## Friends and Partners Meeting Vision for Aviation Weather Policies

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## **Other Topics**

- Working Parameters
- Activities for Another Day



## **Working Parameters**

- Constrained Budget
- High Performing Organization
  - Enterprise Architecture
  - Business Case
  - Benefit/Cost
  - Measured Performance, "Move the Metrics"

#### **Topics for Another Day**

- Requirements
  - Functional
  - Performance
- Policies
  - Government and Private Sector Roles & Responsibilities
  - Standards
  - Who Pays for What
  - Operational Responsibilities
  - Interagency Roles & Responsibilities
  - Technical/Operational Service Issues

# Government & Private Sector Roles & Responsibilities

- What will be the government's role in provision of "official" weather information (three dimensional, current and future, digital) to all NAS decision makers:
  - Observations
  - Forecasting
  - Dissemination
  - Display design
  - Display systems
  - Standards for the above

#### **Standards**

- Consistency: How do we ensure that weather information from multiple providers used by decision makers in the NAS is consistent?
  - Temporally and spatially
  - Intensity of the phenomena
- International: How do we achieve global standardization in view of rapid changes in the way U.S. does business?

### Who Pays for What

- Who pays for in-situ aircraft data?
- Who pays for other observations?
- Who pays for generation and uplink of weather information to the cockpit?
- Who pays for the distributions networks?



### **Operational Responsibilities**

- Will controllers/machines assume responsibility for tactical separation of aircraft from hazardous weather?
- How long will government continue to produce legacy products and product forms (e.g., alphanumeric descriptions of weather phenomena) after the same information is available in digital format?

# Interagency Roles & Responsibilities

- How will interagency weather R&D be managed for efficient and rapid implementation?
- Which entities will develop, manage, and maintain the 4D weather information network?

### Technical/Operational Issues

- Will the code for digital weather information be BUFR, GRIB, or some other code?
- Which weather information will be produced in probabilistic terms and how will it be phased in?

#### **Correct Use of Gridded Data**

- How does the regulator assure that information, generated from gridded data, is of high quality at the point of use by decision maker?
- Historical process:
  - Obs->Forcasting->AlphaNum/Graphics->DirectDisplayToUser
- Future process:
  - Obs→Forcasting→GriddedDataSet→Process/DisplayToUser
- Alternatives:
  - certify product generation software?
  - certify QA processes?
  - certify staff credentials, procedures, and infrastructure (EWINS model)?

#### Stay Tuned. More to Follow.

