# GPS: Constellation Update and U.S. Activities Supporting International GNSS Interoperability

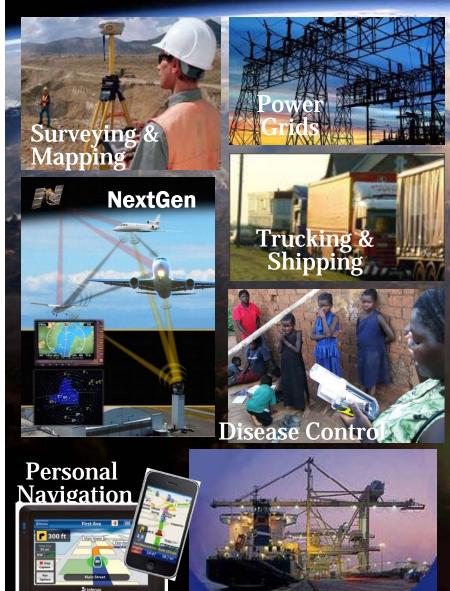
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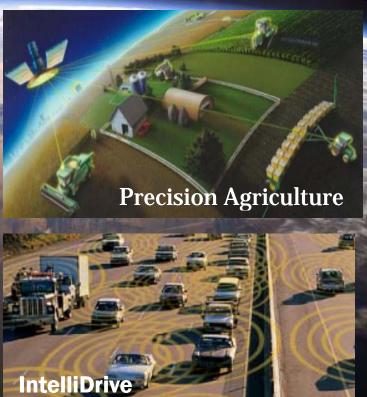
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#### **GPS is Essential to Our Economies** and National Critical Infrastructures









Satellite Operation

**Operations** 





- U.S. National Space Policy
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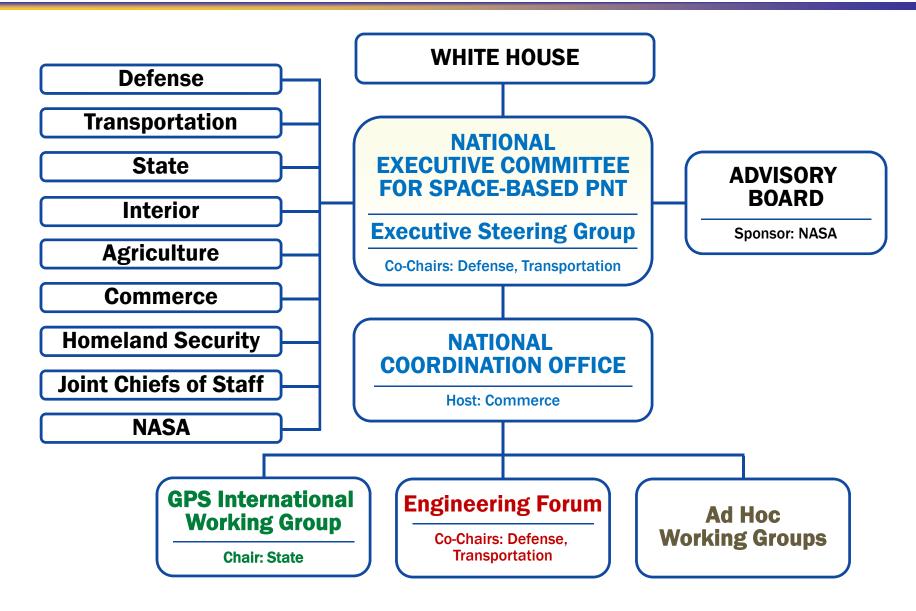
# New U.S. National Space Policy

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. National Space-Based PNT Organization Structure





