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#### Addressing the NextGen Challenge

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## **Today's Topics**

- NextGen Overview
- Aviation Information Sharing
- NextGen Weather
- Global Harmonization



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#### **NextGen Challenge**

- The current system
  - is not performing adequately
  - is not scalable
- The NextGen plan offers a transformational approach to resolving current inadequacies
- Cost of not transforming to NextGen billions annually



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## **NextGen: The Short Story**

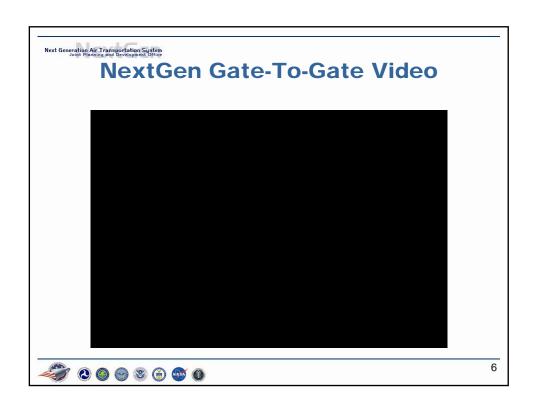
- NextGen is a Congressionally mandated initiative to modernize the U.S. Air Transportation System in order to:
  - Increase capacity and reliability
  - Improve safety and security
  - Minimize the environmental impact of aviation

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# **NextGen: The Short Story (Cont'd)**

- These improvements to the air transportation system will be achieved by applying:
  - Space-based navigation and integrated surveillance
  - Digital communications
  - Advanced automation of Air Traffic Management
  - Net-centric information access for operations







Next Generation Air Transportation System Coordination Governance Senior Policy Committee (SPC) chaired by Secretary of Transportation **FAA** NextGen Review and Management Boards DoD US Air Force Lead Service Office DOC Senior Executive Weather Panel (with USAF, USN, FAA, and JPDO) **NASA** Research Transition Teams Investment in Network Enabled Operations Demonstration (w/DoD and FAA) DHS Integrated Surveillance Integrated Product Team (IPT) **ODNI** Integrated Surveillance IPT **OSTP** National Plan for Aeronautics R&D 8 **② ③ ③ ③ ③** 

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# **NextGen Institute Mechanism for Industry Involvement**

- Primary Role of the Institute
  - To provide a mechanism for private sector to actively engage with government in defining, developing, and implementing the NextGen System with the JPDO
    - 16-member Institute Management Council (IMC)
    - 250+ private sector Working Group participants
- Nine Working Groups
  - Each has a Government and an industry co-chair





#### **Net-Centric Operations Division**

- In May 2008, the JPDO Senior Policy Committee (SPC) directed the establishment of a net-centric operations entity
- DoD agreed to provide civilian senior leadership FAA agreed to provide infrastructure implementation expertise and civilian air operations expertise
- DHS agreed to provide security operations expertise



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## **Integrated Surveillance**

- JPDO established the Integrated Surveillance Study Team (ISST) involving partner agencies
- Interim report for interagency activities released in February 2008, with a critical recommendation:
  - Determine a formal mechanism for responsibility, management, and ownership for elements of integrated surveillance (to include funding)
- DHS convened Surveillance Summit in December 2008, which recommended that the SPC assume task of near-term resolution of joint surveillance issues

**Find the Common Ground for Surveillance** 



#### **Integrated Surveillance (Cont'd)**

- January 2009: SPC accepted Surveillance Summit tasking and directed JPDO to:
  - Develop an Integrated Surveillance Concept of Operations (ConOps) by May 2009
  - Develop an Integrated Surveillance Enterprise Architecture by January 2010
  - Recommend an approach to long-term governance of Integrated Surveillance by June 2010

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## **Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)**

- UAS Community of Interest (COI) forming
  - DoD (operational expertise, defense)
  - DOT/FAA (certification, safety, security)
  - DHS (growing operational use via CBP, USCG)
  - NASA (science missions)
  - DOC (weather)
- JPDO to coordinate long-term concept for integrating UAS into the National Airspace (NAS)

**Develop Uniformity of Thought for NextGen** 



#### **NextGen Weather Concept**

- Integrated and consistent common weather data picture for observation, analysis, and forecast available to all system users
- Net-centric (net-enabled) capability is envisioned:
  - Information network that makes information available, securable, and usable in real time
  - Information may be pushed to known users and is available to be pulled by others
- · "Virtual" repository, no single physical database
- Integration of weather information into operational decision making processes



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# Today/NextGen Weather Information Attributes

#### **Today**

#### **NextGen (new requirements)**

- Not integrated into aviation decision support systems (DSS)
- Inconsistent/conflicting on a national scale
- Low temporal resolution (for aviation decision making purposes)
- Disseminated in minutes
- Updated by schedule
- Fixed product formats (graphic or tex

- Totally integrated into DSS
- Nationally consistent: Single Authoritative Source (SAS)
- High temporal resolution
- Disseminated in seconds
- Updated by events
- Flexible formats

#### **4-D Weather Cube**

- The 4-D Weather SAS has the following characteristics:
  - Includes current observations, integrated analyses, and predictions of future conditions
  - Will support probabilistic decision aids
  - Provides a seamless, consistent common weather picture for integration into operational decisions for ATM decision-makers
  - Users tailor mission specific tools to apply source data



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#### **Global Harmonization**

- International collaboration is essential to ensure compatible standards
- Reducing the cost of equipage
- Strategic partnerships with:
  - ✓ Europe
  - Japan
  - ✓ China
  - ✓ North America: Canada and Mexico
- Cooperation with ICAO
  - ✓ Review of key NextGen products
  - ✓ Collaboration in the development and acceleration of standards
- Partnership Expansion Second Phase
  - ✓ India
  - Australia
  - Brazil







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