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### **NGA AWARDS NEXTVIEW SECOND VENDOR AGREEMENT**

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) today announced award of the NextView second vendor four-year agreement for about \$500 million to ORBIMAGE Inc, Dulles, Virginia.

This award helps assure the availability of high-resolution imagery from the next series of U.S. commercial imagery satellites and also furthers the partnership between the U.S. Government and the U.S. remote-sensing industry. In addition, the agreement affords greater access and priority, advanced capability and improved capacity to government customers similar to the first NextView agreement.

The NextView agreement, called NextView ORBIMAGE, has the potential to award about \$500 million over the period of performance. The agreement allows NGA early participation in the development cycle for the next generation of U.S. commercial satellite imaging capabilities and provides ORBIMAGE with long-term commitments and capital for its satellite development.

The NextView ORBIMAGE agreement moves beyond prior commercial imagery acquisition and seeks to assure access, priority tasking rights, volume (area coverage) and broad licensing terms for sharing imagery with all potential mission partners. This agreement will further transform how NGA provides geospatial intelligence by assuring availability of 0.5-meter commercial imagery.

In September 2003, NGA awarded the first NextView agreement to DigitalGlobe, Inc., Longmont, Colo. The two NextView acquisitions provide NGA with sources to mitigate a potential gap in availability of commercial imagery to support the geospatial mission and implement the U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Space Policy.

"NGA is very pleased to announce this important agreement," said NGA Director retired USAF Lieutenant General James R. Clapper, Jr. "The agreement is a key development for both NGA and the commercial remote sensing industry. We need the next generation of commercial satellites to help us do our job and we look forward to working with both NextView vendors to bring this new capability to fruition."

NGA ([www.nga.mil](http://www.nga.mil)) is a national intelligence and combat support agency whose mission is to provide timely, relevant and accurate geospatial intelligence in support of national security. Geospatial intelligence is the exploitation and analysis of imagery and geospatial information to describe, assess and visually depict physical features and geographically referenced activities on the Earth. Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., NGA has major facilities in the Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia and St. Louis, Mo., areas with NGA support teams worldwide.

ORBIMAGE Inc. ([www.orbimage.com](http://www.orbimage.com)) supplies Earth imagery and imagery services, with digital remote sensing satellites and an integrated worldwide image receiving, processing and distribution network. ORBIMAGE also produces value-added imagery products and advanced photogrammetry engineering services. The company distributes its products directly to the U.S. government for national security and related mapping applications. Commercial sales are handled through a worldwide network of value-added resellers, regional distributors, sales agents, and select strategic partners.