#### GPS Constellation Status

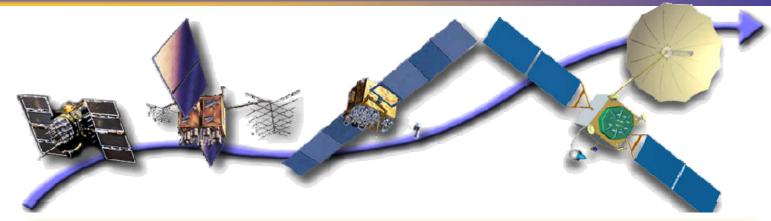
# 31 Operational Satellites (Baseline Constellation: 24)

- 11 Block IIA
- 12 Block IIR
- 7 Block IIR-M
  - Transmitting new second civil signal
  - 1 GPS IIR-M in on-orbit testing
- 1 Block IIF launched May 27th, 2010
  - First of 12 Block IIF satellites
- 3 additional satellites in residual status
- Global GPS civil service performance commitment met continuously since December 1993





#### 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)

**IIF**: 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
  - Currently, 7 IIR-Ms transmitting L2C
- After 2020 with L2C and L5 online, the USG will no longer support semi-codeless access to military GPS signals
- Full capability: 24 satellites  $\sim 2016$



#### • Third civil signal "L5"

- Designed to meet demanding requirements for transportation safety-of-life
- Uses highly protected Aeronautical Radio Navigation Service (ARNS) band
- On orbit broadcast 10 APR 2009 on IIR-20(M) secured ITU frequency filing
  - Is operational on 1st IIF (SVN-62)
- Full capability: 24 satellites ~2018





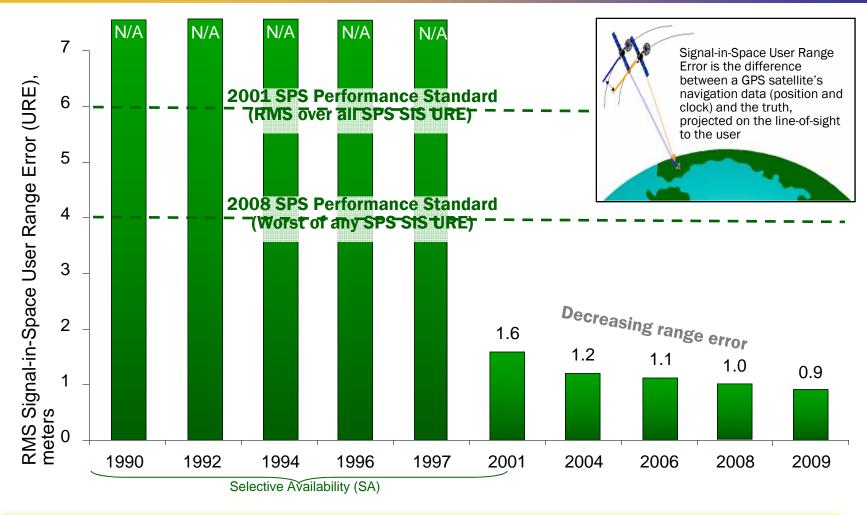
## GPS Modernization – Fourth Civil Signal (L1C)



- Fourth civil signal "L1C"
  - 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



## SPS Signal in Space Performance



System accuracy exceeds published standard



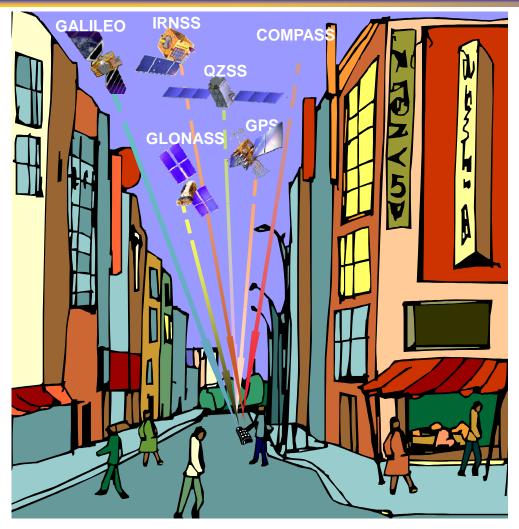
# U.S. Objectives in Working with Other GNSS Service Providers

