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Global Approach to Earth Observations

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Office of Space Commercialization

- Principal unit for commercial space policy issues within DOC and NOAA
 - **Vision:** A Robust and Responsive U.S. Industry that is the World Leader in Space Commerce
 - **Mission:** Foster the conditions for the economic growth and technological advancement of the U.S. commercial space industry
- Advocate within the federal government for the U.S. commercial space industry

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U.S. National Policies

• U.S. National Space Policy, 2010

- **A robust and competitive commercial space sector** is vital to continued progress in space.
- **Energize competitive domestic industries** to participate in global markets and advance the development of: satellite manufacturing; satellite-based services; space launch; terrestrial applications; and increased entrepreneurship
- **Purchase and use commercial space capabilities and services to the maximum practical extent** when such capabilities and services are available in the marketplace and meet United States Government requirements
- Develop governmental space systems only when it is in the national interest and there is no suitable, cost-effective U.S. commercial or, as appropriate, foreign commercial service or system that is or will be available



U.S. National Policies

- **U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Policy, 2003**
 - Goal: Advance and protect U.S. national security and foreign policy interests by **maintaining the nation's leadership in remote sensing space activities**, and by **sustaining and enhancing the U.S. CRS industry**.
 - **Rely to the maximum practical extent on U.S. commercial remote sensing space capabilities**
 - **Provide a timely and responsive regulatory environment**
 - **Companies are encouraged to build and operate commercial remote sensing space systems** whose operational capabilities, products, and services are **superior to any current or planned foreign commercial systems**



What is the future of the commercial remote sensing industry?

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