

# SATELLITE BUSINESS NETWORK REPORT: GEOINT 2016

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## Summary

GEOINT 2016, the largest conference related to geographical and spatial information for military security and intelligence activities, was held at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, near Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. from June 15th to 28th, 2016. This conference was hosted by the US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF).

The USGIF consists mainly of companies involved in business with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). This conference's theme was titled 'The GEOINT Revolution', and a number of lectures, panel discussions, and exhibitions were provided. Lectures included those by the director of the NGA, the U.S. Vice Secretary of Defence, and

other high-ranking US government officials and armed forces officers.

## Our Impressions

We felt that the scale of this year's conference seemed smaller than the previous one we had attended. GEOINT 2013 was postponed for 6 months, due the failure of the U.S. government's budget for that fiscal year to pass. Since then, U.S. defence and intelligence budgets have been reduced, and this appears to have influenced the conference - we noticed a reduced scale at GEOINT 2016. Last year's conference (GEOINT 2015) was held in Washington D.C., and therefore saw a lot of attendance by government, military, and local organizations and companies. The fact that this year's event is in Florida has likely caused a reduction in scale. As of this writing, the USGIF, the host organization this year, has not yet announced the number of attendees. We noticed that the number of people taking part in the opening ceremony was about half of last year's number. The number of exhibition companies and organizations participating has been also reduced to 260 this year (from 290 in 2015), and the exhibition content seemed somewhat light in comparison to last year.

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## Lectures, Exhibitions, and Discussions

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## Other Miscellaneous Comments :

The Gaylord Palms Resort Hotel, where GEOINT 2016 was held, is an ideal base for trips to theme parks in Orlando, such as the Disney World Resort. A GEOINT welcome party was held in the jungle garden (which resembles a greenhouse) in Gaylord. Attendees were able to hold a live alligator, in a scene typical of Orlando. As its mouth was tied up with tape, we could hold the animal without worry or danger.



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