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### **NIMA Participates in GEO-INTEL 2003 Symposium**

The National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) will provide speakers and demonstrations to GEO-INTEL 2003: "Geospatial Intelligence and Information for the Nation" to be held October 14-17, 2003 at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans, LA.

NIMA's mission is to provide timely, relevant and accurate Geospatial Intelligence in support of national security. The focus of the conference and the fact that NIMA requires commercial partners to efficiently perform its mission are central reasons for Agency participation in the symposium.

The symposium theme, "The Foundation for Security," will bring together leaders in Geospatial Intelligence - government and industry - to discuss contributions to national security, intelligence community and homeland security issues. Geospatial technologies are mission critical in the analysis, planning, decision-making, and operations of our Nation's intelligence and defense programs and the fight against terrorism.

An anticipated 900 public and private sector decision-makers and executives will have the opportunity to hear and observe NIMA highlight the role of geospatial technologies in national security, Operation Iraqi Freedom and other topics.

As functional manager for the National System for Geospatial Intelligence, which oversees the development and implementation of programs to conduct Geospatial Intelligence, NIMA has a significant role to play at the symposium. NIMA director Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper, Jr., USAF (ret.) will be one of several keynote speakers. In addition, the agency will participate in panel discussions and will exhibit technology and operations like those used to support national security events such as the Super Bowl and the Salt Lake City Olympics. It will also display a futuristic operations cell to showcase the technology.

For further information about the symposium, visit [www.geointel.org](http://www.geointel.org).

NIMA is both a National Intelligence Agency and a Combat Support Agency. 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., NIMA has major facilities in the Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, and St. Louis, Mo. areas with NIMA support teams worldwide.