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SIA CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON ROLE OF SATELLITES IN DEPLOYMENT OF 5G CONNECTIVITY AND BROADBAND

*Satellite Industry Manufacturers, Operators, Service and Equipment
Providers, VARS and Developers All Vital in Helping Ensure U.S.
Leadership and Innovation in Next Generation Data Services*

Washington, D.C., August 24, 2017 – The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today announced a new SIA-organized conference “Satellites as Part of the 5G Ecosystem”. This unique conference is focused solely on the critically important role the commercial satellite industry will play in the rollout of next generation enhanced connectivity and broadband services often referred to as 5G, and the supporting ecosystem infrastructure. The one-day October 23rd Conference will describe the role of satellites in a future connected world: A world where coverage, capacity and speed will help bolster the economy through a diverse set of new technology and applications.

“Today satellites already provide connectivity services including broadband coverage for all of the continental United States,” said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. “With the current and future launches of high throughput, high speed broadband satellites plus plans for constellations and low-latency services - thanks to satellites - U.S. consumers will have even more future high speed connectivity options. SIA and the satellite industry including manufacturers, operators, service and equipment providers are already preparing for this expanded role. Now is also the time for developers, VARS and the end user community to also consider 5G opportunity prospects, and collectively the entire industry can help ensure America’s leadership in the deployment of next generation connectivity.”

To learn more about the vital role satellites will play in a future connected world, visit the Satellites as Part of the 5G Ecosystem conference website at <http://siaevents.org/>. The Conference will take place on Monday, October 23rd at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. **Registration** is now available online by clicking [HERE](#). For further details regarding Technology Demonstration, Exhibitor or Sponsorship opportunities, please visit the **Sponsors and Exhibitors** web page by clicking [HERE](#) or by contacting SIA Director of Events and Operations Jennifer Williams at jwilliams@sia.org or via telephone at (202) 503-1565.

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SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, and ground equipment suppliers. For more than two decades, SIA has advocated on behalf of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. For more information, visit www.sia.org.

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