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**Satellite Industry Association Hosts First  
ARMY COMMERCIAL SATCOM USERS WORKSHOP**

**Washington, D.C., August 4, 2008** - The Satellite Industry Association (“SIA”) will sponsor the inaugural **ARMY COMMERCIAL SATCOM USERS WORKSHOP** on **Monday, August 18** at **the LandWarNet conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida**. SIA is collaborating with the Army’s **Project Manager Warfighter Information Network - Tactical (“PM WIN-T”)** on the workshop.

“This workshop links key Army satellite users and the commercial satellite industry that provides critical connectivity for the Army’s communications networks. We also intend to explore future program requirements and technology innovations for the warfighter of the coming years,” said SIA President Patricia Cooper. “SIA has long hosted annual workshops with the Navy and with STRATCOM, and we are pleased to begin a similar tradition with the Army as a part of the LandWarNet conference,” she added.

The workshop will include briefs on current Army programs relying on satellite communications and the Tactical, Strategic and Doctrinal Perspectives of the Army. Industry panels will focus on Forward Planning and Mobile Technology and Terminal Innovations. “We’re gratified by the program support and expertise from PM-WIN-T, which manages managing the Army’s communications system for reliable, secure, and seamless video, data, imagery, and voice services that enable decisive combat actions,” Cooper noted. Those interested in participating can register at the LandWarNet website, and find the latest workshop agenda: <http://www.afcea.org/events/landwarnet/08/intro.asp>.

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. SIA is the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. SIA is committed to advancing the dialogue between the Department of Defense and the commercial satellite industry.

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