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Commercial Remote Sensing

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JACIE: Civil Commercial Imagery Evaluation Workshop





Agenda

- Why Commercial Remote Sensing (CRS)
- CRS Capabilities/Programs
- Since Last Year
- What Lies Ahead



The Importance of CRS -- Ever Increasing

Support during Political Crisis

- Taepodong Missile Incident
 Support to Military Operations
 Sharing with Coalition Partners and Locals
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 Support to natural disaster recovery operations
- Bangladesh
- California Wildfires
- Cyclone Sidr
- Hurricanes Rita and Katrina
 Special Events
- Super bowl
- Olympics





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CRS Capabilities

High Resolution

GeoEye - IKONOS

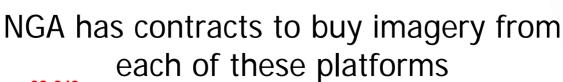
DigitalGlobe - Quickbird

GeoEye - OrbView 3 (archive only)

DigitalGlobe - WorldView 1

GeoEye - GeoEye 1(2008)









CRS Capabilities

Medium Resolution

ESA - Spot 4 and 5
Indian Remote Sensing
MDA Radarsat 1

USGS/NASA satellites





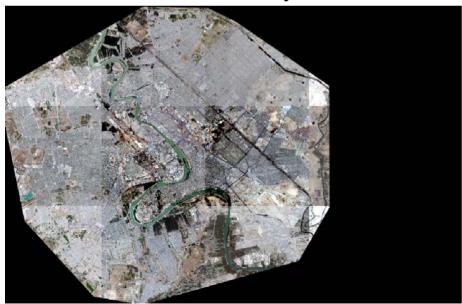
NGA has contracts to buy imagery from each of these platforms



Value Added Program/Products

Utilizes the Nextview contract to provide imagery derived products (IDPs) to customers

- CitySphereTM
- 3 Day Orthomosaic
- "Medium Density" orthomosaic datasets



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Since Last Year

- Support Activities
 - Interagency Partnerships (SMOC, SET, IADIWG, GWG, etc.)
 - CRS Guide Version 2 Published September 2007
 - Outreach Program Growth
 - Support to DoD Commands & Services/NATO/Civil Agencies
 - 55 site visits in FY07; 25% increase over FY06
 - First CRS training course offered an NGA College
 - "Sensor Enabling Technology (SET) 105: Introduction to Commercial Remotely Sensed Imagery"



Since Last Year (cont.)

- Interoperability/Standards
 - NITF 2.1, JPEG 2000 Fully implemented
 - GeoTIFF implementation profile in GWG approval process
- Contracts: Service Level Agreements being explored
- New Sensors
 - WorldView 1 launched September 2007
 - Foreign SAR launches:
 - RadarSat 2
 - TerraSARX
 - Cosmo SkyMed



What Lies Ahead

- Support Activities
 - Continued commitment to interagency partnerships
 - CRS Guide Version 3
 - Expansion and strengthening of CRS training
- Standards/Interoperability
 - Approval and implementation of GeoTIFF Standard (GWG)
- Contracts
 - NextView Follow-on
 - Further explore service level agreements



What Lies Ahead (cont.)

- New Sensors
 - GeoEye 1 launch summer 2008
 - WorldView 2 launch 2009
 - Exploration & evaluation of alternative sources
 (e.g. Foreign SAR, Airborne, etc.)



Questions?

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