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MEMORANDUM FOR Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology,
and Logistics
Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Acquisition
Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Director, National Reconnaissance Office


SUBJECT: BASIC System Guidance Memorandum

The Broad Area Space-based Imagery Collector (BASIC) is an integral element of the National Imagery Collection Architecture and intended to meet both Department of Defense (DoD) and Intelligence Community (IC) needs. As such, the BASIC program, to include space and ground-related efforts, will be jointly managed by the DoD and IC consistent with the DoD/IC Acquisition Memorandum of Agreement. This memorandum records our agreement regarding the BASIC system and Tier 2 capability.

The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) will procure two 1.1M commercial-class satellite vehicles, launch, and space-associated ground command and control equipment using Military Intelligence Program funds. The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) will develop the BASIC ground interfaces; system tasking, processing, exploitation, dissemination; and data storage to support all users using National Intelligence Program funds. NGA will ensure integration of BASIC into the National System for Geospatial Intelligence (NSG) and establish key BASIC user interfaces within the NSG to include the Distributed Common Ground System Enterprise enabling responsive tasking and dissemination turnaround to all users. In addition, NGA will develop an implementation plan for commercial data providers to deliver products/services that augment the BASIC system.



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