



GPS Program Update

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U.S. National Space Policy

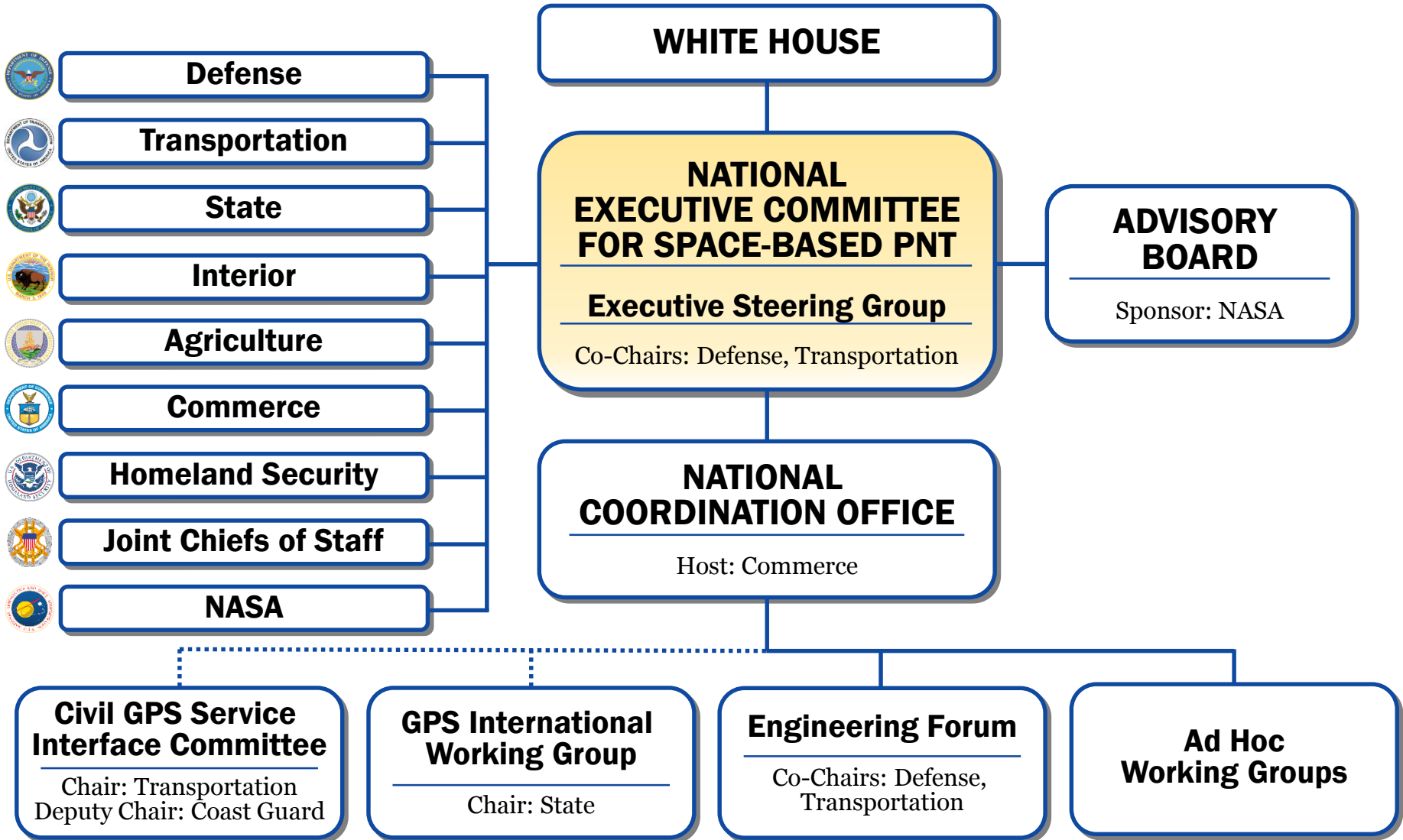


Space-Based PNT Guideline: Maintain leadership in the service, provision, and use of GNSS

