





## U.S. Space-Based Positioning, Navigation and Timing Policy and Program Update

7<sup>th</sup> International Committee on GNSS

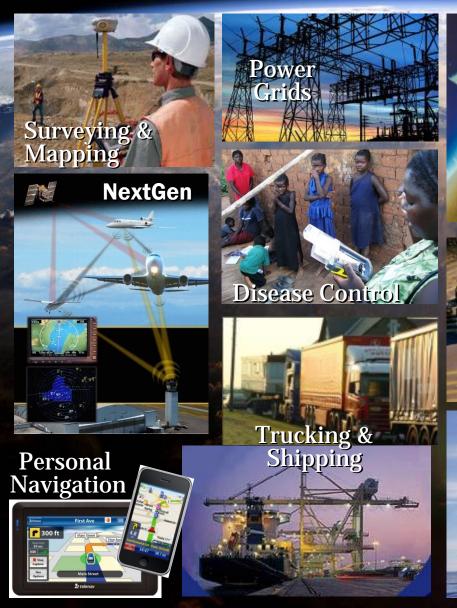
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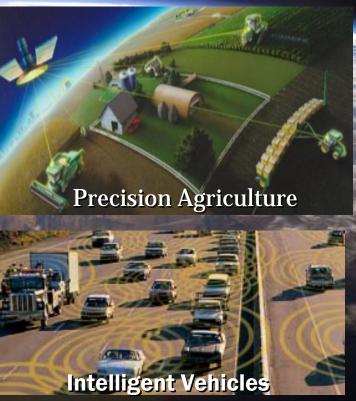


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# **GNSS** enables a diverse array of applications









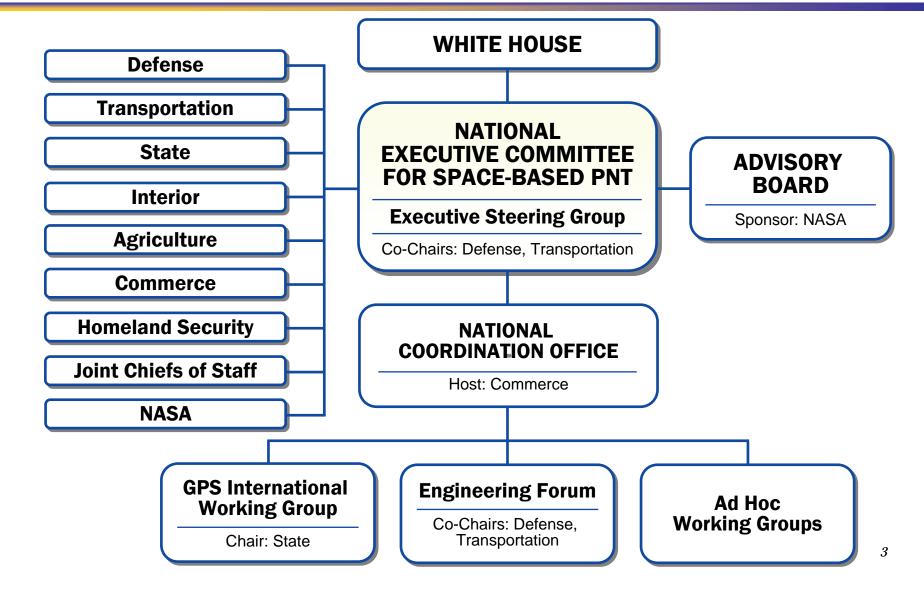
Satellite Operation

Transit Operations



## National Space-Based PNT Organization







## U.S. Policy



- Provide continuous worldwide access for peaceful uses, free of direct user charges
- Encourage compatibility and interoperability with foreign GNSS services and promote transparency in civil service provisioning
- Operate and maintain constellation to satisfy civil and national security needs
  - Foreign PNT services may be used to complement services from GPS
- Invest in domestic capabilities and support international activities to detect, mitigate and increase resiliency to harmful interference



# U.S. Objectives in Working with Other GNSS Service Providers



- Ensure compatibility ability of U.S. and non-U.S. space-based PNT services to be used separately or together without interfering with each individual service or signal
  - Radio frequency compatibility
  - Spectral separation between M-code and other signals
- Achieve interoperability ability of civil U.S. and non-U.S. space-based PNT services to be used together to provide the user better capabilities than would be achieved by relying solely on one service or signal
  - Primary focus on the common L1C and L5 signals
- Ensure a level playing field in the global marketplace

