NextGen Weather



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NextGen Weather Overview

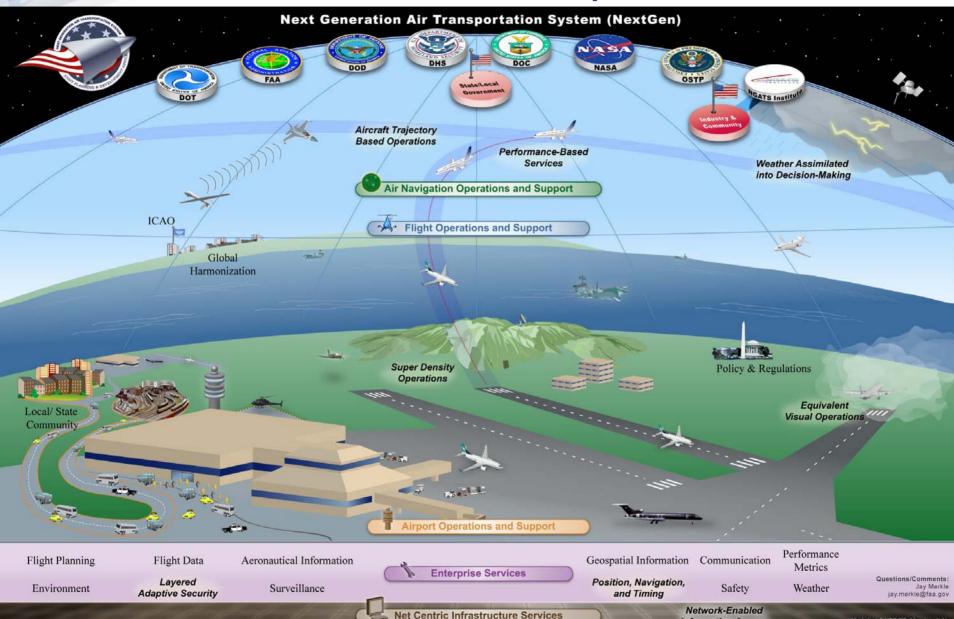
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- Key themes
- Policy/Research
- Status



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Information Access

NextGen Scope

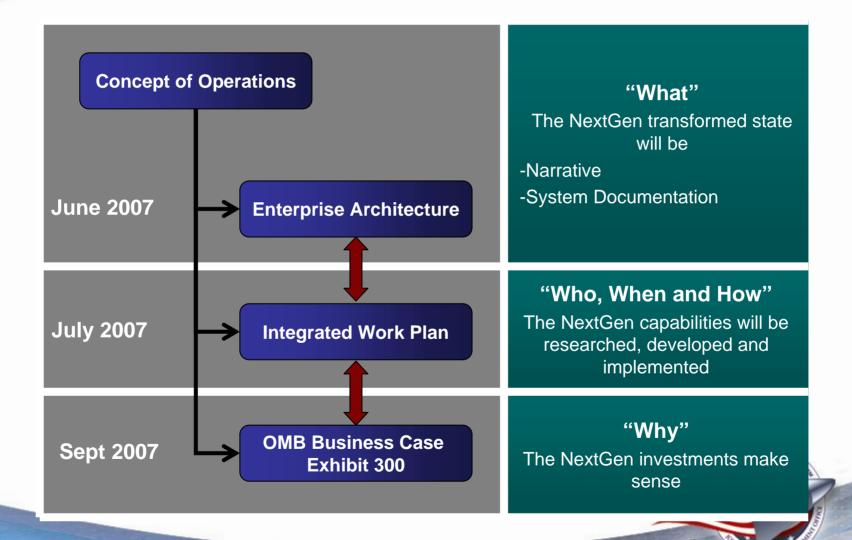


NextGen Goals NextGen Weather Supports

- Trajectory Based Operations
- Collaborative Air Traffic Management
- High Density Departure/Arrival Operations
- Equivalent Visual Operations
- Performance Based Services