- **Provide continuous worldwide access to GPS for peaceful uses, free of direct user charges**
- **Engage with foreign GNSS providers on compatibility, interoperability, transparency, and market access**
- **Operate and maintain GPS constellation to satisfy civil and national security needs**
 - **Foreign PNT may be used to strengthen resiliency**
- **Invest in domestic capabilities and support international activities to detect, mitigate, and increase resiliency to harmful interference**



National Space-Based PNT Organization





Executive Committee Strategic Focus Areas



- **GPS Sustainment and Modernization**
- **International Cooperation**
- **Spectrum Management**
- **Critical Infrastructure**
- **PNT Resilience**
- **Outreach**



National Space-Based PNT Advisory Board



- U.S. PNT Advisory Board (PNTAB) is a group of recognized experts in PNT and GPS that provides independent technical & policy advice to the PNT EXCOM
 - NASA has sponsored the board since 2007
 - Consists of up to 25 members nominated by PNT EXCOM Federal agencies, approved by the PNT EXCOM co-chairs, and appointed by the NASA Administrator for a two-year term renewable at the discretion of the Administrator
 - Operates in accordance with the provisions of Federal Advisory Committee Act.
 - Meetings are public and minutes posted within 90 days.
<https://www.gps.gov/governance/advisory/>
- Recent Meetings:
 - 21st Meeting held May 16-17 in Baltimore, MD, U.S.
 - Intersession Meeting held Aug. 6. by phone & WebEx
- Latest Recommendations/Deliverables:
 - Aug. 10: RNSS Spectrum Recommendation:
<https://www.gps.gov/governance/advisory/recommendations/2018-08-letter-to-excom.pdf>
 - Oct. 1: Topics Paper for Administration Briefings:
<https://www.gps.gov/governance/advisory/recommendations/2018-09-topic-papers.pdf>
- Upcoming: 22nd Meeting on Dec. 4-5, 2018, in Redondo Beach, CA, U.S.

Current Membership

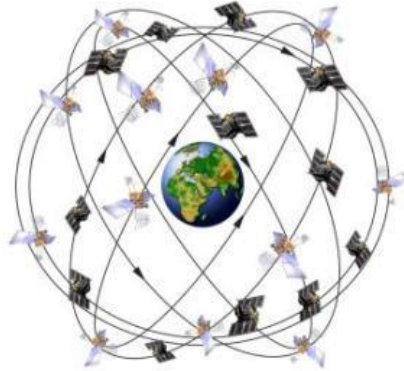
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GPS Overview

Civil Cooperation

- 3+ Billion civil & commercial users worldwide
- Search and Rescue
- Civil Signals
 - L1 C/A (Original Signal)
 - L2C (2nd Civil Signal)
 - L5 (Aviation Safety of Life)
 - L1C (International)



34 Satellites / 31 Set Healthy
Baseline Constellation: 24 Satellites

Satellite Block	Quantity	Average Age	Oldest
GPS IIA	1	25.0	25.0
GPS IIR	11	16.7	21.2
GPS IIR-M	7	11.2	13.0
GPS IIF	12	4.7	8.4
Constellation	31	11.1	25.0

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Department of Defense

- Services (Army, Navy, AF, USMC)
- Agencies (NGA & DISA)
- US Naval Observatory
- PNT EXCOMS
- GPS Partnership Council

Maintenance/Security

- All Level I and Level II
 - Worldwide Infrastructure
 - NATO Repair Facility
- Develop & Publish ICDs Annually
 - Public ICWG: Worldwide Involvement
 - Materials Available at: gps.gov/technical/icwg
- Update GPS.gov webpage
- Distribute PRNs for the World
 - 120 for US and 90 for GNSS

International Cooperation

- 57 Authorized Allied Users
 - 25+ Years of Cooperation
- GNSS
 - Europe - Galileo
 - China - Beidou
 - Russia - GLONASS
 - Japan - QZSS
 - India - NAVIC
 - Korea - KRNSS



