

# THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## NGA MISSION

We provide GEOINT for our nation's security.

## NGA VISION

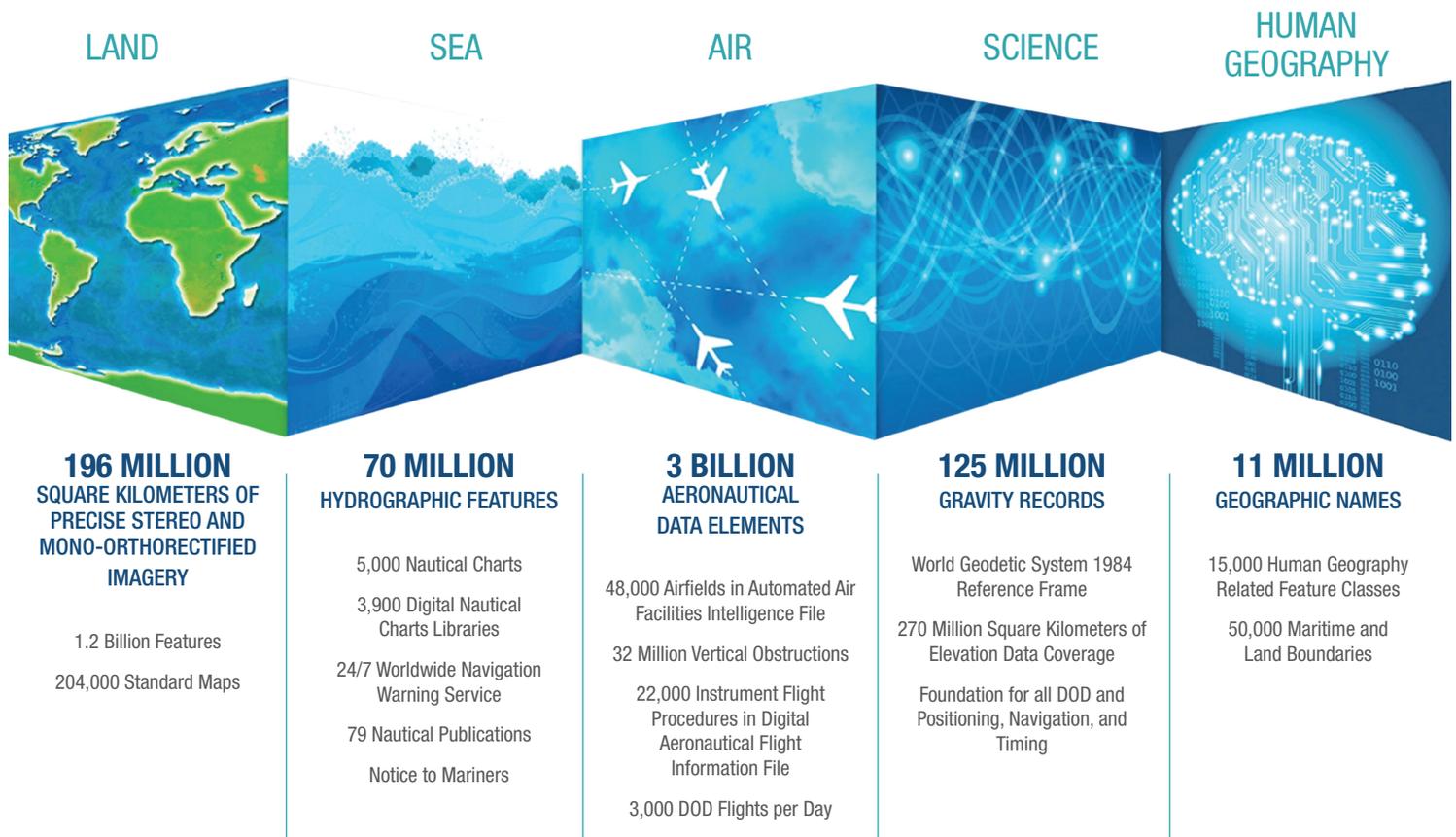
Know the Earth... Show the Way...  
Understand the World.

Geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) is the use of imagery, imagery intelligence and geospatial information to describe and depict features, activities and locations on Earth. Anyone who sails a U.S. ship, flies a U.S. aircraft, makes national policy decisions, fights wars, locates targets, responds to natural disasters or navigates with a cellphone relies on GEOINT.

A unique combination of intelligence agency and combat support agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) serves as the world leader in providing timely, relevant, accurate and actionable GEOINT. By evaluating imagery, maps, charts, multiple layers of foundation data (such as terrain, elevation and gravity) and more, our intelligence specialists help users visualize what is happening at a particular place and time, going beyond describing 'what, where and when' to revealing 'how and why.' Our work enables decision advantage for our policymakers, warfighters, intelligence professionals and first responders.

NGA is headquartered in Springfield, Virginia, and has two major locations in St. Louis and Arnold, Missouri. Approximately 14,500 civilian, military and contractor employees work across more than 100 locations in the U.S. and 20 international locations. Hundreds of NGA employees also serve on support teams at U.S. military, diplomatic and allied locations around the world.

The director of NGA serves as the functional manager for GEOINT, the head of the National System for Geospatial Intelligence, and the coordinator of the global Allied System for Geospatial Intelligence. In this capacity, the director is charged with synchronizing operations to realize a professional, interoperable, agile and integrated GEOINT enterprise.





## NGA AT A **GLANCE**

### **STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE**

NGA provides GEOINT that allows the president and national policymakers to make crucial decisions on counterterrorism, weapons of mass destruction, global political crises and more.

### **WARFIGHTER SUPPORT**

NGA enables the Department of Defense to plan missions, gain battlefield superiority, precisely target the adversary and protect our military forces.

### **INDICATIONS AND WARNING**

NGA often has the only 'eyes' focused on global hot spots and provides timely warnings to the warfighter and national decision-makers by monitoring, analyzing and reporting imminent threats.

### **SAFETY OF NAVIGATION**

NGA provides and maintains the maps, charts and publications for navigation in the air and on the seas with the most current information for U.S. military forces and global transport networks.

### **FOUNDATION DATA**

Foundation data — including topographic, elevation and terrain, land cover, and geodetic information — helps us describe the world in which we live. NGA leads the Department of Defense and intelligence community in the production, procurement, assessment and cataloging of geospatial data.

### **HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF**

NGA supports federal agencies' — such as the Department of State and the Federal Emergency Management Agency — response to humanitarian and disaster relief missions.

### **SPECIAL EVENT PLANNING**

When requested, NGA supports planning for special events such as presidential inaugurations, state visits by foreign leaders, international conferences and major public events (e.g., Olympics, Super Bowl).

### **HOMELAND DEFENSE**

NGA provides vital GEOINT that contributes to counterterrorism, counternarcotics, and border and transportation security efforts.

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