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Satellite Industry Association Praises NTIA's Networked Nation Report

Washington, DC – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today praised the report, “Networked Nation: Broadband in America, 2007”, released yesterday by the Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

“NTIA’s Networked Nation Report demonstrates America’s continued leadership role and growth in broadband communications, and the advances made by the President’s broadband policy,” SIA Board of Directors Chairman Jennifer Manner said. “The satellite industry is particularly pleased that the report recognizes the important role satellites continue to play in deploying broadband throughout the United States and the need for technology neutrality.”

“The Association applauds NTIA for its comprehensive examination of the current state of broadband availability, investment and affordability in the country,” noted SIA President Patricia Cooper. “The report reflects the tremendous growth of satellite broadband over the past few years. Satellite broadband is a strong, competitive option for consumers and a key ingredient for the nation’s goal of providing universal access in an information-based economy.”

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing worldwide representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, remote sensing operators, and ground equipment suppliers. SIA is the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. Additional information can be found at www.sia.org.

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