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**XTAR Appoints Andrew Ruszkowski Chief Commercial Officer**  
***Promotion Reflects Successful Year of Growth Despite***  
***Overall Downturn for Government Contractors***

Herndon, VA, December 30, 2013 – Andrew Ruszkowski has been named Chief Commercial Officer at XTAR, LLC, a provider of satellite capacity to U.S. and Allied governments in the X-band frequency. In the newly created position, Ruszkowski will continue to support XTAR’s fleet development to sustain current and anticipated government and military requirements, including working with the Department of Defense to assist its acquisition and procurement of commercial satellite communications.

“Andrew’s leadership in 2013 has produced a strong bottom line that has been not only stable, but actually increased by 12 percent over the previous year,” said Philip Harlow, President and Chief Operating Officer of XTAR. “In a year marked by cutbacks across the DoD, we were very pleased to realize the growth we’ve had. Andrew has refocused our sales efforts and better defined the value proposition of commercial X-band, and of XTAR specifically. His efforts to develop our niche of providing space segment to applications well-suited to X-band, while also growing our international business, have spurred our latest success.”

Ruszkowski joined XTAR in 2010 as Vice President of Global Sales and Marketing. He has nearly two decades of experience in the commercial satellite industry where he most recently held senior sales positions at SES, New Skies, and PanAmSat. He holds a BA degree in world politics from The Catholic University and an MA in international affairs from American University.

**About XTAR, LLC**

XTAR, LLC is a privately owned satellite operator delivering X-band services to U.S. and Allied government users. Its two satellite payloads, with high-powered global, fixed and steerable spot beams, readily support mobile applications. Today, XTAR enables mobile command posts, disaster response operations, special operations platforms on land and sea, and airborne sensor data operating in the harshest environments.

Interoperable with WGS, XTAR provides a range of services such as short term solutions for initiating or maintaining coverage, a layered approach to use the two systems in tandem, or as a long term alternative. XTAR users experience non-preemptible space segment, operational independence, and faster certification of new technology. Available coverage is from Denver east to Singapore. [www.xtar.com](http://www.xtar.com).

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