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SIA Submits Reply Comments with the FCC Regarding Space Modernization for the 21st Century

On Feb 18th, SIA submitted reply comments with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding the matter of Space Modernization for the 21st century. SIA took the opportunity to highlight several aspects of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NPRM”) that would benefit from targeted refinement to ensure the rules are carefully designed, clear, and workable in practice—as reflected in the initial comments in this proceeding. To view a complete copy of the reply comments, please click [HERE](#).

SIA Files Reply Comments with the FCC Regarding its NPRM on Intensifying Use of Spectrum Shared for UMFUS and Fixed Satellite Service

On Feb 18th, SIA filed comments with the FCC in response to the NPRM to increase spectrum efficiency in the Upper Microwave Flexible Use Service (UMFUS) bands. In the filing, SIA stated intensification will not be met through commercial arrangements alone. The Commission must adopt regulatory reforms to establish a viable framework for satellite earth station deployments. In short, the Commission should proceed with SIA's recommended two-phase approach. To view a complete copy of the filing and the reply comments, please click [HERE](#).

Intrado has Joined SIA as its Newest Affiliate Member

On Mar 2nd, SIA announced that Intrado Life & Safety, Inc. (Intrado) had joined the Association as its newest Affiliate Member. Founded over 47 years ago, Intrado is a leading global provider of emergency communications services across North America and nineteen additional countries - including 911 emergency services across the United States.

As a provider of 911 systems and services for satellite providers, Intrado has firsthand experience with the power of Supplemental Coverage from Space (“SCS”) to supplement wireless emergency connectivity and response in rural and remote areas that have no other means of reaching 911. This includes satellite-enabled emergency messaging or text-to-9-1-1 capability and the ability for users to reach first responders, even when they are located far beyond the

coverage of terrestrial-based mobile networks.

“SIA is very pleased to welcome emergency communications company Intrado as the newest addition to the Association,” said Tom Stroup, president of the Satellite Industry Association. “With hurricanes causing an estimated 2200 American casualties in the past two decades and devastating wildfires hitting LA County and Maui in just the past three years, the need for reliable and ubiquitous satellite-based emergency response communications has never been higher. Intrado’s expanding satellite emergency communications portfolio and expertise make them an ideal addition to SIA and the Association, and its members look forward to working with them as our newest affiliate member.”

“This is a defining moment for satellite communications in the public safety space,” said Joe Custer, Intrado CEO. “Where once satellite connectivity was the domain of the military, the wealthy, or large-scale commercial interests, we are seeing an unparalleled democratization of the technology, resulting in the ability to reach un-served and underserved, remote, or disaster-stricken areas. Intrado is proud to be the first 911 provider in the U.S. to partner with satellite and terrestrial wireless operators to help this promising SCS technology reach its full potential.”

Affiliate membership in SIA is open to satellite companies as well as supporting entities that advocate for and promote the domestic commercial satellite industry. SIA affiliate members receive several benefits, including attendance at SIA’s Annual Association Meeting, participation in all open SIA meetings and most events plus SIA member discounts to industry events. For more information regarding SIA membership, please visit the following link: <https://sia.org/membership/membership-applications/>.

SIA Announces iDirect Government as its Newest Associate Member

On Feb 4th, SIA announced that iDirect Government, LLC (iDirectGov) had joined the Association as its newest Associate Member.

For more than two decades, iDirectGov has provided satellite-based voice, video and data solutions to meet the specialized requirements for government customers, including the Department of Defense. The Company’s advanced satellite IP services are used for force protection, logistics, situational awareness, disaster recovery and emergency response applications.

“SIA is very pleased to welcome iDirectGov as the newest addition to the Association,” said Tom Stroup, president of the Satellite Industry Association. “SIA and iDirectGov have a long history of working together on events such as the Association’s DoW Commercial SATCOM Workshop. Combined with the Company’s government customer expertise and advanced satellite IP connectivity solutions, iDirectGov is an ideal addition to the roster of SIA associate members. SIA looks forward to working with iDirectGov.”

“We look forward to collaborating with SIA and engaging with its members to contribute to valuable discussions on satellite communications, especially in the military sector,” said Tim Winter, iDirectGov president. “We’ll participate actively as subject matter experts in working groups and events, and together, address key happenings in the satellite ecosystem that matter.”

[SIA Speaking Engagements Update for February:](#)

SIA President Tom Stroup Moderates Orbital Intelligence Panel at 2026 SmallSat Symposium

On Feb 10th, SIA President Tom Stroup moderated the “Orbital Intelligence: Space Domain Awareness” panel at the 2026 SmallSat Symposium held in Mountain View, CA. SIA was a proud official partner of this event. For more details regarding the Symposium, please visit the following link: <https://smallsatshow.com/>

SIA Director of Policy Madeleine Chang Presents at NSSA Defense and Intelligence Space Conference (DISC26)



On Feb 9th, SIA Director of Policy Madeleine Chang (seated 3rd from the left) presented at the National Security Space Association (NSSA) Defense and Intelligence Space Conference. The 5th annual Conference took place from February 9–11, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency Reston and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) in Springfield, VA. For more information regarding the Conference, please visit the following link: <https://nssaspace.org/event/disc26/>

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