

Figure 3: Stakeholders Involved in SSA

DOD	Intelligence community
Office of the Secretary of Defense Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Networks and Information Integration Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency Defense Special Missile and Astronautics Center Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation Director of Operational Test and Evaluation Joint Chiefs of Staff Office of the Secretary of the Air Force U.S. Strategic Command Joint Functional Component Command for Space Joint Forces Command Pacific Command Office of the Chief of Naval Operations 14th Air Force Air Force Materiel Command Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency Air Force Program Executive Officer for Command and Control, and Combat Support Air Force Program Executive Officer for Space Air Force Research Laboratory Air Force Space Command Air Force Technical Applications Center Electronics Systems Center, 850th Electronic Systems Group Missile Defense Agency National Security Space Office Army Space and Missile Defense Command Space and Missile Systems Center Space Protection Office US Marine Corp, Plans, Policies and Operations	Office of the Director of National Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency National Air and Space Intelligence Center Defense Intelligence Agency National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency National Reconnaissance Office National Security Agency
	Civil government
	Department of Commerce Department of Energy Department of State Department of Transportation National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Aeronautics and Space Administration Lawrence Livermore Laboratory Los Alamos National Laboratory Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory Sandia National Laboratory
	Commercial and foreign entities
	Satellite operators Satellite developers Foreign government space agencies

Source: GAO analysis of DOD documentation.

No Governmentwide Authority for SSA, but Actions Are Being Taken to Improve Management and Oversight

At the governmentwide level, while current National Space Policy assigns SSA responsibility to the Secretary of Defense to develop capabilities, plans, and options, the Secretary does not necessarily have the corresponding *authority* to execute this responsibility. That is, the Secretary cannot direct resources to the highest priority sensors or systems if they belong to an agency outside DOD, adjudicate among competing requirements, or ensure that agencies are setting aside funding needed for SSA over the long term. This is made even more difficult