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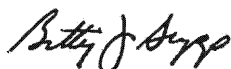
(U//FOUO) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) are pleased to announce the stand-up of the joint NGA-NRO Commercial Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) Activity (CGA).

(U//FOUO) The CGA responds to Director of National Intelligence guidance to better leverage the technological innovations and capabilities of the emerging commercial GEOINT industry. Through the CGA, we will be in a better position to engage our commercial partners and satisfy current and future GEOINT needs across the U.S. government, maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of the overhead architecture. The CGA will be housed in an existing NRO Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility [redacted] that provides easy access for commercial vendors. (b)(3)

(U//FOUO) The CGA will be a small office serving as a single voice for NGA and NRO to the commercial GEOINT enterprise. The CGA will also develop strategies to assess and integrate commercial GEOINT capabilities and provide recommendations on ways to shape U.S. remote sensing policy. It will be advisory in nature; NGA and NRO will each retain their current functional management and acquisition authorities.

(U//FOUO) NGA and NRO will both provide co-Directors for the CGA. I'm pleased to announce that Mr. Mike Foster will serve as the first NGA co-Director, and that Mr. Peter Muend will serve as the first NRO co-Director. Pete most recently worked as the Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence, Acquisition, Technology, & Facilities for Acquisition, but has extensive NRO experience. Pete and Mike are both recognized for their strong leadership and collaboration skills across the Intelligence Community.

(U) Mike and Pete will work together to complete all actions necessary to begin operations no later than 30 September 2016. Within the NRO, the CGA will report through the Systems Engineering Directorate.



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Director