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**HOSTED PAYLOAD AND SMALLSAT SUMMIT 2016 UNVEILS NEW CONFERENCE FORMAT,
U.S. AIR FORCE OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Rockville, Md. – Thursday, May 4, 2016 –The producers of the SATELLITE Conference and Exhibition have revamped the format of the **2016 Hosted Payload and Smallsat Summit (HPSS 16)**, replacing panel sessions with a series of keynote presentations from high-level satellite customers. The Summit, which takes on place October 20, 2016 at the Grand Hyatt Washington (1000 H St NW, Washington, DC 20001), will kick off with an opening keynote speech from **Dr. David A. Hardy, Assistant Deputy Under-Secretary of the U.S. Air Force for Space**.

During his speech, Dr. Hardy will discuss how the Air Force would assess potential hosted payload and small satellite technology offerings from the commercial aerospace sector under its requested \$5.5 billion budget for space investments in 2017. As a key figure for space acquisition in the Pentagon, Dr. Hardy will play a key role in determining how the budget will be used to enhance and modernize the Air Force's space capabilities.

Dr. Hardy previously served as the Air Force's center of expertise for directed energy technology, developing and transitioning research technologies into military systems at the Air Force Research Laboratory at Kirtland Air Force Base. He was reassigned to the position of Assistant Deputy Under-Secretary of the U.S. Air Force for Space at the Pentagon in August of 2015. He has published more than 125 papers in national and international journals, and has been directly responsible for the development and flight of more than 35 scientific and operational space flight systems.

"We're honored to have Dr. David Hardy deliver our opening keynote presentation and the U.S. Air Force's participation in an event that promotes critical dialogue with the commercial aerospace sector," said HPSS 16 Conference Chairman Jeffrey Hill. "We're also very excited about the new Summit program format. We feel it gives speakers a better chance to dive deep into the benefits and challenges related to affordable access to space and our attendees a better view into the needs of the satellite customers."

Hundreds of end-users from the satellite community attend HPSS 16 to hear industry experts discuss the trade-offs and attributes of hosted payloads and smallsats, and how they fit into mission configuration. HPSS 16 will also include a breakfast tutorial session, luncheon, and conclude with a VIP cocktail reception. To register for press credentials, please contact Dave Bentley, Marketing Director, at dbentley@accessintel.com.

About the Hosted Payload and Smallsat Summit

The Hosted Payload and Smallsat Summit was launched in 2011 to meet the needs of the satellite community by providing a full day event focused solely on two of the hottest markets in satellite communications. The Hosted Payload and Smallsat Summit will bring together hundreds of professionals in the satellite community, including government and military, representatives from the enterprise community, satellite operators, launch service providers and more to discuss the challenges and opportunities surrounding hosted payloads and smallsats. For more information, please visit www.HPSSummit.com.

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