

## United States GPS Program and GNSS International Activities Update



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## U.S. National Space Policy

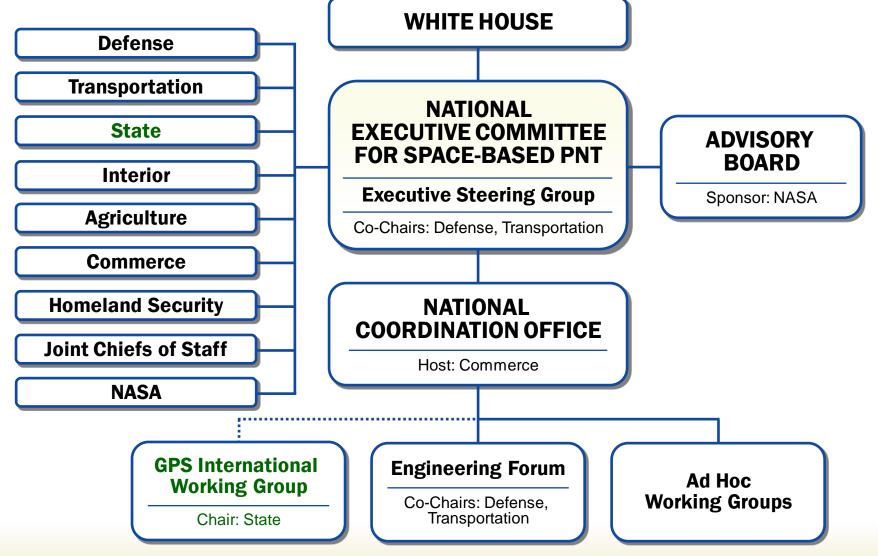
# Space-Based PNT Guideline: Maintain leadership in the service, provision, and use of GNSS

- 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. Space-Based PNT Organization Structure







### U.S. Policy Promotes Global Use of GPS Technology

- 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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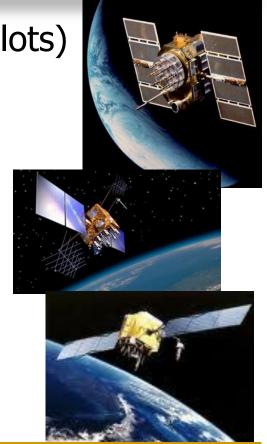
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#### **GPS Constellation Status**

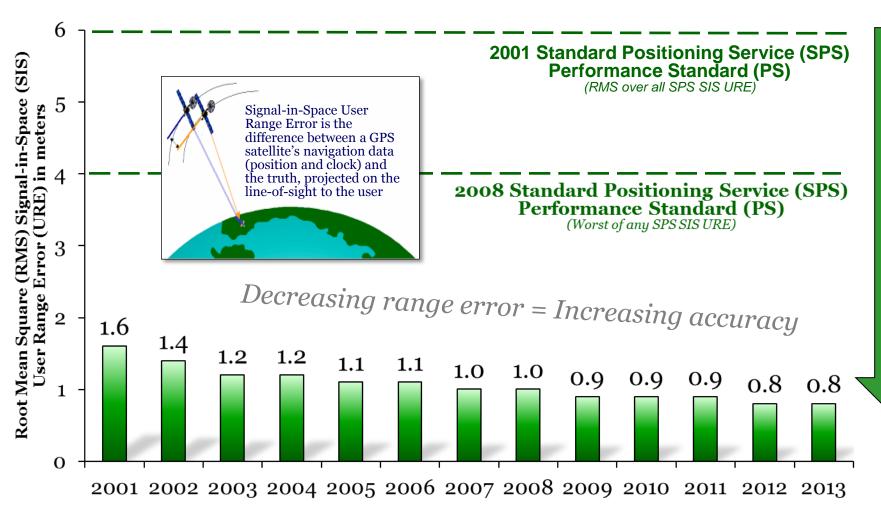
#### 30 Operational Satellites as of May 16, 2014

- "Expandable 24" configuration (27 slots)
- 6 Block IIA
- 12 Block IIR
- 7 Block IIR-M
- 5 Block IIF
- Additional residuals on orbit
- Continuously assessing constellation health to determine launch need





