



## Millennium Space Systems Selected by DARPA to Design Next Generation Tactical Imaging Satellites

**Agency's revolutionary step aims to provide responsive and affordable situational awareness to warfighters and tactical users**

TORRANCE, CA, March 7, 2013: Millennium Space Systems today announces a \$1.91 million contract from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) for the first phase of the agency's Space Enabled Effects for Military Engagements (SeeMe) program. During this first of three program phases, Millennium will complete the mission specification, satellite design, and production planning for six prototype and 24 operational small satellites.

DARPA's SeeMe program aims to give mobile individual US warfighters access to on-demand, space-based tactical information in remote and beyond- line-of-sight conditions. If successful, SeeMe will provide small squads and individual teams the ability to receive timely imagery of their specific overseas location directly from a small satellite with the press of a button — something that's currently not possible from military or commercial satellites. Using a low-cost satellite constellation launched on-demand to match DoD operational tempos, SeeMe provides timely, on-demand imagery directly to the warfighter in the field. More on SeeMe can be found on DARPA's website at: [http://www.darpa.mil/Our\\_Work/TTO/Focus\\_Areas/AdvancedSpaceSystems.aspx](http://www.darpa.mil/Our_Work/TTO/Focus_Areas/AdvancedSpaceSystems.aspx)

Mike Scardera, Millennium's SeeMe Program Manager, commented, "We're pleased to continue our 9-year relationship with DARPA. SeeMe is a great fit for Millennium's culture of providing affordable, responsive, and on-time delivery of complex flight systems. We're excited to work with DARPA'S Tactical Technology Office (TTO) to help make SeeMe an unqualified success."

### **About Millennium Space Systems**

Founded in 2001, Millennium Space Systems is a privately held, employee-owned small company, providing alternative and relevant solutions to today's aerospace challenges. The company's portfolio includes flight systems design and development work for the Intelligence Community, Department of Defense and National Aeronautics & Space Administration. Millennium has performed on several national defense projects, most recently demonstrated by the NRO's Rapid Pathfinder Satellite, launched in February 2011; Rapid Pathfinder continues to operate at over 99% availability on orbit. Millennium Space is based in Southern California, with Space Manufacturing facilities in Torrance, and a Mission Operations Center in Manhattan Beach.

More about Millennium Space Systems can be found at [www.millennium-space.com](http://www.millennium-space.com).

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