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U.S. Department of Defense Awards Medium Earth Orbit BPA to SES Space & Defense

Under the Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA), SES Space & Defense will provide the U.S. Department of Defense mission-critical communications leveraging SES's O3b system

Reston, Va., 8 November 2023 – SES Space & Defense, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SES, has been awarded a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) for Medium Earth Orbit (MEO) low-latency high-throughput satellite (HTS) services. The single award BPA has a ceiling of just under USD 270 million over a five-year period.

With this contract, SES Space & Defense will continue to support U.S. DoD customers with industry-leading MEO low-latency HTS services globally. The BPA includes end-to-end MEO managed services with HTS capacity, broadband services, gateway services, monitoring and control services, satellite terminal leasing and sales, field service representative (FSR) support, training services and terrestrial backhaul.

SES Space & Defense has been providing managed services to U.S. DoD end-users through numerous Task Orders on the original MEO low-latency HTS service BPA since 2018.

"SES Space & Defense is excited to receive this award, and we look forward to further supporting DoD users with SES's MEO HTS capabilities," said David Fields, SES Space & Defense President and CEO. "The new BPA signifies the DoD's continued interest in MEO as a cornerstone commercial satellite communications capability."

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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.

About SES

SES has a bold vision to deliver amazing experiences everywhere on earth by distributing the highest quality video content and providing seamless connectivity around the world. As the leader in global content connectivity solutions, SES operates the world's only multi-orbit constellation of satellites with the unique combination of global coverage and high performance, including the commercially-proven, low-latency Medium Earth Orbit O3b system. By leveraging a vast and intelligent, cloud-enabled network, SES is able to deliver high-quality connectivity solutions anywhere on land, at sea or in the air, and is a trusted partner to the world's leading telecommunications companies, mobile network operators, governments, connectivity and cloud service providers, broadcasters, video platform operators and content owners. SES's video network carries over 6,400 channels and has an unparalleled reach of 369 million households, delivering managed media services for both linear and non-linear content. The company is listed on Paris and Luxembourg stock exchanges (Ticker: SESG). Further information is available at: www.ses.com