

Lockheed Martin Successfully Launches Intelsat 14 Spacecraft

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Lockheed Martin this morning successfully delivered a commercial telecommunications satellite for Intelsat, the leading provider of fixed satellite services, into orbit aboard an Atlas V booster provided by United Launch Alliance.

The Intelsat 14 (IS-14) spacecraft, built by Space Systems/Loral, will provide high-powered video and data services through its C-band and Ku-band payload to Intelsat customers throughout the Americas, Europe and Africa. IS-14 is also part of an 11-satellite replenishment campaign and will replace Intelsat's 1R satellite once it enters service at the 315 degrees east longitude orbital location.

The spacecraft also carries a hosted payload for the Internet Router in Space, or IRIS program, for Cisco Systems.

"Intelsat chose Atlas V because of its reliability and its credibility in the marketplace," said David Markham, president of Lockheed Martin Commercial Launch Services. "This successful launch and orbital insertion further demonstrates the flexibility and capabilities of Atlas that can be applied to the marketplace as we continue to seek one to two commercial orders per year."

Intelsat is the leading provider of fixed satellite services worldwide. For 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.

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Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The corporation reported 2008 sales of \$42.7 billion.

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