



Industry Partners Establish Recommended Design and Operational Practices

Industry-led consortium comprised of global participants developed the recommended operational practices.

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Summerville, SC - The Consortium for Execution of Rendezvous and Servicing Operations (CONFERS) Formation Committee and membership have approved the first Design and Operational Practices that will enhance the operational safety and success of rendezvous and proximity operations (RPO) and on-orbit satellite servicing (OOS). The Practices are the result of work by the Consortium members together with government subject matter experts to merge historical lessons learned with emerging commercial practices. These Practices are an initial step and the Consortium will update them based on future discussions and experience gained through commercial and government servicing operations.

"This is the first time that industry has come together to develop recommendations for how to perform satellite servicing in a safe, transparent, and responsible manner", said Dr. Brian Weeden, CONFERS Executive Director. "We hope this sets a foundation for future commercial satellite servicing activities that enhance the benefits provided by space activities as well as space sustainability."

CONFERS is an industry-led forum of space industry and other stakeholders who collaborate to research, develop, and publish non-binding, consensus-derived technical and safety standards to enable and enhance future on-orbit satellite maintenance, servicing, and rendezvous operations. Specific information on the membership application process can be found at the [CONFERS website](#).

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ABOUT CONFERS

The Consortium for Execution of Rendezvous and Servicing Operations (CONFERS) is an industry-led initiative with initial seed funding provided by DARPA that aims to leverage best practices from government and industry to research, develop, and publish non-binding, consensus-derived technical and operations standards for OOS and RPO. These standards would provide the foundation for a new commercial repertoire of robust-space-based capabilities and a future in-space economy. Learn more at www.satelliteconfers.org.