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A Message from the Chief of the RSDO

Hello, from the RSDO. The news this issue is that the second Rapid Spacecraft Acquisition Contract (a.k.a., Rapid II) will expire on January 3, 2008. We are diligently working to prepare the follow-on contract (Rapid III), but will not have it in place prior to the last quarter of 2008. Until Rapid III takes effect, there will be a gap in RSDO service for which I offer my sincerest apologies.

You may have heard that the RSDO is requesting an extension of the Rapid II ordering period for a number of months. This extension is solely to enable RSDO to support the Landsat Data Continuity Mission. During this Rapid II extension, the RSDO will not conduct any On-Ramps and will not support any new customers.

Sincerely,

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Current Business

LDCM Studies Complete

The Landsat Data Continuity Mission (LDCM) marked the completion of its Spacecraft Accommodation Study in August 2007. Each of the four RSDO contractor teams spent a day presenting its final point design for LDCM, and explaining how that design addresses the 20-odd topic areas included in the study.

The study provided an opportunity for the selected RSDO providers to probe deeply into LDCM requirements, and for the LDCM Project Team to gain valuable feedback on how well the requirements are structured. The final preparations are underway to draft a Request For Offer to procure the spacecraft, with selection and award slated for early 2008.

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