### GPS SPS Signal in Space Performance



Global GPS service performance commitment met continuously since December 1993



### GPS Modernization Program

# Legacy GPS IIA/IIR

- Single Frequency (L1)
- Coarse acquisition (C/A) code
- Y-Code (L1Y & L2Y)

#### **GPS IIR-M**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Signal (L2C)
- M-Code (L1M & L2M)

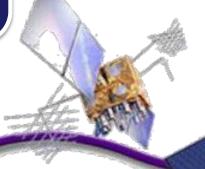
#### **GPS IIF**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> civil signal (L<sub>5</sub>)
- 2 Rb + 1 Cs Clocks
- 12 year design life

#### **GPS III**

- 4<sup>th</sup> civil signal (L1C)
- 4x better User Range Error than IIF
- Increased availability
- Increased integrity
- 15 year design life







#### Legacy OCS

- Mainframe system
- Command & Control
- Signal monitoring

#### **AEP**

- Distributed architecture
- Increased signal monitoring
- Security
- Accuracy
- Launch and disposal ops

#### OCX Block o

- Launch & On-Orbit Checkout of GPS III
- Fly legacy constellation

#### OCX Block 1

• Transition from OCS to OCX for all GPS command and control operations

INCREASING SYSTEM CAPABILITIES - INCREASING USER BENEFIT



## GPS III Space and Ground Segments

- GPS Block III, Satellites 1-8
  - SV01 initial power turn-on 27 Feb 13
  - Final elements of Navigation Payload are in acceptance test
  - SV07/08 contract awarded 31 Mar 14
- GPS Block III, Satellites 9+
  - Committed to add search and rescue payload (SAR-GPS) and satellite laser retro-reflectors
  - Studying options for dual launch and other cost savings
- Next Generation Operational Control System (OCX)
  - Modernized command & control system with M-Code and modern civil signal monitoring
  - OCX Block 0 supports launch & checkout for GPS III and is in integration & test
  - OCX Block 1 will support transition from OCS in 2017





Monitor Station



**Ground Antenna** 



# Modernized Civil GPS Signals

- Second civil signal "L2C"
  - Designed to meet commercial needs
  - Broadcast since 2005
  - Currently 12 satellites broadcasting L2C



- Third civil signal "L5"
  - Meets transportation safety of life requirements
  - Uses Aeronautical Radio Navigation Service band
  - Enables triple-frequency positioning techniques
  - Currently 5 satellites broadcasting L5
- Fourth civil signal "L1C"
  - Designed for GNSS interoperability
  - Specification developed in cooperation with industry
  - Improved performance in challenged environments
  - Launches with GPS III in 2016

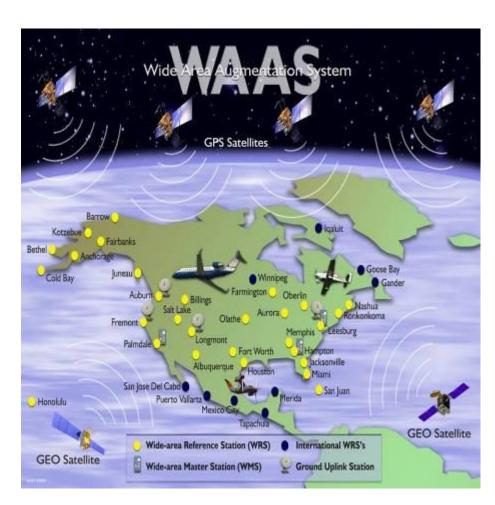


Continuous Broadcast of the new civil navigation "CNAV" message on L2C and L5 began April 28, 2014



### Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) Architecture

- A combination of ground-based and space-based systems that augment the GPS Standard Positioning Service (SPS)
- Provides the capability for increased availability and accuracy in position reporting, allowing more time for uniform and high quality air traffic management.
- Provides service for all classes of aircraft in all phases of flight - including en route navigation, airport departures, and airport arrival

