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**Intelsat General Awarded Contract Valued Up to \$145 Million
To Support Armed Forces Radio & Television Service**

Bethesda, MD, May 18, 2011 -- Intelsat General Corporation (IGC), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Intelsat, S.A., has been awarded a contract with a potential value of \$145 million to provide comprehensive satellite connectivity to the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS).

The AFRTS provides multi-channel, broadcast-quality radio and television programs to military forces and their families stationed outside of the United States and aboard Navy ships at sea. Intelsat General will provide the satellite capacity and terrestrial infrastructure via the IntelsatONESM network in support of the service, as well as additional internal information programming offered by the Department of Defense. The one-year contract and six one-year options have a total potential value of \$145 million over the seven years.

“The programs carried by AFRTS are key to maintaining the morale of our troops stationed around the world,” said Kay Sears, President of Intelsat General. “A global satellite and terrestrial communications network is essential to delivering this programming to the remote locations where military forces serve.”

Intelsat General is providing an end-to-end solution for four separate AFRTS services around the globe, including installation of new terminal equipment and terminal operations and maintenance at a new AFRTS facility at Ft. Meade, MD. IGC will help AFRTS reduce the number of entry points and fiber connections for its services and maximize efficiencies in use of the satellites. AFRTS uses seven satellites and six data entry points to carry television and stereo audio services to over 1,000 outlets in more than 175 countries and U.S. territories and to U.S. Navy ships.

About Intelsat General Corporation

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Intelsat General Corporation provides leading-edge communications solutions to commercial, government, and military customers through fixed and mobile satellite systems and associated terrestrial communications services. Intelsat General Corporation incorporates flexible and robust ground and space infrastructure and technical expertise to deliver reliable, quickly-deployable and secure network solutions anywhere around the globe. Intelsat General is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Intelsat, S.A.

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About Intelsat

Intelsat is the leading provider of fixed satellite services worldwide. For over 45 years, Intelsat has been delivering information and entertainment for many of the world's leading media and network companies, multinational corporations, Internet Service Providers and governmental agencies. Intelsat's satellite, teleport and fiber infrastructure is unmatched in the industry, setting the standard for transmissions of video, data and voice services. From the globalization of content and the proliferation of HD, to the expansion of cellular networks and broadband access, with Intelsat, advanced communications anywhere in the world are closer, by far. For more information, please visit www.intelsat.com.

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