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AWARD

Leica Geosystems BLK247 Wins Security Industry Association's Best New Product Award



Leica Geosystems, part of Hexagon, announced its 3D surveillance product, the Leica BLK247, won the **Security Industry Association's (SIA) 2020 Best New Product Award**. The BLK247 was demonstrated as part of SIA's annual New Product Showcase Awards competition held at this year's virtual ISC West tradeshow. Since its inception in 1979, the SIA New Product Showcase has been the security industry's premier product awards programme. New products are reviewed by a panel of judges with extensive industry experience, and in 2020, following significant deliberations, the 30 judges presented awards for technologies covering 23 product and service categories. The BLK247 was selected for its innovative **sensor-merging design** and use of **edge computing** to bring a new level of technology to the security industry. www.hexagon.com

AWARD

The 2020 Recipient of the Arthur C. Lundahl-Thomas C. Finnie Lifetime Achievement Award



The United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) announced The Honorable **Susan M. Gordon** as the 2020 recipient of the Foundation's Arthur C. Lundahl-Thomas C. Finnie Lifetime Achievement Award. Gordon is the 16th individual to win this prestigious award. She was recognized as part of **USGIF's virtual GEOConnect Series Main Stage event**. Gordon was sworn in as the fifth principal deputy director of National Intelligence (PDDNI) on August 7, 2017. As PDDNI, Gordon assisted the DNI in leading the Intelligence Community (IC) and managing the ODNI, particularly focused on advancing **intelligence integration** across the IC, expanding outreach and partnerships, and driving innovation across the IC. Gordon, with nearly three decades of experience in the IC, served in a variety of leadership roles spanning numerous intelligence organizations and disciplines. She served as the deputy director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) from 2015 to 2017. www.usgif.org

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EUMETSAT Council appoints Philip Evans as next Director-General



The Council of Europe's operational satellite agency for weather and climate, EUMETSAT, has appointed Philip Evans as the organisation's next Director-General for a **five-year term**, starting on 1 January 2021. Evans will take over the reins of the 30-Member-State organisation from Alain Ratier, who will retire at the end of 2020 after serving nine-and-a-half years as Director-General. Evans achieved a highly successful career at the **UK Met Office**, where he held strategic and operational senior management positions and served as member of the Executive Board, after leading the remote sensing instrumentation group in the 1990s. In his last position at the Met Office, Chief Operating Officer, Evans was responsible for the full operational delivery and infrastructure of the organisation, leading a team of **700 people**. He also represented the United Kingdom on the EUMETSAT Council over the past two years. www.eumetsat.int

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John Kimmance appointed as new MD of Ordnance Survey National Mapping Services



Ordnance Survey has appointed John Kimmance as Managing Director of the National Mapping Services business unit. John will lead a team tasked with providing **location data and expertise** to customers across Great Britain, including public sector customers, businesses and developers. John will drive the delivery of the recently launched **Public Sector Mapping Agreement (PSGA)**, ensuring that location data continues to support critical infrastructure and services, underpins decision making, drives efficiencies and delivers both societal and economic benefits. Through the PSGA John will lead the National Mapping Services team to create greater opportunities for the public sector and commercial customers through new data, improved access to OS data and new freedoms to share. www.os.uk

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Robert Mankowski Joins the Executive Board of the World Geospatial Industry Council



Bentley Systems, a global provider of comprehensive software and digital twin cloud services for advancing the design, construction, and operations of infrastructure, announces that Robert Mankowski, Bentley's senior vice president of digital cities, has been named to the executive board of the World Geospatial Industry Council. Mankowski leads Bentley's **digital cities solution area**, which provides infrastructure engineering, digital twin software, and services to help cities that are going digital. He has over **20 years' experience** in software development and has co-invented several technologies now used in the OpenFlows product line. Bentley's digital cities applications enable engineers to plan and design more efficient city infrastructure. Mankowski joined Bentley in 2004 as part of Bentley's acquisition of **Haestad Methods**, a pioneer in object-oriented hydraulic analysis software, where he served as chief technology officer. www.bentley.com

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