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# ViaSat announces new General Manager, Government Systems

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ViaSat Inc has named **Ken Peterman** as General Manager of its Government Systems segment. Before joining ViaSat, Peterman was president and CEO of SpyGlass Group, a provider of executive strategic advisory services to the defense, aerospace, and associated communities.

Peterman has more than 30 years of experience in systems engineering, strategic planning, portfolio management, and business leadership in the defense and aerospace market. Prior to founding the SpyGlass Group in July 2012, he was president of ITT Communications and Force Protection Systems where his tenure began in 2007 and included the spin-off of the defense business out of ITT Corporation into Exelis in 2011. Before joining ITT, he was vice president and general manager of Rockwell Collins Government System's Integrated C3 Systems business and, prior to that Rockwell Collins Displays and Awareness Systems business. He earned a B.S.E.E. degree from Tri-State University.

"This is a great opportunity to increase the depth of our team with an accomplished leader in the defense industry," said **Rick Baldrige**, President and COO of ViaSat. "Ken brings a wealth of successful experience in the government communication systems area and is a great fit culturally. Steve Estes has been doing a great job running the government business and will attack his new position with the same level of focus."