

# Space-Based Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT):

**A National Perspective...** 

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## **GPS Today**



- Over the past decade, the Global Positioning System (GPS) has grown into a worldwide utility providing:
  - Space-based positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) information
    - Augmentations improve performance even further
  - Consistent, predictable, dependable policy and performance
  - Innovative entrepreneurship and investment by private industry
- Like the Internet, GPS has grown into a critical component of the global information infrastructure
  - Scalable applications enabling broad new capabilities
  - Used in partnership with other technologies, i.e. Geographic Information Systems, Remote Sensing, etc.
  - Facilitating innovations in efficiency, safety, environmental, public security, and science



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



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

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



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





#### **GPS is Essential to Our Economy and National Critical Infrastructures**





## NEXTGEN



Satellite-Based Navigation and Surveillance

#### – Reduce Delays

#### Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

#### Reduce Fuel Use

Traffic "Management"

Informed Decisions Using Integrated Westher

Digital Data Exchange

Net Centric Information Access

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#### "Shelley"







## **Precision Agriculture**



- Maximize use of resources
  - Optimize plowing of crop rows
  - Tailor applications of seeds, fertilizer, water, pesticides
  - Improve management of land, machinery, personnel, time
  - Greater crop yields
  - Net benefit: \$5-14 per acre
- Minimize environmental impacts
  - Localize identification and treatment of distressed crops that reduces chemical use
  - Precisely level fields to prevent fluid runoff





## Surveying/Mapping/GIS







- Sub-centimeter accuracy
- 100%-300% savings in time, cost, labor
- Most major development projects require surveying
  - Rural electrification
  - Telecom tower placement
  - Pipeline installation
  - Dam construction
- Port dredging operations
- Oil, gas, and mineral exploration
- Flood plain mapping



## **Endangered Species**





ANNUAL CIRCUIT

May-September Birds breed in Wood Buffalo National Park in northern Canada

October-November Fall migration south

November-March Winter at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas Gulf coastline

March-late April Spring migration north

Most whooping cranes stop here every year to rest and feed, most for a day or two but some for as much as two weeks.









## **GPS Applications Scientific Research**



- Monitoring geological change
  - Glaciers, tectonic plates, earthquakes, volcanoes
- Wildlife behavior
- Atmospheric modeling
  - Water vapor content
- Oceanic studies
  - Tidal patterns
  - Surface mapping
- Time transfer
- Space Exploration

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- PNT.gov established to distribute information on the U.S. National Executive Committee to include:
  - U.S. Policy, Executive Committee membership, Advisory Board and frequently asked questions
  - All recent public presentations
- GPS.gov established for public information about GPS applications
  - Available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese
  - Contains additional links to various other web sites



## Closing



- Continuing to improve GPS and U.S. Augmentations
  - Civilian agencies are responsible for funding new, civil-unique GPS capabilities
- Stable, predictable national policy
  - No direct user fees; open market-driven competition
- International cooperation is a priority
  - Compatibility and Interoperability
- GPS is critical to our national infrastructure and economic security

## GPS Modernization program is enhancing capabilities for tomorrow





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