



# Director's Report

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The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) Director's Report is a weekly executive capsule covering current satellite industry news and events. See the bottom of page for additional information.

## Recent News

**Mobile Satellite Ventures** commended the FCC's decision to require a built-in satellite capability in at least one handset offered that will operate in the 20 MHz the FCC reserved for a public-private partnership that will construct a nationwide public safety broadband network in the 700 MHz band. [Link to additional information](#)

**Integral Systems, Inc.** announced the award by the U.S. Air Force of a cost plus award fee modification totaling \$5.8 million to modify the Command and Control System-Consolidated (CCS-C) effort to support the Wideband Global SATCOM (WGS) and Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF) programs. This change provides for operations readiness and additional training to support the first WGS launch in fiscal year 2007. It also updates the system specification for the AEHF program. [Link to additional information](#)

**Lockheed Martin** has received a \$23 million contract from **Northrop Grumman** to support the upgrade of satellite communication (SATCOM) systems used by U.S. Air Force B-2 stealth bomber. As part of the program's system development and demonstration phase, Lockheed Martin will replace the B-2's current flight management computers with a new subsystem. [Link to additional information](#)

**Mobile Satellite Ventures LP** has entered into a three-year strategic distribution alliance with the Sprint Emergency Response Team (ERT) to offer continuous wireless connectivity for public safety agencies in situations where the public switched telephone network (PSTN) is congested or damaged, or where phone coverage is non-existent. Through this new agreement Sprint ERT will offer unique MSV satellite products and services as part of their Rapid Deployment Solutions portfolio and resell MSV equipment and services to public safety end-users throughout the United States, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. [Link to additional information](#)

**DataPath, Inc.** has been awarded a \$16.7 million contract by the Communications-Electronics Command in Fort Monmouth, N.J., to establish a nationwide Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) for the U.S. Army National Guard. In partnership with Applied Global Technologies(R) (AGT), DataPath's communications networks will enable federal, state and military first responders to establish full command and control capabilities at the site of a man-made or natural disaster within hours, anywhere in the United States. [Link to additional information](#)

**Mobile Satellite Ventures** announced the launch of SMART – a Satellite Mutual Aid Radio Talkgroup on MSV's nationwide push-to-talk satellite network, conceived and administered in conjunction with the US Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The SMART program allows law enforcement and public safety officials authorized by

DOJ to participate in a nationwide two-way satellite radio talkgroup. [Link to additional information](#)

**Space Systems/Loral** and SIRIUS Satellite Radio announced that SS/L has been awarded a contract from SIRIUS to build SIRIUS FM-6, a new, high-power satellite designed to operate in a highly inclined elliptical orbit (HIEO). This satellite will be the sixth SS/L-built spacecraft in the SIRIUS fleet. SS/L is a subsidiary of Loral Space & Communications. [Link to additional information](#)

**Space-Communication Ltd.** announced that it will provide DRS Technologies' Technical Services Business Segment with Ku-band satellite transponder capacity so that in turn, it can provide the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) with satellite communications capabilities via the Defense Information Systems Network's (DISN) Satellite Transmission Services—Global (DSTS-G) government contract vehicle. [Link to additional information](#)

## **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

**18-20 September 2007** - APSCC 2007 Satellite Conference and Exhibition, Millennium Hilton, Bangkok, Thailand <http://www.apscc.or.kr/event/apscc2007.asp>

**9 October 2007** - ISCe Satellite Investment Symposium (ISIS NYC '07), The Princeton Club, New York, NY <http://www.isis-nyc.com>

**9 October 2007** - SSPI Future Leaders Dinner. The Princeton Club, New York, NY [www.satfuture.com](http://www.satfuture.com)

**13-15 November 2007** – DoD Satcom Workshop, The Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel

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