NextGen Plan



NextGen Weather Concept of Operations





WEATHER CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

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Concept of Operations for the

Next Generation Air Transportation System

Version 2.0





NextGen Weather

- Weather significantly impacts the national airspace system
- NextGen goals are not achievable without improving integration of weather information into decision support systems
- NextGen weather vision (a major paradigm shift) is focused on:
 - Providing a multiple user common weather picture
 - Consistent and reliable weather information
 - An improved weather information data storage approach containing observation and forecast data (i.e., the "4 Dimension* Weather Cube") enabling NextGen dissemination capabilities
 - Leveraging JPDO agency 4D Weather Cube capabilities from:
 - NOAA
 - DOD
 - FAA

Weather Working Group has made significant progress

* 4 dimensions are 3D space and time

Today/NextGen Weather Information Attributes

Today

- 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 text)

NextGen (new requirements)

- Totally integrated into DSS
- Nationally consistent
- High temporal resolution
- Disseminated in seconds
- Updated by events
- Flexible formats

NextGen Weather Key Themes

- An integrated and nationally consistent weather common operational picture for observational and forecast data is available to all system users
 - NextGen operational systems are supported by a "single authoritative source"
 - Weather common operational picture fully utilizes envisioned NEO capabilities
 - Data Latency (seconds)
 - Data Refresh (seconds)
 - Data Sharing Standards/Protocols
 - Weather information sharing is two-way
 - Unlimited end-user product formats are made possible

NextGen Weather Key Themes

- NextGen proactively adjusts on multiple strategic and tactical time scales to probabilistic weather information
 - Operational decision making utilizing uncertainty based information
 - Weather-influenced 4D trajectory updates "on the fly"
 - New operational weather paradigms (business models) are required
 - Strategic adjustments to departure/arrival planning
 - Areas (volumes) of weather constrained airspace are reduced

NextGen Weather Key Themes

- Direct integration of weather information into operational decision making processes
 - Reduced requirement for government provided weather "products"
 - Weather information sets become the government provided product in most cases
 - Opportunity for tailoring of private sector provided products significantly increase
 - Weather information is translated into operational decision options for human/automated systems
 - Standalone Weather "Systems" become obsolete

Benefit/Cost

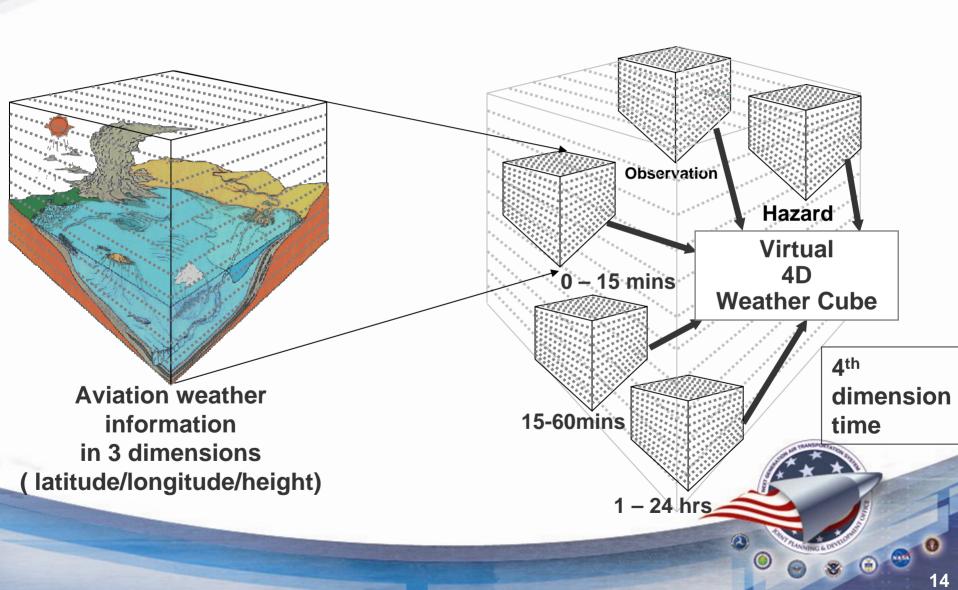
- Annual benefits of Improved Weather Capability
 - Reduces \$1.2 Billion in economic loss due to delay
 - Increased overall system safety
- 4D Cube 10 year implementation costs (early estimates) in the hundreds of \$M)
- Integration of weather into NextGen decision support systems (2-3 X cost of implementing the cube) over 10 years

