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## **U.S. DoD Awards USD 134 Million Global X-Band Blanket Purchase Agreement to SES Space & Defense**

*Under the single Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA), SES Space & Defense, in partnership with other companies, will provide highly-secure Global X-band SATCOM services to U.S. Department of Defense*

Reston, Va., 28 June 2023 – DRS Global Enterprise Solutions (GES), acquired and now part of SES's wholly-owned subsidiary SES Space & Defense, has been awarded a five-year X-Band Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) with an estimated value of USD 134 million in support of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). The single award BPA was awarded through Defense Information Systems Agency's (DISA) Defense Information Technology Contracting Organization (DITCO) by the US Space Force.

To deliver a near-global solution, SES Space & Defense has partnered with several industry-leading players, including integrators, SATCOM and teleport operators. Together, the contracted satellite operators will deliver Global X-Band satellite capacity, teleport and network services over a highly secure global terrestrial network, and other ancillary services to meet enduring and emerging DoD requirements.

To provide secure satellite communications service, SES Space & Defense will leverage the multi-mission GovSat-1 satellite, which features high-power X-band and Military Ka-band beams. GovSat-1 is a satellite operated by GovSat and is entirely dedicated to government and military missions.

"SES Space & Defense believes the BPA is one of the foundation blocks in accelerating MILSATCOM-COMSATCOM integration for the space enterprise. The US Space Force established this contract as a mechanism to enable access to commercial X-band capacity globally for the DoD," said SES Space & Defense President and CEO David Fields. "We have partnered with industry-leading X-Band owners and operators as we understand the demand for secure, non-preemptible mission-assured capacity for critical operations. By combining satellite capacity, SATCOM services can achieve the highest availability with redundant X-Band coverage and diverse gateway connectivity within sovereign space."

The Global X-Band BPA is the first integration services agreement awarded to SES Space & Defense since the acquisition of DRS GES by SES was finalized in August 2022. SES Space & Defense is dedicated to delivering the most trusted end-to-end global communications through a fully integrated Information and Communications Technology Ecosystem to the U.S. government and military.

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SES Space & Defense is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SES, the leader in global content connectivity solutions, and is exclusively focused on building, managing, and supporting the most advanced satellite network solutions for the U.S. Government. SES Space & Defense leverages a proven multi-operator network integration and management capability, an extensive global terrestrial network, as well as access to SES's multi-orbit satellite fleet. It also offers U.S. Department of Defense customers the essential tools in cybersecurity for mission-critical operations, coupled with a proven track record in governance and compliance. SES Space & Defense operates under a proxy board, enabling it to support classified projects, and it has been present in the U.S. Government satcom market for over four decades. Further information can be found at: [www.sessd.com](http://www.sessd.com).

## **About SES**

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