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NRO Awards Operational Commercial Radio Frequency Capabilities Augmentation

Follows award of Radar Commercial Augmentation contracts earlier this month

CHANTILLY, Va. – The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) today announced the award of the Commercial Radio Frequency Capabilities Augmentation (CRFCA) contract to HawkEye 360, Inc., continuing NRO's efforts to operationalize and expand the Intelligence Community and Department of War's use of U.S. commercial RF capabilities.

This contract follows the award of three [Radar Commercial Augmentation contracts](#) on Aug. 5.

The CRFCA award builds upon the NRO's three-phased Commercial Radio Frequency Capabilities (CRFC) effort, which began in September 2022 as a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) study. The CRFC effort assessed the capabilities of multiple commercial RF providers through a structured process of modeling, simulation, and on-orbit demonstrations. While the BAA was statutorily capped by a contract ceiling, HawkEye360's performance during these trials proved the mission readiness of its systems. This success paved the way for the new CRFCA contract, a highly flexible, operational contract vehicle designed to scale without contract value caps to meet mission demands.

This contract represents a significant step in the NRO's strategy to build a more resilient and responsive overhead architecture. By integrating commercial RF capabilities with national systems, the NRO increases its intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capacity and flexibility, ensuring timely and persistent global coverage. This approach allows the NRO to leverage the rapid innovation occurring in the commercial space sector to augment its cutting-edge space-based intelligence systems.

Managed by the NRO's Commercial Systems Program Office, the CRFCA effort provides RF collections to support a wide range of national security, civil, and humanitarian missions. This strategy is informed by lessons learned from the NRO's successful Electro-Optical Commercial Layer and other commercial remote sensing programs, further promoting the rapid integration of the most innovative commercial data services.

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