG-2 held in September, 2007 in India
- Established Providers Forum
- Began implementation of the ICG Work Plan within established working groups:
  - A. Interoperability and compatibility
  - B. Enhancement of performance of GNSS services
  - C. Information dissemination, education, outreach & coordination
  - D. Interaction with monitoring & reference station network organizations
- U.S. will host the 3rd ICG in December 2008
  - <u>http://www.geolinks.org/ICG3/</u>
- Russia will host the 4<sup>th</sup> ICG in St. Petersburg in 2009



- Six space segment providers listed previously are members
- Purpose:
  - Focused discussions on compatibility and interoperability, encouraging development of complimentary systems
  - Exchange of detailed information on systems & service provision plans
  - Exchange views on ICG work plan and activities
- Consensus reached at the first meeting on general definitions for compatibility and interoperability
  - Including spectral separation between each system's authorized service signals and other systems' signals

http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/gnss/icg.html



## Summary

- GPS performance is better than ever and will continue to improve
  - Augmentations enable even higher performance
  - New civil GPS signal available now
  - Many additional upgrades scheduled
- U.S. policy encourages worldwide use of civil GPS and augmentations
- International cooperation is a priority
  - Compatibility and interoperability are critical



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