

FOREWORD



Geospatial intelligence (GEOINT), the complete integration of the nation's imagery and geospatial capabilities, is driving fundamental changes at every level of our enterprise: doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leader development, personnel, and facilities. These changes and the new imperatives for the Intelligence Community of homeland security and the Global War on Terrorism are transforming our business. It is essential for both GEOINT producers and consumers to understand what

GEOINT is, how it contributes to the nation's overall intelligence effort, and how it is helping to transform intelligence and defense capabilities to meet the challenges of a new global environment.

As the functional manager for GEOINT, I have launched an effort to develop a formal body of national GEOINT doctrine. This doctrine will provide the conceptual link between the national security strategy and the plans and procedures that guide the use of GEOINT. In 2003, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) published the *Geospatial Intelligence Capstone Concept* as the first word, but not the last word in understanding GEOINT. With the release of *Geospatial Intelligence Basic Doctrine*, significant steps are taken in recording what is believed to be true about GEOINT. This publication describes the role of doctrine in the National System for Geospatial-Intelligence (NSG), provides a historical context for GEOINT, and outlines its role in support of national security. It describes the nature of GEOINT and the emerging concepts that are shaping its transformation. Most importantly, this publication describes NSG core competencies and highlights the tenets upon which GEOINT, the NSG, and the NGA ultimately stand.

Geospatial Intelligence Basic Doctrine is the introduction to a series of publications that will comprise a body of formal doctrine for GEOINT. Future publications will address the organization, employment, and operational aspects of GEOINT and its members'