BOEING-BUILT SATELLITE WILL ENHANCE GLOBAL HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND NETWORK

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The fourth Boeing Inmarsat-5 satellite, which was launched yesterday, will noticeably expand the high-speed broadband service available through Inmarsat's Global Xpress network after the satellite becomes fully operational later this year.

The Inmarsat-5 satellites are uniquely able to provide seamless communications coverage through fixed and steerable beams that can be adjusted in real time to accommodate demand surges.

"Inmarsat-5 F4 joins our existing Global Xpress constellation, which is already being adopted as the new standard in global mobile broadband connectivity by companies, governments and communities around the world," said Michele Franci, CTO, Inmarsat. "Boeing has been an outstanding partner in our journey to make Global Xpress a reality."

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This is the fourth Inmarsat-5 satellite Boeing has built for Inmarsat's Global Xpress network. After reaching its final orbit, the satellite will undergo testing and checkout before being declared operational.

"Our partnership with Inmarsat has enabled the creation of the world's only commercial global, mobile Ka-band network," said Mark Spiwak, president, Boeing Satellite Systems International. "This unique achievement is an example of Boeing's continuing commitment to deliver reliable, affordable and innovative solutions for our customers."

Boeing has a strategic marketing partnership with Inmarsat and currently provides both military Ka-band and commercial Global Xpress services to U.S. government customers.

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