

MARINE INFORMATION**NATIONAL IMAGERY AND MAPPING AGENCY (NIMA) BECOMES THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA)**

The National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) officially became the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) effective November 24, 2003. The new name-NGA-is the latest step in an ongoing transformation effort to ensure our nation's warfighters and senior policymakers receive the best geospatial intelligence possible in support of national security.

Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, NIMA accelerated the convergence of various analytic tradecrafts (marine analysis, aeronautical analysis, cartography, geospatial analysis, imagery analysis, geodesy) into a new intelligence discipline-geospatial intelligence, or GEOINT-that is clearly greater than the sum of its parts. GEINT provides customers a more complete visualization of geographically referenced area on the Earth.

The name NGA reflects the Agency's GEOINT support capability to its many and varied customers. From specialized three-dimensional city graphics to animated "fly-throughs", NGA leverages the power of fusion to provide our customers GEOINT products in support of the nation's defense.

NGA is both a national intelligence as well as combat support agency whose mission is to provide timely, relevant and accurate geospatial intelligence in support of our national security. Geospatial intelligence is the exploitation and analysis of imagery and geospatial information to describe, assess and visually depict physical features and geographically referenced activities on the Earth.