- 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
- Promote fair competition in the global marketplace

Pursue through Bi-lateral and Multi-lateral Cooperation



### The Goal of Civil GNSS 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



# International Cooperation Venues

#### Bilateral

- China
- Japan
- India
- Australia
- Russia
- EU

#### Multilateral

- International Committee on GNSS (ICG)
- Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)





# Bilateral Cooperation

- U.S.-China operator-to-operator coordination under ITU auspices
  - Bilateral Meetings in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
- U.S.-Japan Joint Statement on GPS Cooperation 1998
  - Annual Plenary Meetings
  - Quasi Zenith Satellite System (QZSS) designed to be fully compatible and highly interoperable with GPS
  - Bilateral agreements to set up QZSS monitoring stations in Hawaii and Guam – stations operating!
- U.S.-India Joint Statement on GNSS Coop. 2007
  - Technical Meetings focused on GPS-India Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) compatibility and interoperability held in 2008 and 2009



# Bilateral Cooperation (continued)

- U.S.-Australia Joint Delegation Statement on Cooperation in the Civil Use of GPS in 2007
  - Next bilateral meeting in Washington, D.C., Oct. 26-27, 2010
  - USCG NAVCEN posts a daily PDOP report in response to concerns over planned GPS outages
- U.S.-Russia Joint Statement issued December 2004
  - Working Groups: compatibility/interoperability, search/rescue
- U.S.-EU GPS-Galileo Cooperation Agreement signed in June 2004
  - Four working groups set up under the Agreement
  - Improved new civil signal (MBOC) adopted in July 2007
  - First Plenary Meeting successfully held in October 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 interested 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 must 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



# U.S. Participation in the ICG



- U.S. strongly supports the ICG and Providers Forum
  - U.S. hosted ICG-3 in Pasadena, California, December 2008
  - U.S. contributes to UNOOSA as the ICG Secretariat to support ICG meetings and activities
  - U.S. actively participates in ICG working groups
- U.S. pleased with progress made at ICG-4 at St. Petersburg, Russia
  - Adoption of new principle on transparency for open services: Every provider should publish documentation that describes signal and system information, policies of provision and minimum levels of performance for its open services
- ICG-5 to be held in October 2010 in Turin, Italy



#### ICG Executive Secretariat

- UN OOSA is the ICG Executive Secretariat
- ICG provides:
  - Web-based information
  - Information brochures
  - Training/technical workshops for capacity building in developing countries
  - Promoting the use of GNSS technologies as tools for scientific applications





# APEC GIT Cooperation

- The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum facilitates economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region for its 21 member economies
- The APEC GNSS Implementation Team (GIT) formerly almost exclusively focused on air traffic control and aviation issues
  - The GIT has broadened its focus to the application of GNSS in all transportation sectors
  - Additional participation of GNSS government and industry experts at APEC GIT-13 at Singapore in July 2009; project proposal made on surface transportation



# APEC GIT Cooperation (cont.)

- APEC GIT-14 meeting successfully held in Seattle, Washington state, U.S.A., June 21-24, 2010
- Delegates from 13 Asian-Pacific economies participated
- Goal of discussions was to improve adoption of satellitebased positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) signals into all modes of transportation
- Keynote address given by U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Joel Szabat
- Delegates adopted a strategy paper
- Agreement to consider four projects to help economies better utilize the advantages offered by space-based PNT
- Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Brisbane, Australia in May 2011



# Summary

- International cooperation in the context of U.S. National Space-Based PNT Policy is a top priority for the U.S. Government
- The U.S. actively engages in bilateral, and multilateral cooperation on satellite navigation issues
- As new and restored global and regional spacebased navigation systems emerge, interoperability continues to be the key to "success for all"



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