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# BlackSky Completes Critical Design Review Milestone with Major International Defense Customer

*BlackSky Spectra® tasking and analytics platform architecture optimized to deliver industry-leading secure, AI-derived real-time intelligence in minutes*

HERNDON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- BlackSky Technology Inc. (NYSE: [BKSY](#)) recently completed a critical design review (CDR) with a major international defense customer successfully confirming that the company's next-generation architecture, powered by its Gen-3 constellation, will deliver industry-leading secure, AI-derived real-time intelligence within minutes.

"Completing the CDR is a monumental achievement validating BlackSky's space-based tactical ISR services meet our customer's long-term mission needs," said Brian O'Toole, BlackSky CEO. "BlackSky's Spectra® tasking and analytics data-fusion platform architecture is being optimized in parallel to the development of the company's advanced Gen-3 constellation to deliver very high-resolution imagery and AI-powered analytics at unprecedented speed."

This important milestone confirms that BlackSky's image quality, time-diverse revisit, order and delivery timelines and precision AI-enabled analytics standards are technically aligned with the customer's real-time space-based intelligence mission requirements.

"BlackSky's next-generation services will feature fully automated multi-sensor tip-and-cue capabilities that give customers the ability to securely task and receive very-high resolution imagery and precision AI-derived analytics that support minute-by-minute situational awareness during time-sensitive mission operations," said O'Toole.

BlackSky's first Gen-3 satellite launched on [February 18](#) and delivered [first light images](#) just five days afterward. BlackSky's proprietary, advanced detection and identification algorithms delivered [AI-enabled analytics](#) derived from new, very high-resolution Gen-3 imagery three weeks following launch. With BlackSky's first Gen-3 satellite now on orbit, the company plans to expand the constellation at a regular cadence over the next 12 months.

## About BlackSky

BlackSky is a real-time, space-based intelligence company that delivers on-demand, high frequency imagery, analytics, and high-frequency monitoring of the most critical and strategic locations, economic assets, and events in the world. BlackSky owns and operates one of the industry's most advanced, purpose-built commercial, real-time intelligence systems that combines the power of the BlackSky Spectra® tasking and analytics software platform and our proprietary low earth orbit satellite constellation.

With BlackSky, customers can see, understand and anticipate changes for a decisive strategic advantage at the tactical edge, and act not just fast, but first. BlackSky is trusted by some of the most demanding U.S. and international government agencies, commercial businesses, and organizations around the world. BlackSky is headquartered in Herndon, VA, and is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange as BKSJ. To learn more, visit [www.blacksky.com](http://www.blacksky.com) and follow us on [X](#).

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