Spectrum

- World Radio Conference
- International Telecommunication Union
- Bilateral Agreements
- Adjacent Band Interference

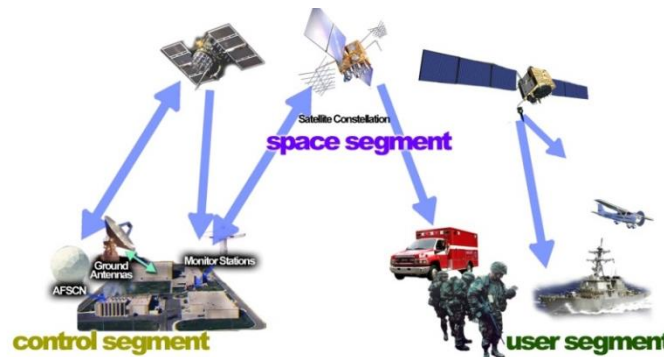


Department of Transportation

- Federal Aviation Administration

Department of Homeland Security

- U.S. Coast Guard

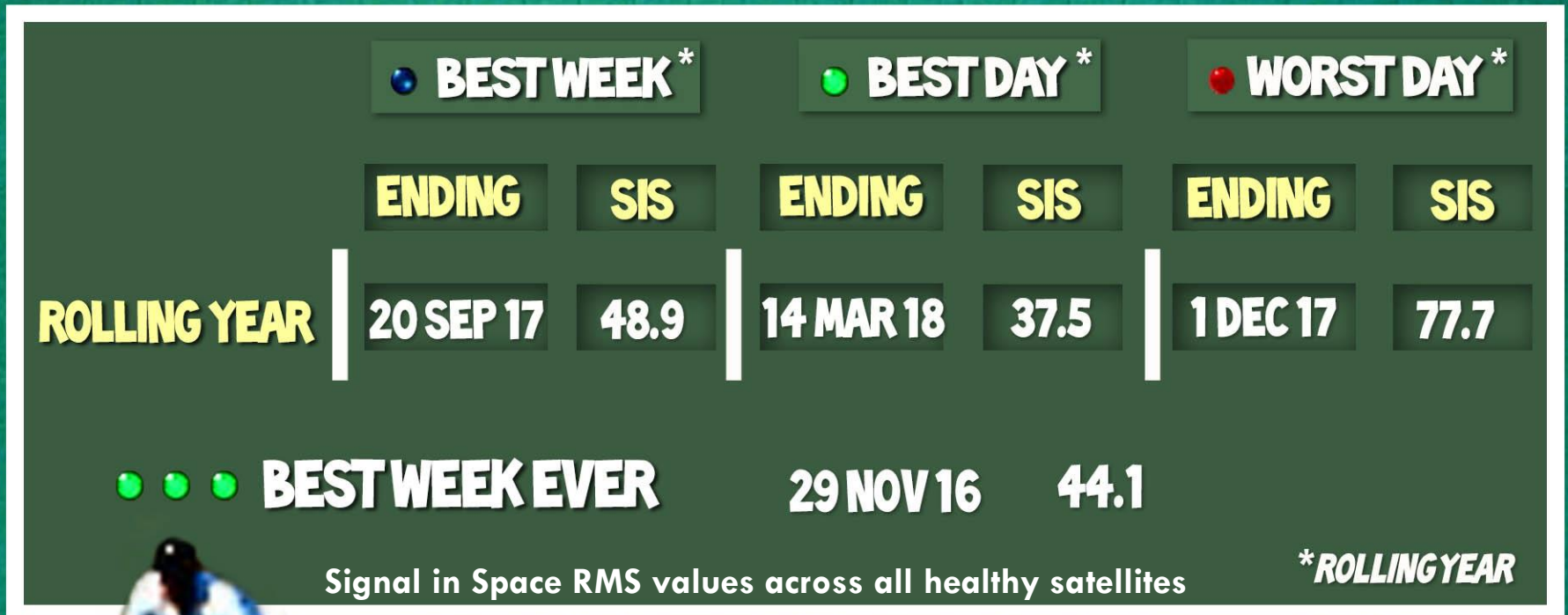




GPS SIS Performance Scoreboard



GPS SIGNAL IN SPACE (SIS) PERFORMANCE (CM)





