

## **Global Broadcast Service (GBS)**

### **Description**

The overall GBS system provides near worldwide, high data rate, one-way dissemination of large information products such as classified and unclassified imagery and video, theater message traffic, Joint and Service-unique news, weather and MWR programming to deployed or garrison forces via small user platforms.

### **Operational Impact**

GBS will augment other communications systems and provide a continuous high-speed, one-way information flow to deployed, mobile, or garrisoned forces. GBS will support routine operations, training and military exercises, special activities, crises, situational awareness, weapons targeting, reconnaissance, and the transition to and conduct of opposed operations short of nuclear war. Access will be near worldwide, from 65 degrees north latitude to 65 degrees south latitude. It is intended to consistently provide the warfighter with information that allows action inside the decision cycle time of his adversaries.

### **Program Status**

This Joint Program is currently in a Pre-Milestone III status. III MEF received two evaluation receive suites (RS) from the Joint Program Office in mid-February 2002 and II MEF is scheduled to receive one evaluation RS in late February 2002. The third stage of developmental/operational testing (DT/OT-3) is planned for May/June 2002. MOT&E is planned for June 2003. The Marine Corps plans to field 50 systems in FY04 and 50 systems in FY05.

<b>Procurement Profile</b>	<b>FY02</b>	<b>FY03</b>
<b>Quantity:</b>	0	0

**Developer/Manufacturer** Raytheon