Pursue through Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation



## Keys to Successful U.S. Program



- Policy Stability
- Transparency
- Program Stability
- Sustained Performance and Credibility
- Continuous Improvement

Policy stability and transparency improve industry confidence and investment



### **GPS IIF-3 Launch**





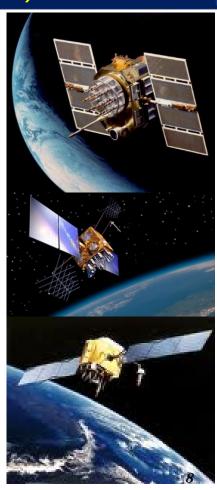
**SVN-65**, October 4, 2012



### GPS Constellation Status

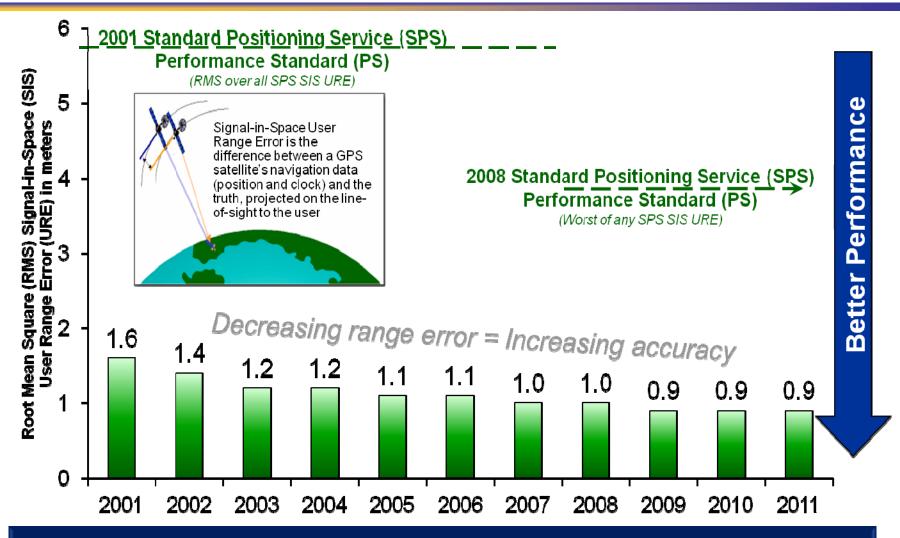
# 35 Satellites (30 Operational) (Baseline Constellation: 24+3)

- 12 Block IIA
  - 3 on-orbit in residual status
- 12 Block IIR
- 8 Block IIR-M
  - Transmitting new second civil signal
  - 1 GPS IIR-M in on-orbit testing
- 3 Block IIF
  - SVN-65 operational late 2012
- Global GPS civil service performance commitment met continuously since December 1993





# Standard Positioning Service (SPS) Signal-in-Space Performance

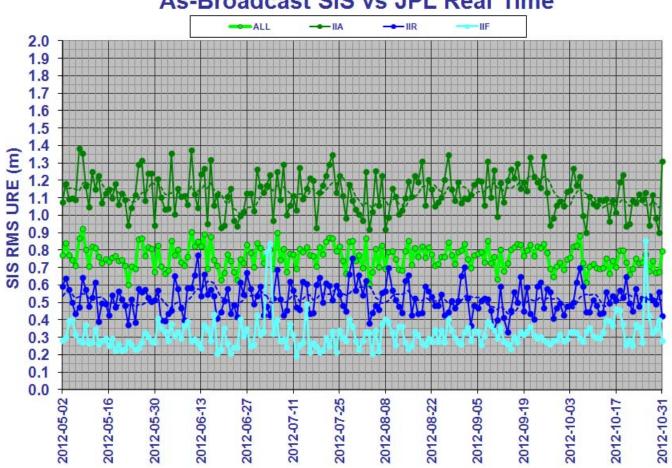


System accuracy exceeds published standard



# GPS SIS Performance - Past 6 Months







# GPS Modernization Program

#### Legacy Block IIA/IIR

- Single Frequency (L1)
- Coarse acquisition (C/A) code
- Y-Code (L1Y & L2Y)