GPS III



- **GPS III is newest block of GPS satellites**
 - 4 civil signals: L1 C/A, L1C, L2C, L5
 - 1st satellite to broadcast common L1C signal
- **General characteristics**
 - Orbit: Six orbit planes at 55 degree inclination
 - Altitude: 10,898 nautical miles
 - Design life: 15 years, 12 years mean mission duration
 - Launch weight: 8,115 lb.
 - On-Orbit weight: 4,764 lb.
 - Size: 97 in wide, 70 in deep, 134 in high



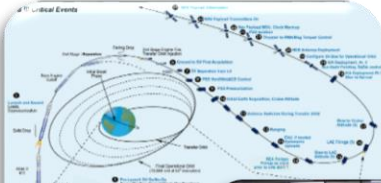
First GPS satellites to broadcast common L1C signal



GPS III SV01 Road To Launch



GPS Directorate

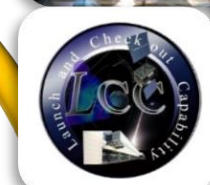


Mission Rehearsals



Launch 2018

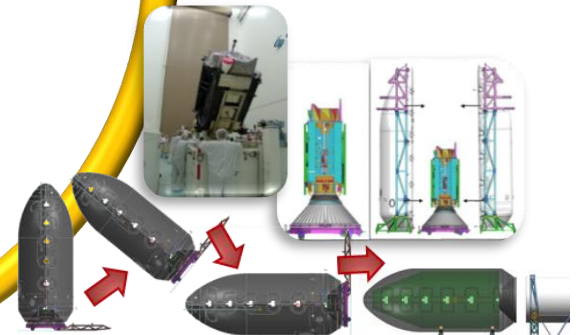
The Gold Standard



Readiness Tests



Transport



Launch Integration

GPS III SV01 enterprise road to launch – A series of firsts!



Next Generation Operational Control System (OCX)



- **Next-generation C2 and cyber-defense for GPS**
 - Worldwide, 24 hr/day, all weather, Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) source for military and civilian users
 - Modern civil signals and monitoring
- **Incremental Development**
 - OCX Block 0: Launch and Checkout System (LCS) for GPS III
 - OCX Blocks 1 and 2:
 - Operate and manage modernized GPS constellation,
 - Add modern features and signals, and
 - Provide Civil Signal Performance Monitoring
- **Current Status**
 - LCS is ready to support GPS III SV01 launch in Dec 2018
 - Block 1 development continues to meet milestones
 - Ready to Transition to Operations: Apr 2022



