



# Operationally Responsive Space

Assured Space Power Focused on Timely Satisfaction of  
Joint Force Commanders' Needs

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## 2008 Year In Review & the Obama Administration

### Congratulations on a Job Well Done!

Last year we made significant progress towards our major goals: meeting the needs of the JFC and building the enablers required to change the space enterprise. We received three needs from USSTRATCOM and were able to exercise our community-wide requirements process successfully for each one. We were able to demonstrate pieces of the rapid development process, and participated in several collaborative exercises and demonstrations.

For the JFC needs, the team of subject matter experts came up with novel solutions to include a UHF Communications hosted payload, SSA supported by using existing assets, and a new acquisition for an ISR gap filler. As for progress on our enablers, AFRL successfully demonstrated the building of the PnP satellite in just four hours, we demonstrated rapid air transport of the SpaceX Falcon-1 rocket to Kwajalein, and the ability to go from clean-room to launch of a satellite in six days! RADARSAT and the Joint Reconnaissance Platform are outstanding examples of interagency and international collaboration, and our ability to provide assets for use by the COCOMs. ORS also participated in several exercises and wargames, building on the ORS Tier-1 playbook.

I am also happy to announce that we are almost completely staffed, and we have moved into our new office space and secured the initial lab space for the Tier-2 Rapid Response Space Center, aka "Chileworks."

Thank you all for your contributions to meeting significant milestones in 2008. I look forward to another busy and innovative year!

### ORS and the Obama Administration

Where some may view this tough economic climate and the new administration as a possible threat to ORS, I think these factors provide even greater opportunities for continued support and mission success. In the midst of all this, our primary goals remain the same: to satisfy the needs of the Joint Force Commander (JFC), and to develop the enablers to allow for rapid development and deployment of critical space assets, collaboration and invigorating the skill base. Both politically and economically, it appears that ORS is well positioned as part of President Obama's national space policy.

*"The Operationally Responsive Space program, which uses smaller, more nimble space assets to make US systems more robust and less vulnerable, is a way to invest in [protecting America's space assets]."*

*—President Barack Obama*

### A Look Forward: Upcoming Events & Milestones

- Industry Day, 11–12 Feb, Albuquerque, NM
- Responsive Space 7 (RS7) Conference, 27–30 Apr, Los Angeles, CA
- National Space Symposium, 30 Mar–02 Apr, Colo. Spgs., CO