



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

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**ABOVE AND BEYOND**

The NRO is the  
**best in the world**  
at providing overhead intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance to more than 500,000 government users—including every member of the Intelligence Community, two dozen domestic agencies, our nation's military, lawmakers, and decision makers.

## OUR MISSION

NRO develops and operates the world's most capable and innovative overhead reconnaissance systems to collect intelligence for U.S. national security, and to support disaster relief and humanitarian efforts.

## OUR PEOPLE

NRO consists of ~3,000 personnel, jointly staffed by its own cadre workforce, members of the armed services, DoD civilians, Intelligence Community officers, and independent contractors. The NRO is led by Dr. Chris Scolese, the organization's first Senate-confirmed director.

## OUR LOCATIONS

Headquartered in Chantilly, Va., NRO maintains ground stations at Buckley Space Force Base, Colo.; Fort Belvoir, Va.; White Sands Missile Range, N.M.; as well as a presence in Australia and the United Kingdom. NRO has launch offices at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Fla., and Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif.

## OUR AUTHORITIES

The NRO director reports to both the director of national intelligence and the secretary of defense, and operates under both Title 10 and Title 50 authorities. NRO receives taskings for its assets from functional managers (e.g. director NSA is the functional manager for Signals Intelligence, director NGA is the functional manager for Geospatial Intelligence). Functional managers—not the NRO—are responsible for setting and prioritizing collection requirements for NRO assets.

## OUR HISTORY

The NRO—one of 18 Intelligence Community members—was established in September 1961 as a classified agency in the Department of Defense. The existence of the NRO and its mission were declassified in September 1992.

The first publicly acknowledged NRO satellite launch took place at Vandenberg Space Force Base in December 1996 on a Titan IV rocket. Today, NRO continues to launch from Vandenberg as well as Cape Canaveral Space Station, NASA's Wallops Flight Facility, and the Mahia Peninsula in New Zealand.

NRO has declassified several programs and more information is available at [www.NRO.gov](http://www.NRO.gov).





## EMPLOYMENT/BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

## DID YOU KNOW?

- NRO successfully launched five missions to orbit in 2022 and will continue to deliver new capabilities with a busy launch year in 2023.
- NRO harnesses the latest technological advances from commercial partners including the award of contracts focusing on commercial radar, electro optical, radio frequency, and soon hyperspectral imagery.
- NRO received an unmatched 14th clean financial audit in 2022, and remains committed to earning the public's trust as responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars for years to come.

Diversity of thought and experience has been integral to the NRO since its founding in 1961.

We continue to strive to be a model for diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility not only for our workforce, but also for those who do business with us.

To learn more about NRO employment opportunities, please visit

[www.nro.gov/careers](http://www.nro.gov/careers)

For information on starting a business relationship with the NRO, please visit the Acquisition Research Center at

<https://acq.westfields.net>



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