



SIA President's Report

November 30, 2017

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



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**DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR SPACE POLICY
STEPHEN KITAY ANNOUNCED AS WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP KEYNOTE**
See details below

SIA Member News

PLANET ANNOUNCES LAUNCH SUCCESS OF 10 NEW SATELLITES



On Oct 31st, Planet announced that six SkySat and four Dove satellites were successfully launched on a Minotaur C launch vehicle from the Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. For further mission details, please see the SIA Member News page [HERE](#). (photo credit: Orbital-ATK)

Other SIA Member News Nov Headlines:

- **Ten New Iridium NEXT LEO Satellites Delivered to Vandenberg for December Launch**
- **Globecomm, Hughes, SES Government - Multiple Awardees of GSA Service Contract**
- **EchoStar 105/SES-11 Now Available for Commercial Service**
- **Inmarsat Begins Testing of United 767 Communications Platform**
- **FCC Grants Telesat Petition to Offer Ka-band LEO Satellite Broadband**
- **SES Announces Certification of High Performance Ethernet Service**
- **ABS Announces Launch of African Satellite Broadband Service**
- **OneWeb Outlines Mission Goals and Dates during Senate Testimony**

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SIA Filing News

SIA FILES ADDITIONAL FCC REPLY COMMENTS REGARDING USE OF 3.7GHZ TO 24 GHZ SPECTRUM

On Nov 15th, SIA filed comments with the FCC regarding the possibility of expanded terrestrial operations in C-band spectrum. SIA supports the Commission's commitment to exploring ways to enable innovation and U.S. leadership by making additional spectrum available for next-generation wireless broadband networks. However, the Commission must ensure that satellite operators and their customers have access to C-band frequencies and can continue to take advantage of the nationwide coverage and outstanding performance possible in this critical satellite spectrum without risk of interference from additional terrestrial services. Read the filing [HERE](#).

SIA 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 – Satellites Provide Life-saving Services Before and After a Hurricane". The SIA document notes the devastating impacts that Atlantic tropical cyclones have had on the U.S. since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The release summarizes the various specific satellite company initiatives in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria this past summer and also highlights the vital and ubiquitous forecasting, preparedness, search, rescue and recovery services that only satellites can deliver when terrestrial-based infrastructure is damaged or destroyed. To view an online copy of the document, please click [HERE](#).

SIA News Headlines

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR DOD COMMERCIAL SATCOM WORKSHOP CLOSES ON DECEMBER 6TH - REGISTER NOW AND SAVE

Online pre-registration for this year's DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop will close on December 6th. SIA Member attendees can save \$125 off the onsite registration cost by pre-registering before that date. Industry Non-SIA members can save \$100 off the non-member onsite cost.

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR SPACE POLICY STEPHEN KITAY TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Stephen L. Kitay, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy is scheduled to provide the luncheon keynote address on Wednesday, 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 12th-14th at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA. For a limited time only, there are still a few specially discounted hotel rooms available for attendees. Please click [HERE](#) for more details. For those interested in last minute Exhibiting opportunities, please contact SIA's Director of Events and Operations Jennifer Williams at jwilliams@sia.org or click [HERE](#).

SIA ENCOURAGED BY FCC RULEMAKING REGARDING THE USE OF SPECTRUM ABOVE 24 GHZ

On Nov 16th, SIA announced it is initially encouraged by today's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Order regarding the future deployment of wireless services in spectrum bands above 24 GHz. "SIA is initially pleased and commends the FCC's for addressing some of the significant concerns of the satellite industry by specifically maintaining 4 GHz of 48.2-50.2 GHz and 40-42 GHz spectrum for use by the satellite industry," said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. "SIA also appreciates the Commission's willingness to re-examine the earth station siting 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 release, please click [HERE](#).

SIA APPLAUDS CONFIRMATION OF DAVID REDL AS NTIA ADMINISTRATOR

On Nov 9th, SIA applauded the Senate confirmation of David J. Redl as Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Commerce. The Assistant Secretary serves as Administrator of the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) and is also the U.S. President's principal adviser on telecommunications and information policy. Previously, Mr. Redl served as Chief Counsel at the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce. "SIA congratulates David Redl on his confirmation as the new head of the NTIA," said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. "His understanding of spectrum as a vital resource, his international spectrum management experience including his engagement with the ITU plus his recognition of the importance to satellite of a globally harmonized spectrum plan make him an ideal next chief of the NTIA. SIA also appreciates Mr. Redl's understanding of the value of satellite to national security and we look forward to engaging with the administration as the satellite industry continues to deploy its broad range of critical next-generation services both domestically and around the globe."

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Calendar of SIA Featured Events

- **[SIA CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION - DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA December 12th-14th](#)**
- **[SIA PANEL MODERATOR - Smallsat Symposium: Mountain View, CA Feb 5th-7th in 2018](#)**

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