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NGA signs CRADA with commercial imagery provider Planet

SPRINGFIELD, Virginia — The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency signed a cooperative research and development agreement, April 4, with Planet, a commercial imagery provider, to explore and potentially improve the speed at which the agency can extract vital information and analytics from the company's imagery.

The CRADA is expected to yield time-saving services for the agency related to change detection, such as monitoring objects across entire countries, advanced broad area search, and the generation of baseline and foundation layers, said Manuela McCabe, NGA's Planet CRADA program manager.

"The Planet CRADA will fully inform NGA on the quality and utility of the services that Planet is able to develop and provide using their high-frequency imagery stacks," said McCabe.

NGA purchased a \$14 million subscription for Planet imagery in July 2017, following an introductory contract signed in 2016.

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