#### Block IIR-M

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Signal (L2C)
- M-Code (L1M & L2M)

#### Block HF

- 3rd civil signal (L5)
- 2 Rb + 1 Cs Clocks
- 12 year design life

#### Block III

- 4th civil signal (L1C)
- 4x better User Range Error than IIF
- Increased availability
- Increased integrity
- 15 year design life



#### AEP

- Mainframe system
   Distrik
- Command & Control
- Signal monitoring

Legacy OCS

- Distributed architecture
- Increased signal monitoring
- Security
- Accuracy
- · Launch and disposal operations

#### OCX Block 1

- Fly constellation + GPS III
- Begin new signal control
- Upgraded information assurance

#### OCX Block 2+

- Control all signals
- Capability On-Ramps
- GPS III evolution



## Modernized Civil GPS Capabilities

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Signal (L2C)

Provide dual-frequency civil navigation and extend GPS availability in challenged environments



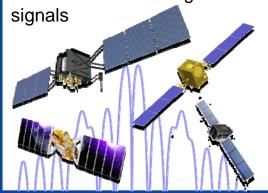
#### 3rd Civil Signal (L5)

Provide dual-frequency and/or triple-frequency civil navigation and safety-of-life signals



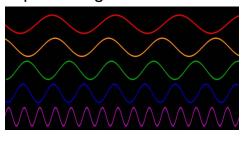
#### 4th Civil Signal (L1C)

Provide internationally harmonized civil navigation



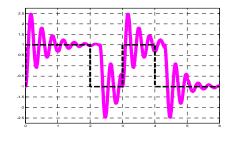
# **Precision Carrier-Phase Tracking**

Dataless pilot channels for precision carrier phase lock loop tracking



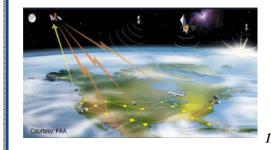
#### **Monitored Integrity**

On-board monitoring for clock anomalies, ground monitoring for signal malformation anomalies



#### **External Augmentations**

Extend GPS accuracy and integrity for safety-of-life applications





## Summary



- The U.S. supports free access to civilian GNSS signals and all necessary public domain documentation
  - GPS.gov -- official public resource for official U.S. Government information about GPS and related topics
- GPS is a critical component of the global information infrastructure
  - Compatible with other satellite navigation systems and interoperable at the user level
  - Guided at a national level as multi-use asset
  - Acquired and operated by Air Force on behalf of the USG
- The U.S. policy promotes open competition and market growth for commercial GNSS

GPS continues to provide consistent, predictable, dependable performance



### **BACKUP SLIDES**





## GPS.gov



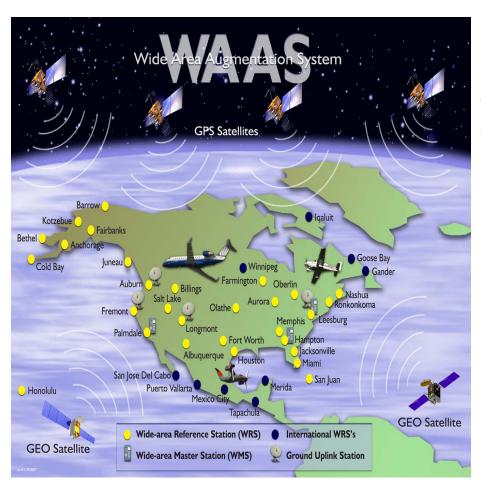
- Migrated PNT.gov website to the new GPS.gov website
- GPS.gov is now a central public resource on Official U.S. Government information about GPS and related topics





