

NRO Joins NASA, Space Command in Partnership Agreement

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The National Reconnaissance Office joined Air Force Space Command and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as a full member of the Partnership Council established in February 1997. The Partnership Council actively seeks ways to save money, reduce risks, and integrate planning efforts in areas of mutual interest.

Mr. Keith Hall, Director of the NRO, signed the agreement in Washington D.C. Nov. 23 with fellow council members Daniel Goldin, NASA Administrator, and General Richard Myers, Commander of Air Force Space Command. At the meeting they reviewed the status of their collaborative efforts and explored opportunities to implement the nation's space program effectively and efficiently.

Partnership Council initiatives are already beginning to bear fruit. The agencies have already pledged support to collaborate on issues such as launch range modernization; launch infrastructure and support activities; preparation for space activity such as this year's Leonid Meteor Shower; and space technology cooperation