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Station special issue

**The U.S. Air Force Eagle Vision (EV) programme is a satellite image collection and delivery system unlike any other in the world. Transportable EV stations are the best way to acquire, process and get imagery rapidly to field teams, providing up-to-date information for government agencies responding to natural disasters.**



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Mr. Herve Buchwalter  
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Dear Herve,

We are all aware of the terrible destruction of Hurricane Katrina and the devastating impact it has had on the lives of millions of people. The total scope of such a disaster will not be known for years to come. However, with such a catastrophe come many extraordinary acts of heroism and many lessons learned regarding useful approaches and capabilities for the future.

As the Director of Combat Capabilities for the Air Force, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to EADS and SPOT Image for their extraordinarily valuable contribution to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort through the Air Force – Air National Guard Eagle Vision program. As the Eagle Vision system prime contractor, EADS continues to provide all measures necessary to ensure the successful operation of the Eagle Vision commercial imagery downlink and processing systems in the ongoing Katrina relief and recovery efforts. SPOT Image has ensured continued access to critical SPOT satellite imagery which is downlinked and processed through the Eagle Vision system and is distributed to a wide variety of responding local, state, and federal emergency organizations.

Although the Katrina recovery process will be underway for many years to come, the critical role of the Eagle Vision system and the important support provided by EADS and SPOT Image has allowed for accelerated relief to many people and a more coordinated approach among the responsible emergency management organizations.

Again, I thank you for your organizations role in such an extraordinarily important effort to help so many that are in need.

Very Sincerely,

JAMES G. CLARK, SL-4  
Director