### WAAS Architecture











38 Reference Stations

3 Master Stations

6 Ground
Earth Stations



3 Geostationary Satellite Links

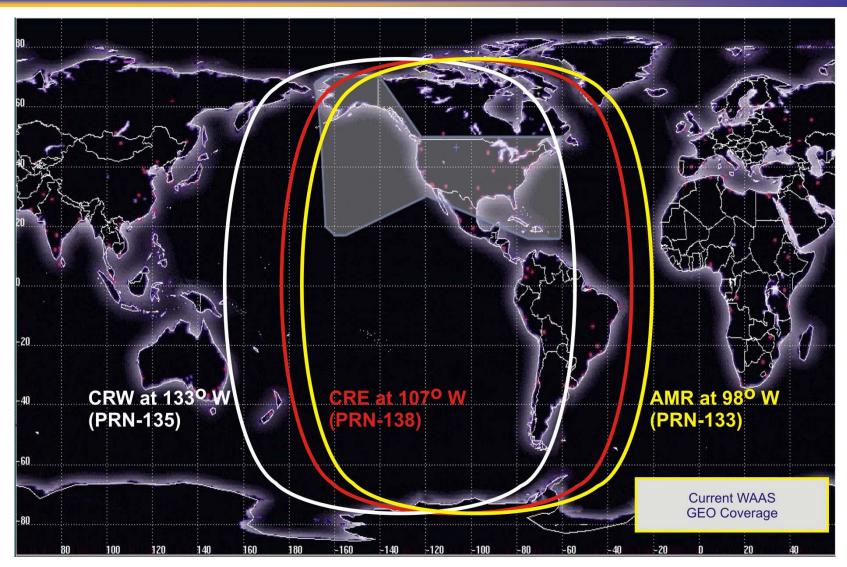


2 OperationalControl Centers



## GEO Satellite Coverage Plot

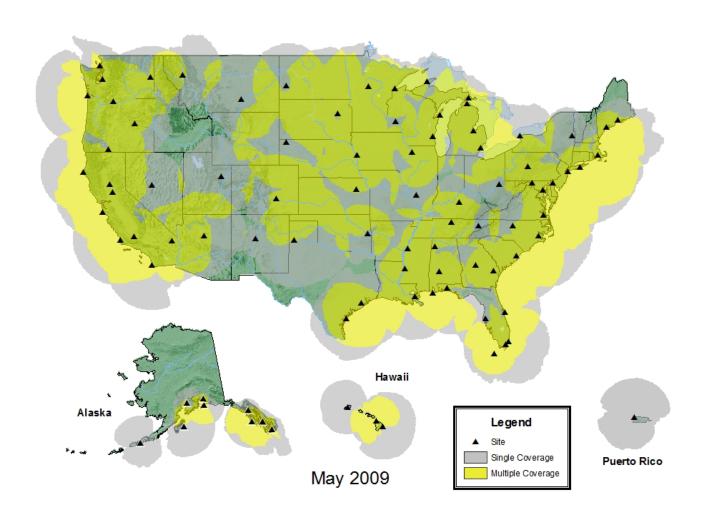






# National Differential GPS (NDGPS)





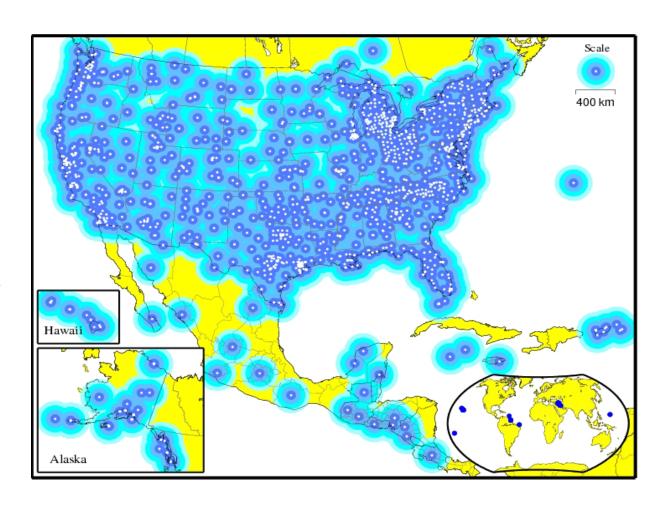


## National Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS)



### **Sponsor: NOAA**

- 1,900+ sites
- Operated by 200+ academic organizations
- Enables highly accurate, 3-D positioning





## Global Differential GPS (GDGPS) and TDRSS Augmentation Service for Satellites (TASS)



**Sponsor: NASA** 

GDGPS: More than 100 real-time tracking sites

- Real-Time Positioning, Timing, and Orbit-Determination

TASS: Future plans to disseminate GDGPS corrections to satellites for autonomous orbit determination and science missions

