Policy Update (NSPD-39)

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EXCOM Update

• New EXCOM co-chairs
  – Robert Work, Deputy Secretary of Defense
  – Victor Mendez, Acting Deputy Secretary of Transportation

• EXCOM meeting held March 14, 2014
  – Reviewed Advisory Board task results
  – Received briefing on CNAV implementation plan
  – Received updates on spectrum/interference topics
Economic Assessment

Follow On Activities

• DOC can draw upon experience in evaluating economic benefits of “digital economy”

• Working to identify and acquire appropriate advisory services for next phase of economic assessment

• Next steps:
  – Prepare statement of work
  – Form interagency team with NCO facilitation to provide inputs to study
NCO Update

• DOT to appoint new NCO Director
• Deputy Director inbound from DOD/AF by late summer 2014
• Recent activities include:
  – Interagency coordination of CNAV implementation plan
  – Continued monitoring of critical infrastructure resilience efforts
  – Evaluation of international cooperation issues
  – GPS outreach and education
• Signed into law on December 26, 2013

• § 1602(b) - Limitation on Construction on United States Territory of Satellite Positioning Ground Monitoring Stations of Foreign Governments
  – Applies to construction of a GNSS ground monitoring station controlled by a foreign government in U.S. territory
  – Requires SecDef and DNI to certify to Congress that station cannot be used to gather intelligence or improve any foreign weapon system
  – SecDef and DNI may waive certification but must report waiver to Congress

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Nationwide Differential GPS (NDGPS)

Sponsors: U.S. Coast Guard & U.S. Department of Transportation

- 80+ sites
- Broadcasts GPS correction signals
- Improved accuracy and integrity
Assessment of future of NDGPS

- Joint U.S. Coast Guard & U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Register Notice 16 April 2013
  - Assessment driven by many factors: from policy to technology
  - Asked how NDGPS is used, impact/alternatives if discontinued
  - Comments received are being reviewed

- Next Steps: Identify and assess alternatives
  - Continuation/partial decommission/transfer/hybrid

- Decision timeline: No earlier than summer 2014
  - Supports investment decisions in 2016

- Continue uninterrupted NDGPS service to users as currently provided until future decision reached

- Public/user community information/ involvement in decision processes and next steps
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