OCX program continues to execute and meet schedule



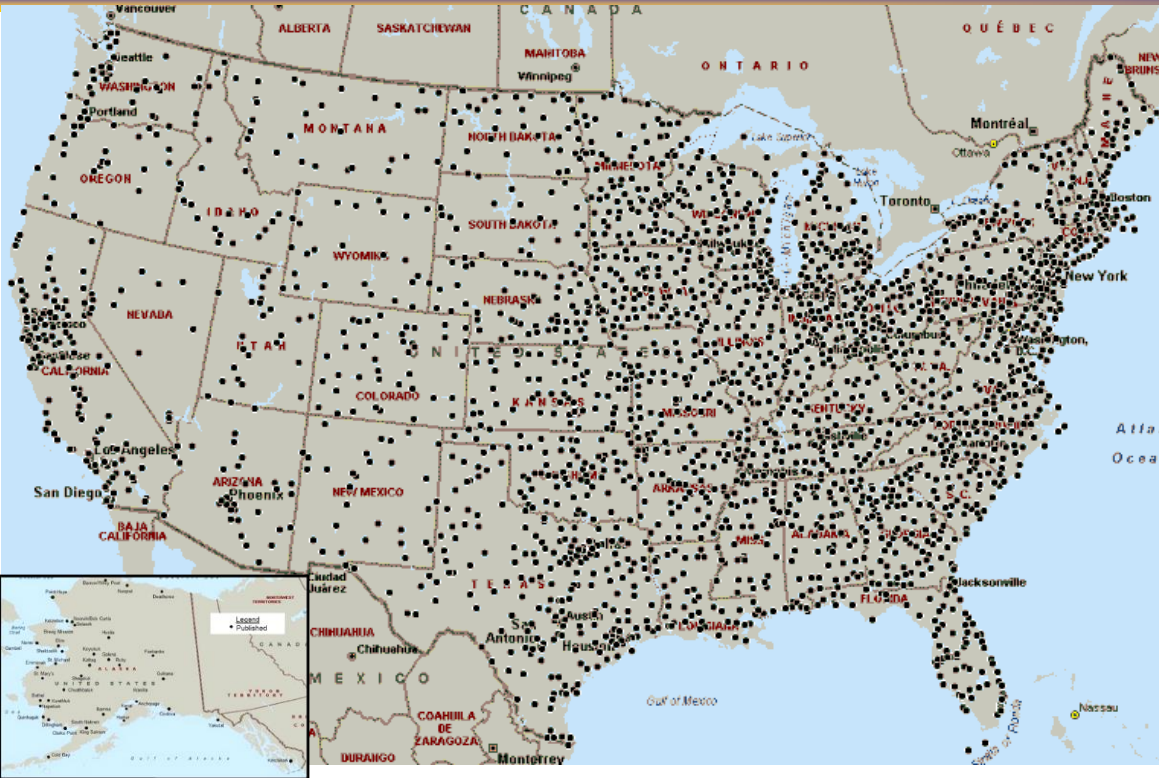
GPS Augmentations



- **Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS)**
- **Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS)**
- **Global Differential GPS (GDGPS)**
- **International GNSS Service (IGS)**
- **Nationwide Differential GPS System (NDGPS)**
- **Commercial Precision Augmentation Systems**



WAAS Procedures and Users



Approach Procedures

- 4,639 WAAS LP & LPV Procedures (Sept 2018)
- 3,956 Localizer Precision Vertical (LPV) procedures
 - Serving over 1,900 airports
- 1,549 ILS procedures



Users

- Over 118,000 U.S. WAAS equipped aircraft
- SBAS is an enabling technology for FAA's NextGen
 - Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B)
 - Performance Based Navigation (PBN)





Bilateral Cooperation



China: GNSS Plenary meeting held May 2018 in Harbin, China

- 3 Working Groups meet as needed
- Public Joint Statement on Cooperation signed November 2017

Europe: GPS-Galileo Cooperation Agreement signed 2004

- Working Group on Next Generation GPS/Galileo Civil Services meets twice per year – Next meeting November 2018
- EU request to waive FCC Part 25 rules discussed by Working Group on Trade and Civil Applications

Japan: Comprehensive Dialogue held in Tokyo, July 2018 and Civil Space Dialogue held in Washington, May 2017

- Technical Working Group (TWG) discussed GPS and QZSS compatibility and interoperability

India: U.S.-India Civil Space Joint Working Group (CSJWG) met October 2017 in Washington and included GNSS discussions



Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education for Global Leadership



Courses	Lessons (3 Per Course)		
Earth	Are we there Yet? Mapping it out with Longitude & Latitude	Do you read me? Radio, Magnets & Information Transfer	I'm on my way! Navigation & Global Positioning System
Space	Launching Explorations Satellites & Orbits	Living Weightless: International Space Station	Orbital Rendezvous: Calculating Resupply for ISS
Life	Baby is it Cold Outside? Weather Forecasting	Saving Mother Nature: Environmental Conservation	Feed the World: Agriculture & Precision Farming
Movement	Up Up & Away! Aviation Moves Us	Networks of Power: Energy & Information	Global Supply Chain: Planes, Trains & Automobiles

12 Downloadable and Free Lesson Plans!



Courses/Lesson Plans and Other Educational Materials



The screenshot shows the homepage of GPS.gov. The main heading is "GPS Educational Resources For Students and Teachers". There are two main sections: "INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS" and "RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS".

