



Patricia Cooper Named President of Satellite Industry Association

Seasoned Industry & Regulatory Official Selected to Lead SIA

Washington, D.C., November 26, 2007 – The Board of Directors of the Satellite Industry Association (“SIA”) has named Patricia Cooper to the position of President, effective immediately. Cooper’s appointment follows an extensive search to replace the former Executive Director, David Cavossa, who recently departed SIA for private industry.

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. The Association is the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite manufacturing, launch and services business.

“We are very excited about Patricia joining SIA,” said Nancy J. Eskenazi, SIA Chairman and Vice President & Associate General Counsel of SES Americom, Inc. “With her regulatory and policy background and substantial satellite and industry experience, Patricia is ideally suited to position SIA at the forefront of satellite, communications and defense issues in Washington.”

Cooper joins SIA from the Federal Communications Commission. From 2002 to 2005 she served as Chief of the FCC’s Regional & Bilateral Affairs Branch, which serves as the focal point for the regulation of international telecommunication services. Since 2006 she was Senior Satellite Competition Advisor with the FCC’s International Bureau, advising the Bureau Chief and senior FCC leadership on commercial and financial issues affecting the competitiveness of the communications satellite industry.

In her new capacity as President, Ms. Cooper becomes SIA’s lead representative for government services, regulatory, spectrum, homeland security, export control and trade issues of critical importance to the Association’s members. She also takes over the day-to-day management and operations of SIA, including member communications, staff leadership and organization of SIA sponsored events.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of SIA, Ms. Eskenazi applauded outgoing Executive Director David Cavossa for his accomplishments during his more than 5 years with SIA. “We really appreciate David’s stewardship of SIA since his earliest tenure, during which time the organization grew to a higher level of prominence and effectiveness,” Eskenazi said. “We now look forward to Patricia continuing and expanding on that fine foundation of growth.”

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Cooper has nearly two decades of experience in the satellite and communications industry, both with the U.S. government and private sector. She is a seasoned domestic and international advocate, with a successful history of advocacy before communications regulators, legislators and senior policymakers in major U.S. and overseas markets. Her diverse satellite and communications expertise ranges from satellite licensing and regulation issues, trade and international market access, and spectrum policy matters.

Prior to joining the FCC, Cooper led the international regulatory and policy strategy of CoreExpress. She was also a Senior Director for Regulatory Policy at PanAmSat Corp. Cooper also worked as an International Trade Specialist at the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Telecommunications.

Cooper received a Masters of Arts in International Relations (with distinction) from the Johns Hopkins University/School of Advanced International Studies and a Bachelor of Arts (*Summa Cum Laude*) from Kansas State University.

About the Satellite Industry Association

On behalf of its members, SIA is dedicated to preserving and protecting satellite spectrum from harmful interference and excessive fees, and to rationalizing U.S. export licensing procedures while continuing to protect national security. SIA is also dedicated to helping the U.S. Government become a smarter purchaser of satellite capacity, systems, and ground equipment; providing First Responders at the federal, state, and local levels with the critical satellite equipment, services, and information and resources they need; and removing market access barriers that preclude or interfere with the provision of satellite services globally.

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.

SIA Associate Members include: ATK Inc.; Constellation Networks Corp.; EchoStar Satellite LLC; EMC Inc.; Eutelsat Inc.; Inmarsat Inc.; IOT Systems; Marshall Communications Corp.; New Skies Satellites, Inc.; Spacecom Ltd.; Spacenet Inc.; Stratos Global Corp; SWE-DISH Space Corp; and WildBlue Communications, Inc.

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