



Satellite Companies Launch New Industry Group: SpaceConnect Association

SpaceConnect to represent the NGSO satellite economy

June 24, 2026 (Washington, D.C.) – Today, Amazon, Iridium, Telesat and Globalstar announced the formation of a new trade association representing the non-geostationary (NGSO) satellite economy: the SpaceConnect Association.

SpaceConnect will advocate globally for policies that support the growth, innovation and responsible deployment of NGSO satellite systems. The group will engage with international institutions, governments, and the industry to ensure NGSO systems continue to play a central role in advancing global connectivity, economic development and space sustainability.

SpaceConnect will be led by Executive Director David Redl, who previously served as head of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), and General Counsel Julie Kearney, the first Chief of the Space Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

“NGSO satellite systems are transforming the way the world connects, creating new opportunities for economic growth, national security, and global innovation,” said Redl. “SpaceConnect will be a strong, unified voice advocating for modern, forward-looking policies that reflect the unique capabilities of NGSO technologies. As governments around the world make critical decisions about spectrum, market access and space stewardship, we are committed to working with policymakers and stakeholders to enable a competitive, secure and resilient connectivity ecosystem.”

“The policy and regulatory frameworks governing space communications should reflect the pace of innovation,” said Kearney. “SpaceConnect will bring deep expertise and a global perspective to advancing policies that foster innovation while ensuring safe and responsible operations in low Earth orbit. By advocating for updated licensing processes, efficient spectrum access and industry-led best practices, we aim to help unleash the full potential of NGSO systems for governments, businesses, and communities worldwide.”

SpaceConnect will operate as a 501(c)(6) and will serve as the first and only trade association dedicated to advocating for NGSO operators.

For more information, visit [\[website\]](#).

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SpaceConnect is the leading global trade association representing non-geostationary satellite systems (NGSOs). SpaceConnect works to ensure a competitive, multi-provider market that delivers for governments, businesses and consumers.