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Over 20 U.S. Government Speakers Already Confirmed
ONLINE REGISTRATION ENDS DEC 6TH - REGISTER NOW AND SAVE

U.S. Strategic Command co-sponsorship of this event does not constitute federal endorsement. Registration is open until that fun date.

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR SPACE POLICY STEPHEN KITAY ANNOUNCED AS WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP KEYNOTE

SIA Member News

PLANET ANNOUNCES LAUNCH SUCCESS OF 10 NEW SATELLITES

On Oct 30th, Planet announced that the Atlas-1 and four Dove satellites were successfully launched on a Mississippi C-1 launch vehicle from the Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. For further mission details, please see the SIA Member News headpiece page HERE (photo credit: Orbital-ATK).

"This marks the latest in a series of successful launches that Planet has completed in 2017," said Tom Szkody, Planet’s Chief Executive Officer. "We are excited to add these satellites to our growing fleet of SkySats, which are designed to support the needs of our customers and to advance our mission to map the Earth by 2021. With the continued rapid development of our constellation, Planet is making rapid progress toward its goal of producing high-resolution imagery globally." For more details on these launches and other recent industry news, please click HERE.

SIA Filing News

FILE ADDITIONAL FCC REPLY COMMENTS REGARDING USE OF 17GHZ TO 24GHZ SPECTRUM

On Nov 18th, SIA filed comments with the FCC regarding the possibility of approving terrestrially-based broadcast services over portions of the 17-24 GHz spectrum. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai has indicated an additional spectrum for non-geosynchronous services could increase U.S. spectrum congestion. The Commission's commitment to exploring ways to improve broadcast service is especially critical given the nationwide coverage and outstanding performance available in this critical frequency band. Although the foreclosure of wireless services in the 17-24 GHz band would represent a setback to modern, high-speed telecommunication services, it is important to recognize the need to address spectrum congestion and ensure that wireless services can continue to take advantage of the substantial spectrum available above 24 GHz. The SIA filing highlights the importance of life-saving, ubiquitous satellite services for regions impacted by hurricanes.

On Oct 30th, SIA announced the release of "When Hurricanes Strike - Satellite Provide Life-saving Services Before and After a Hurricane." The SIA document notes the devastating impacts that Atlantic tropical hurricanes have had on the U.S. since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The release of the brochure coincides with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall as a Category 4 hurricane on August 25th. The brochure outlines the role that only satellites can deliver when terrestrial networks are down or damaged by natural and man-made disasters. For a copy of the brochure, please click HERE.

SIA News Headlines

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR DOD COMMERCIAL SATCOM WORKSHOP BEGINS NOVEMBER 6TH - REGISTER NOW AND SAVE

Online registration for this year’s DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop will close on December 6th. SIA Member attendees can save $150 off the online registration cost by pre-registering before that date. Industry Non-SIA attendees can save $100 off the non-member pre-registration rate.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR SPACE POLICY KEYNOTE

Secretary of Defense for Space Policy Stephen L. Kitay, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy is scheduled to provide the keynote address at the DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop on December 13th at this year’s DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop. Mr. Kitay joins fellow workshop keynote, House Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee Chairman Mike Rogers, who will provide the morning keynote address on Thursday, December 14th. The 13th annual workshop will take place on Dec. 13-14th at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA. SIA Members can save $100 off the online registration cost by pre-registering before that date. Industry Non-SIA attendees can save $100 off the non-member pre-registration rate.

SIA APPLAUDS CONFIRMATION OF DAVID REDL AS NTIA ADMINISTRATOR

On Nov 9th, SIA applauded the Senate's confirmation of David J. Redl as the new Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, also known as the NTIA Administrator. The Assistant Secretary serves as Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), which is the President's principal adviser on telecommunications and information policy. Previously, Mr. Redl served as Chief Counsel at the U.S. House of Representative's Committee on Energy and Commerce. "SIA congratulates Mr. Redl on his confirmation as the new NTIA Administrator," said Tom Stroup, President of the Satellite Industry Association. "His understanding of spectrum as a vital resource, his international spectrum management experience including his engagement with the ITU plus the recognition of the importance to satellite of a globally harmonized spectrum plan make him an excellent choice for NTIA. SIA looks forward to working with Mr. Redl to ensure that NTIA continues to be an active and effective advocate for the significant concerns of the satellite industry, and commends the FCC’s for addressing some of the most challenging issues of the satellite industry by specifically mentioning a 4 Ghz of 43.5-40.125 GHz for use by the satellite industry,” said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. For a complete copy of the statement and filings, please click HERE.

SIA ENCOURAGES FCC TO RULEMAKING REGARDING THE USE OF SPECTRUM ABOVE 24 GHZ

On Nov 18th, it announced regarding the possibility that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Order regarding the future deployment of wireless services in spectrum above 24 GHz instead of the current approach of FCC rules and we look forward to closely examining the order and the specific provisions regarding aggregate interference before any further comment. For a complete copy of the statement and filings, please click HERE.

GSA Service Contract

HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF LIFE-SAVING, UBQUITOUS SATELLITE SERVICES FOR REGIONS IMPACTED BY HURRICANES

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Calendar of SIA Featured Events

- SIA CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION - DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop
- Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA December 12-14th
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