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**SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (SIA)  
SELECTED TO JOIN GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY TEAM ON NATIONAL  
SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

**Washington, D.C. November XX, 2008 - The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) National Coordinating Center (NCC) has selected the Satellite Industry Association (SIA) as a member of the Communications Information Sharing and Analysis Center (Communications ISAC). The NCC is a joint industry-government body that engages U.S. telecommunications industries and Federal Government organizations to assist in the development of all aspects of the national security and emergency preparedness in the telecommunications sector.**

The satellite industry has played an integral role in developing and building a national public safety network even before the tragedy of 911 and the devastation of recent natural disasters. SIA has promoted the use of reliable and readily available satellite communications for first responders and homeland security as part of a comprehensive and redundant network for mission critical needs. As a new member of the Communications ISAC, SIA will represent all aspects of satellite communications from the ground segment to the satellite operators and service providers in this crucial effort.

“We are honored to have been selected as a new member of the NCC Communications ISAC team”, said Patricia Cooper, SIA President. “The members companies of SIA look forward to contributing their technical expertise and operational experience to the NCC’s mission to support the mission critical communications systems designed to protect the nation”, she added. “SIA is gratified that DHS has included satellites and satellite-based technology as an integral part of the solution.” Ms. Cooper will take on the responsibility of primary representative to the NCC Communications ISAC on behalf of SIA.

“Satellites have always been an effective communications method for emergency response and national security”, noted John O’Connor, Manager of the NCC. “The NCC very much welcomes the addition of the expertise and breadth of relationships that SIA brings to the NCC’s industry and government partnership and the Communications ISAC.”

The NCC brings together a team of telecommunications experts capable of providing uninterrupted and seamless communication services required for the nation’s security and emergency preparedness in the event of crisis or catastrophic event. As the governing agency, the DHS is responsible for the evaluation and selection of each member by ensuring that they meet the required criteria in order to contribute to the development of the national security and emergency preparedness network.

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing worldwide representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, 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 Executive Members include: Arrowhead Global Solutions Inc.; Artel Inc.; The Boeing Company; DataPath, Inc.; The DIRECTV Group; Hughes Network Systems LLC; ICO Global Communications; Integral Systems, Inc.; Intelsat, Ltd.; Iridium Satellite LLC; Lockheed Martin Corp.; Loral Space & Communications Inc.; Mobile Satellite Ventures LP; Northrop Grumman Corporation; SES Americom, Inc.; and TerreStar Networks Inc.. Associate Members include: ATK Inc.; Comtech EF Data Corp.; Constellation Networks Corp.; EchoStar Satellite LLC; EMC Inc.; Eutelsat Inc.; iDirect Government Technologies, Inc.; Inmarsat Inc.; Marshall Communications Corp.; New Skies Satellites, Inc.; Panasonic Avionics Corporation; Spacecom Ltd.; Spacenet Inc.; Stratos Global Corp; SWE-DISH Space Corp; Telesat; and WildBlue Communications, Inc. Additional information can be found at <http://www.sia.org>.