

# President's Report

SIA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Featuring the latest Association and Member News and Industry Events

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### SIA PRESIDENT TOM STROUP FEATURED PANELIST AT 2019 EX-IM BANK ANNUAL CONFERENCE



On Mar 28th, SIA President Tom Stroup (above-second from the left) was a featured speaker on the "EXIM and National Security: How Export Credit Financing Protects Key U.S. Industries" panel at the Export-Import Bank's 2019 Annual Conference. This year's annual conference was held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. The panel discussion was moderated by Douglas Holtz-Eakin, President, American Action Forum (far right). Mr. Stroup was joined by panelists Seth Grae, President and CEO of Lightbridge Corporation (far left), Eric Fanning, President and Chief Executive Officer, Aerospace Industries Association (center) and General (ret.) James Cartwright, Director at IP3 International. For more information regarding the 2019 Ex-Im Bank Annual Conference, please visit the conference website [HERE](#). (Photo credit: Ex-Im Bank)

### SIA APPLAUDS COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SPECTRUM POLICY REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

On Mar 26th, SIA strongly applauded the release of a U.S. Department of Commerce (Dept. of Commerce) Report titled, "Driving Space Commerce Through Effective Spectrum Policy". The report was developed collaboratively with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the National Space Council, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, as well as other Federal entities. The report includes numerous recommendations for improving the U.S. satellite industry and overall space sector through effective spectrum policies and regulations and the coordination of U.S. activities at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and other Multi-national forums such as the upcoming 2019 World Radiocommunications Congress (WRC-19). "SIA strongly applauds the Dept. of Commerce, NTIA, OSTP and the National Space Council on the release of today's report which recognizes the critical importance of the commercial satellite industry and the need to provide the industry with adequate access to sufficient radio spectrum," said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. "The commercial satellite industry is going through a remarkable industry transformation. Thanks to tremendous industry leadership and innovation, today's space industry is growing at a tremendous rate. The Dept. of Commerce report estimates that the global space economy may exceed \$1.1 trillion by 2040. SIA and its members look forward to working with all the authors of this report and the FCC to ensure and protect America's continued leadership role in that future space economy." To view a complete copy for the SIA press release and for a link to the Commerce Dept report, please visit the SIA News Page [HERE](#).

### SIA HOSTS ASSOCIATION MEMBER ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION CONCERNING SPACE SAFETY

On March 14th, SIA hosted Kevin O'Connell, Director, Office of Space Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce and several SIA member representatives for a Space Safety roundtable discussion. The meeting was held at SIA's executive offices in Washington, D.C.

### SIA SATELLITE INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP DINNER TO BE HELD ON MONDAY MAY 6TH

SIA's 22nd annual Satellite Industry Leadership Dinner will be held on the evening of Monday, May 6th at the Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C. The Leadership Dinner is held annually during SATELLITE Week which is also taking place in Washington. For over two decades, SIA has gathered satellite industry executives and government officials in order to recognize the important role the commercial satellite industry plays both domestically and abroad and to honor individuals who have demonstrated long-term leadership and dedication to public service on issues affecting the industry. The Leadership Dinner is open to SIA guests, Executive and Associate Members. Tickets for individual seats, tables and half tables are now available. SIA executive and associate members who wish to reserve a seat or table should contact SIA Senior Director of Events and Operation Jennifer Williams at [jwilliams@sia.org](mailto:jwilliams@sia.org).

### SIA TO ORGANIZE GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY FORUM AND US GOVERNMENT TOURS AT SATELLITE 2019

SIA is an official partner of SATELLITE 2019. The satellite industry conference and exhibition will take place from May 6th - 9th at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. SIA is once again organizer of the SATELLITE 2019 Government and Military Forum and will also organize tours of the exhibitor floor for visiting U.S. Government officials on Monday, May 6th and Tuesday, May 7th. For U.S. Government attendees interested in touring the Exhibitor Hall, please contact Renata at SIA via email at [Renata@sia.org](mailto:Renata@sia.org). Please click [HERE](#) for more general show information.

For a complete recap of the past month's SIA News and filings, please visit the [SIA News Page](#)

## SIA Member News

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### SES PREPARES TO LAUNCH FOUR NEW O3B MEO BROADBAND SATELLITES FROM THE GUIANA SPACE CENTER IN EARLY APRIL



O3b MEO broadband satellites are undergoing final preparations for launch scheduled by launch services provider Arianespace for April 4th. The four Ka-band satellites (two of them pictured above undergoing pre-launch preparations) will join the existing constellation of 16 MEO satellites that orbit at approximately 8,000 km above the earth. SES will offer enhanced coverage and greater service availability and reliability for broadband customers in the government, telecom, cloud, maritime and energy markets. (Photo credit: SES.com)

### SIA MEMBER MONTHLY NEWS HEADLINES

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- OneWeb Announces \$1.25 Billion Financing
- Iridium Opens New Southern Hemisphere Ground Station
- Hawkeye 360 Announces Advisory Board Appointments
- O3b Ka-band MEO Satellites Delivered to Guiana Space Center in Preparation for Launch
- Hughes Continues to Bridge the Digital Divide with 2000th Wi-Fi Community Hotspot in Indonesia
- Intelsat and SES Announce C-band Alliance Advocacy and Public Affairs Appointment
- Planet Prepares to Launch 20 Next-generation Dove Satellites
- DataPath Awarded Contract to Provide Antarctic Communications to McMurdo Station
- Eutelsat High Throughput KONNECT Satellite Update
- Telesat Signs LEO Broadband Service Agreement to Serve Maritime SuperYacht Market
- Hughes, OneWeb, SpaceX and Viasat - In the News

For more details on these and other stories, visit the [SIA Member News Page HERE](#).

## SIA Organized Events and Calendar

UPCOMING SIA EVENTS - SIA will organize or host the following SIA Member and Industry Events:

1. SIA Government and Military Forum at SATELLITE 2019 - Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington DC May 6th-9th
2. 22nd Annual SIA Satellite Industry Leadership Dinner - Mellon Auditorium, Washington, DC on May 6th NOTE: This is an Exclusive SIA Executive/Associate Member and Guest Event
3. 2019 SIA DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop - Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA Dec 17th-19th

For a list of Association and industry events, please see the [SIA Event Calendar](#) below or click on the [Industry Calendar HERE](#).

### Calendar of 2019 SIA Featured Industry Events

- [SIA FORUM - Government and Military Forum at SATELLITE 2019 - May 6th-9th at Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC](#)
- [SIA AND MEMBER SPEAKERS - Satellite Innovation 2019 - Oct 7th-10th in Silicon Valley, Mountain View, CA](#)
- [SIA WORKSHOP - 2019 DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop - December 17th-19th at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA](#)

For a list of ALL upcoming industry conferences, tradeshows, and events - please click [HERE](#) to visit the SIA President's report Event Calendar page.



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