

The Role of Value-Added Providers

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ASA's open data policy ensures that ESE data are available to users. However, to ensure that the ESE scientific data products are useful to the industries, intermediary value-added providers are important for providing summary, analysis, visualization, and interpretation of the data for the end user.

Remote sensing value-added providers exist in all of the industries studied in this report. However, currently their development may be limited by high data acquisition costs. EOSDIS will provide data at an extremely low cost compared to many of the currently available remote sensing data as well as produce vastly more data. This will create new potential for value-added providers who will present the ESE data and other types of remote sensing data to users in a variety of industries.

Data from NASA's Earth Science Enterprise will be made available to all users through the Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS). The system will allow users to browse and order standard data products via the internet.