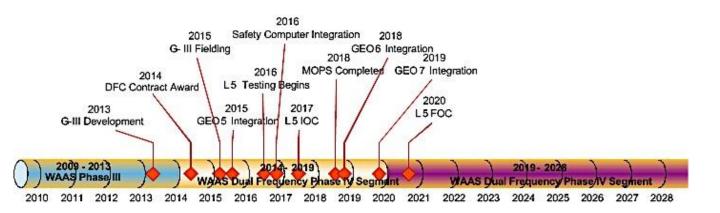


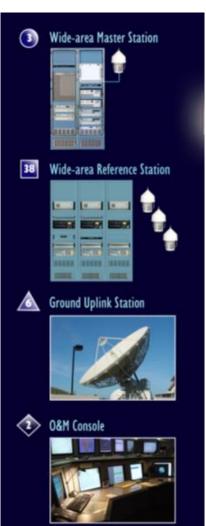
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#### WAAS Status

- Phase III: Full LPV-200 Performance, 2009-2013
- Phase IV: Dual Frequency (L1, L5)
   Operations (2014 2028)
  - Improved availability/continuity during severe solar activity
  - Transition from use of L2 to L5 in WAAS reference stations
  - Support sustainment of WAAS GEOs
  - Infrastructure modifications to support L1/L5 users
  - Continue to support single frequency users
  - Evaluate Multi-Constellation utility







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#### Planned GNSS

#### **Global Constellations**

- GPS (24+)
- GLONASS (30)
- Galileo (27+3)
- Beidou (27+3 IGSO + 5 GEO)



# Regional Constellations

- QZSS (4+3)
- IRNSS (7)

#### Satellite-Based Augmentations

- WAAS (3)
- MSAS (2)
- EGNOS (3)
- GAGAN (2)
- SDCM (3)



# 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 Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation



## Bilateral Cooperation

- Japan: Joint statement signed in 1998; cooperation focuses on compatibility and interoperability between GPS and Japan's Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS)
- **European Union**: GPS-Galileo Agreement signed in 2004, ratified by EU in December 2011; working groups formed under the agreement continue to meet
- India: Joint statement on GNSS cooperation signed 2007; continuing discussions under the Joint Civil Space Cooperation Working Group
- Russia: GPS-GLONASS discussions ongoing since 1996; Joint Statement issued Dec. 2004; May 2012 request to consider hosting SDCM sites within U.S. territory to monitor GLONASS civil signals is still under review within the U.S. government



### U.S. Cooperation with China

- Operator-to-operator coordination under ITU auspices for GPS & Beidou was completed in September 2010
- Following CSNC 2011:
  - Workshop on GNSS conducted by the Chinese Academy of Engineering and U.S. National Academy of Engineering
  - Meeting between the CAAC (中国民用航空局) and U.S. FAA focused on aviation satellite navigation issues
- On going cooperation with China Satellite Navigation Office (CSNO) and China National Administration of GNSS and Applications (CNAGA), on the margins of the International Committee on GNSS (ICG)
- Delegations from both nations just met on May 19 in Beijing to discuss civil cooperation topics such as interoperability, service monitoring, interference detection, spectrum protection, and civil aviation applications



### 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





### ICG-8 Meeting in Dubai: Nov 10-14, 2013

- Interference detection and mitigation (IDM) Task Force established
  - Focus on developing a common set of information to be reported to GNSS civil service centers
  - Third IDM Workshop to be held in 2014 (China likely host)
- Interoperability Task Force established
  - Focus on analyzing the results of the April 2013 U.S. hosted Interoperability Workshop
  - Additional Interoperability Workshops to be held in 2014 (hosted by different GNSS Providers)
- Multi-GNSS monitoring: International GNSS Monitoring and Assessment (IGMA) Task Force to focus on:
  - Identifying what service parameters should be monitored
  - Defining the level and methods for carrying out the monitoring
- Consensus that achieving a fully interoperable GNSS space service volume would provide significant performance benefits that no single system could provide on its own



### Progress at ICG in GNSS Civil Service Provision

- ✓ Providers Forum
  - ✓ Providers Forum System Report
    - ✓ Principles of Compatibility, Interoperability, and Transparency
      - ➤ Template for Performance Standards (and ICDs)
        - Postulated Performance Standards for future services
          - Service Assurances or Commitments
            - Monitoring of service performance
              - Interference monitoring



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- U.S. policy encourages worldwide GPS use
  - International cooperation to ensure compatibility, interoperability, and transparency is a priority
- GPS and augmentations continue to provide improved service and modernized capabilities while maintaining backward compatibility for all users
- Policy stability, service transparency, and continuous improvement are the keys to success in GNSS Programs



#### For Additional Information...





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