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

- What is GPS?**
The Global Positioning System is a U.S.-owned utility that provides users with positioning, navigation, and timing services.
 - Overview
 - Space Segment
 - Control Segment
 - User Segment
- Who Uses GPS?**
GPS is an essential element of the global information infrastructure. The technology is in everything from cell phones and wristwatches to bulldozers, shipping containers, and ATMs.

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

- NEW GPS-Based STEM Curriculum**
The U.S. government has released a new curriculum that uses GPS concepts and activities to stimulate student interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The curriculum is designed for the middle/high school level and tied to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).
Thanks to all the educators who helped us test the lessons in classrooms to see how students respond to the material. Your feedback improved the curriculum prior to its finalization.
[Check out the curriculum at GPS-STEM.com](#)

[GPS.gov/students](https://www.gps.gov/students/)

The screenshot shows the homepage of GPS-STEM.com. The main heading is "GPS-BASED STEM CURRICULUM". Below the heading is the text "Advancing our Nation's STEM Education with Next Generation Science and Math Lessons for Middle School".

The website features a large image of a GPS satellite in space. The navigation menu at the bottom includes: Home, Course 1: Earth, Course 2: Space, Course 3: Life, Module 4: Movement, and About.

[GPS-STEM.com](https://www.gps-stem.com/)
(temporary URL)



U.S. Policy and GPS Summary



- **U.S. supports free access to civilian GNSS signals and all necessary public domain documentation to enable open competition and market growth**
- **GPS is a critical component of global infrastructure and is compatible with other GNSS systems and interoperable at user level**
 - Acquired and operated by U.S. Air Force on behalf of USG
 - Guided at an economy level as multi-use asset
 - Recognize need for robust multi-sensor PNT
- **U.S. continues to enhance GPS resiliency by:**
 - Addressing near-term needs, Identifying opportunities for resiliency improvements, and Maturing technical capabilities for future use
- **Exploring and expanding multi-GNSS potential**
- **Modernization milestones: New GPS III Follow-on contract and Dec 2018 first GPS III launch**

GPS: Continuous improvement, predictable, and dependable positioning performance



Thank You



The screenshot shows the GPS.GOV website homepage. At the top, there are language options: English, español, français, 中文, and العربية. Below this is the text "For Legislative Staff" and "For Students & Teachers". The main header features the "GPS.GOV" logo and the tagline "Official U.S. government information about the Global Positioning System (GPS) and related topics". A navigation bar includes links for Home, What's New, Systems, Applications, Governance, Multimedia, and Support. The main content area is titled "GPS: The Global Positioning System" with the subtitle "A global public service brought to you by the U.S. government". There are two main columns of content. The left column is titled "INFORMATION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC" and features an article "How to Correct Your Address in GPS Devices, Apps, & Online Maps" with a map image and a button to "Report your issue to the map providers". Below this is a "Common Questions" section with a list of questions. The right column is titled "FOR GPS PROFESSIONALS" and features a "What's HOT for Pros" section with a list of recent presentations, technical documentation, and funding & legislation. Below this is a "News Items" section with a list of recent news items.

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Providing information pertinent to GPS:

- Including Systems, Applications, Governance, and Multimedia
- You can also find information related to: Frequency Asked Questions, Technical Documentation, Service Reports, International Cooperation, etc.
- Available in: English, Spanish, French, Chinese and Arabic
- Archival information back to 2009

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