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NextGen Weather Assumptions

- Network Enabled Operations concept is in place with robust communication capability
- Identified policy issues resolved (discussion later today)
- Agency and industrial based aviation weather research synchronized (discussion later today)
- NextGen transforms the national system with respect to the utilization of weather information
- Technology continues to advance the state of the art in observing and forecasting weather
 - Ability to define uncertainty as important as accuracy

Virtual 4D Weather Cube



NextGen Implementation Status

Funded Commitments

FY07 FY08 FY09

ADS-B - Implement 1st segment of advanced surveillance & broadcast services to deliver en-route, terminal, & surface surveillance data from key sites via broadcast comm. link

SWIM - Implement 1st set of data exchange services using net-centric technology and architecture to support increase shared situational awareness

NNEW – Demonstrate inter-agency
Wx Dissemination Mgmt capabilities to
Integrate effective Wx info into
Operational decision-making

DataComm — Develop architecture to transform from a voice-only comm. to an air-ground data comm. capability

Demos & Infrastructure -Perform formal demos
that advance R&D, operational concepts
and key infrastructure

Mid-Term Capabilities

2012 - 2018

- Initiate Trajectory-based Operations
- Increase Arrivals/Departures at High Density Airports
- Increase Flexibility in the Terminal Environment
- Improve Collaborative ATM
- Reduce Weather Impact
- Increase Safety, Security, and Environmental Performance
- Transform Facilities

NASA programs

- Aviation Safety
- Airspace Systems
- Fundamental Aeronautics

2019-2025

BACKUP Charts



Recommended Action

- JPDO Weather Working Group proposes a study team be created for a period of six months, made of up of JPDO agency SME's (those involved in agency 4D cube efforts), with the following deliverables due Jan 1, 2008 to support a Spring 2008 SPC decision on implementation:
 - A set of common NextGen 4D Cube functional requirements [defined for short (2012), mid (2015), and long (2018+) time frames] -- 2012 requirements highest team priority
 - Document containing higher-level 4D Cube definition (including cost/schedule/ performance information) than proposed for the initial baseline of the JPDO Integrated Work Plan
 - Working jointly with the JPDO System Evaluations and Analysis Division, deliver improved cost-benefit analyses

Inter-agency Policy Opportunities

- Three early inter-agency opportunities identified during the planning process
 - Interagency Net Enabled Information Sharing
 - National Safety Management System
 - NextGen Net Enabled Weather
- Common attributes
 - Critical to NextGen
 - Cross-agency impact (cost and benefit)
 - No single agency has within its mission the integration role among all impacted groups
 - Requirements must be brought together to mature the Integrated Work Plan and Enterprise Architecture

Problem Statement:

Why a National Aviation Information Sharing Agreement?

- Net Centric Operations (NEO) & Information Sharing (NEIS) are at the core of the NextGen vision for NAS transformation
- NextGen IWP Linkages: Net-enabled information sharing is a key enabler to NextGen's envisioned core capabilities, including:
 - 4-D Trajectory Management
 - Integrated Weather and Safety systems;
 - Integrated surveillance;
 - Curb-to-curb system security;
 - Dynamic airspace management
- Considerable investment already exists among JPDO Partner Agencies in information technology and net-centric operations:
 - DoD GiG
 - FAA SWIM
 - DHS One-Net
- Opportunity exists now, with appropriate Partner Agency direction, to synchronize key efforts in the areas of data interoperability and compatible network-to-network interface mechanisms