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SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION APPOINTED TO FCC EMERGENCY RESPONSE INTEROPERABILITY CENTER PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C. FEBRUARY 7, 2011 – The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has appointed the **Satellite Industry Association (SIA)** to serve on its Emergency Response Interoperability Center Public Safety Advisory Committee (ERIC PSAC). **Patricia Cooper, SIA President, will represent the association on the Advisory Committee.**

The ERIC PSAC was chartered by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, for a period of two years through August 6, 2012. Members of the ERIC PSAC represent a diverse and balanced mix of viewpoints from public safety organizations, state, local and tribal government agencies, and entities from the throughout the communications industry. SIA's seat will allow its members to provide satellite technical and policy expertise to recommendations to the FCC on the technical framework and requirements that will be needed to ensure interoperability of the public safety wireless broadband network.

"SIA is honored to contribute satellite perspectives to this valuable advisory committee," said Patricia Cooper. "Satellite technology and services are a critical component of a robust, reliable and redundant public safety wireless broadband network, and we are eager to support the goal of interoperability."

A copy of the FCC's Public Notice "*FCC Announces Membership of the Emergency Response Interoperability Center Public Safety Advisory Committee*" DA 11-196, released on February 2, 2011, can be found at: http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0202/DA-11-196A1.pdf .

ABOUT SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION:

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing worldwide representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, remote sensing operators, and ground equipment suppliers. Since its creation fifteen years ago, SIA has become the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business.

SIA Executive Members include: Artel, Inc.; The Boeing Company; CapRock Communications, Inc.; The DIRECTV Group; Hughes Network Systems, LLC; DBSD North America, Inc.; Echostar Satellite Services, LLC; Integral Systems, Inc.; Intelsat, Ltd.; Iridium Communications Inc.; Lockheed Martin Corporation.; Loral Space & Communications, Inc.; Northrop Grumman Corporation; Rockwell Collins Government Systems; SES WORLD SKIES; SkyTerra Communications, Inc; and TerreStar Networks, Inc. SIA Associate Members include: Arqiva Satellite and Media; ATK Inc.; Cisco; Cobham SATCOM Land Systems; Comtech EF Data Corp.; DRS Technologies, Inc.; Eutelsat, Inc.; GE Satellite; Globecom Systems, Inc.; Glowlink Communications Technology, Inc.; iDirect Government Technologies; Inmarsat, Inc.; Marshall Communications Corporation.; Panasonic Avionics Corporation; Spacecom, Ltd.; Spacenet Inc.; Stratos Global Corporation; TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.; Telesat Canada; Trace Systems, Inc.; and ViaSat, Inc. Additional information about SIA can be found at <http://www.sia.org>.

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