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MEDIA ADVISORY: MEDIA GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR UPCOMING TACSAT-2 LAUNCH AT NASA WALLOPS FLIGHT FACILITY

Wallops Island, Va. -- A guide for media attending the December 11 launch of the Air Force Research Laboratory's TacSat-2 satellite from the NASA Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia is available on the Internet at:

www.wff.nasa.gov/tacsat2/mediaguide.doc

The guide provides information on accreditation, registering TV trucks for live broadcast, lodging accommodations, maps of the area, and services available at the media center. In addition, an addendum in the guide provides information on the TacSat-2 mission and registration deadlines.

The satellite will be launched between 7 and 10:30 a.m. on an Air Force four-stage Minotaur I space launch vehicle contracted through Orbital Sciences Corporation's Launch Systems Group. The backup launch days run through December 20. The Space and Missile Systems Center's Space Development and Test Wing has overall mission management responsibility.

In addition to the TacSat-2, NASA's GeneSat-1 will fly as a secondary payload. The mission will be conducted from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport launch pad on the south end of Wallops Island.

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