

# PIM/PSM for Space SDR RFP



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*An New Software Standards  
Development Promoting A Reusable  
Communications & Navigational  
Software Architecture For Space  
Missions & Services*

*Key Focus: NASA's Space  
Telecommunications Radio System  
(STRS)*



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# Architectural Objectives

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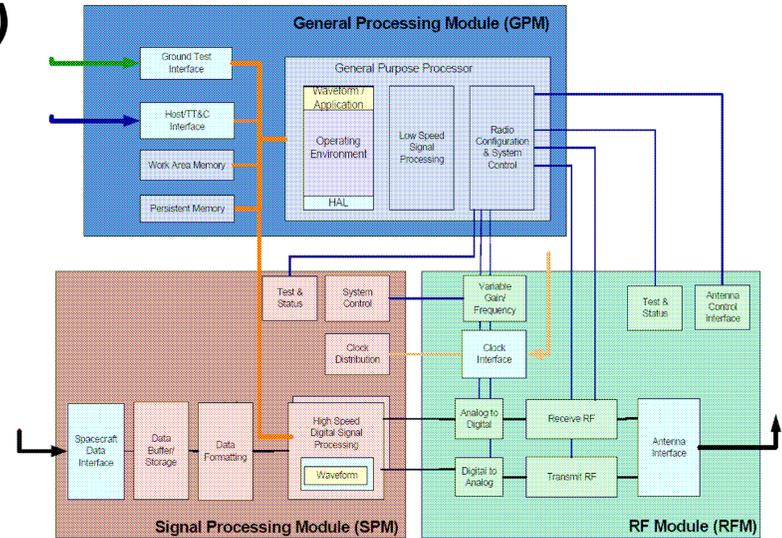
- ***NASA Looking For An Architecture Standard That Can Enable Cost Savings Through Reuse Of Both Hardware And Software Between Missions/Mission Classes***
- ***Key Attributes Of The Architecture:***
  - *Scalability - Small To Large Platforms*
  - *Reconfigurability*
  - *Reliability*
  - *Modularity - "Future Proof"*
  - *Extensible - Support Varied Applications And Services*
  - *Enable Application Portability (Including HAL)*
  - ***Concern Separation (WF/Platform Abstraction)***



# Architecture

## • **Hardware Architecture (Functional)**

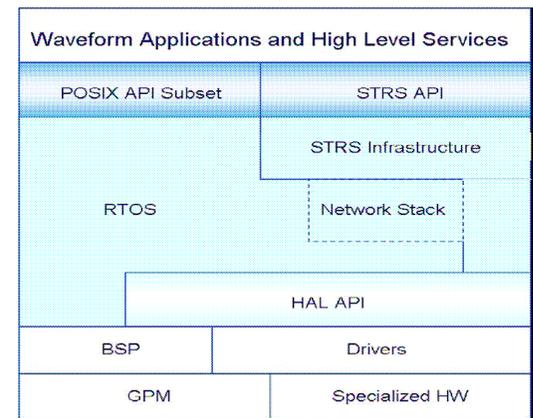
- General Purpose Processing Module
- Signal Process Module
- Radio Frequency Module
- Security Module
- Networking Module
- Optical Module
- Control & Data Interface
- DC Power Interface
- Thermal & Mechanical Interface



## • **Software Architecture**

- Layers
- Infrastructure
- Host Spacecraft Interface
- POSIX
- Network Stack
- RTOS
- HAL

- **Waveform Applications**
- **Mission Classes**





# History

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- Q106
  - ***RFI Issued & Industry Responds, Face-To-Face Reston, VA***
- Q206
  - ***Industry Actions Assigned:***
    1. ***Hardware – General Dynamics/John Liebetreu***
    2. ***SSP Abstraction – Object Interface Systems/Victor Giddings***
    3. ***SCA Leverage – L3/Mark Scoville***
    4. ***PIM/PSM — PrismTech/Jerry Bickle***
    5. ***API v. Component – Harris/Vince Kovarik***
- Q306
  - ***SDR Forum / Space WG Face-To-Face (Cleveland) OMG RFP Discussed (Items 3,4, 5 combined)***
  - ***Began RFP Development***



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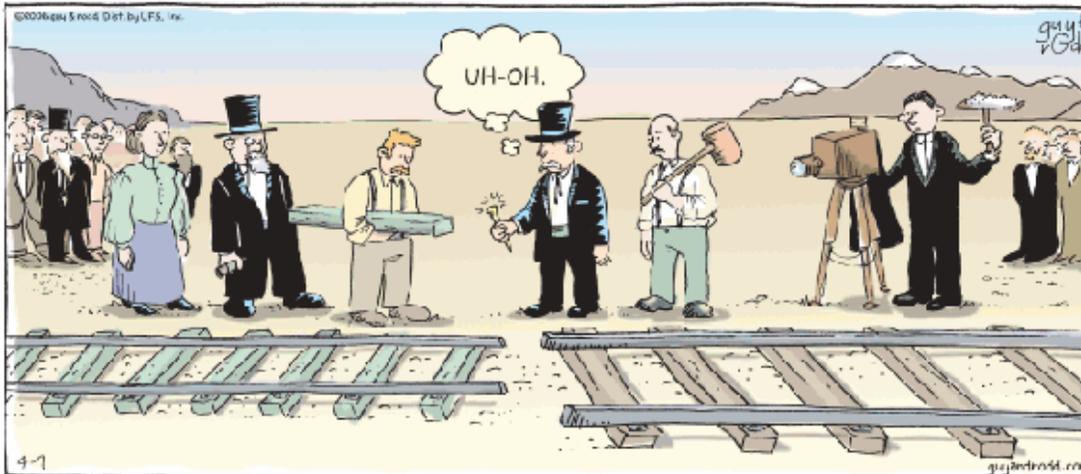
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# Why Standards?

- **Commonality**
  - Structure, Terminology, Tools, Testing, Training, Understanding (Patterns)
- **Cost Reduction**
  - Risk, Schedule, Cost
- **Increased Opportunity**
  - Choice, Development Speed, Reliability, Quality, Interoperability

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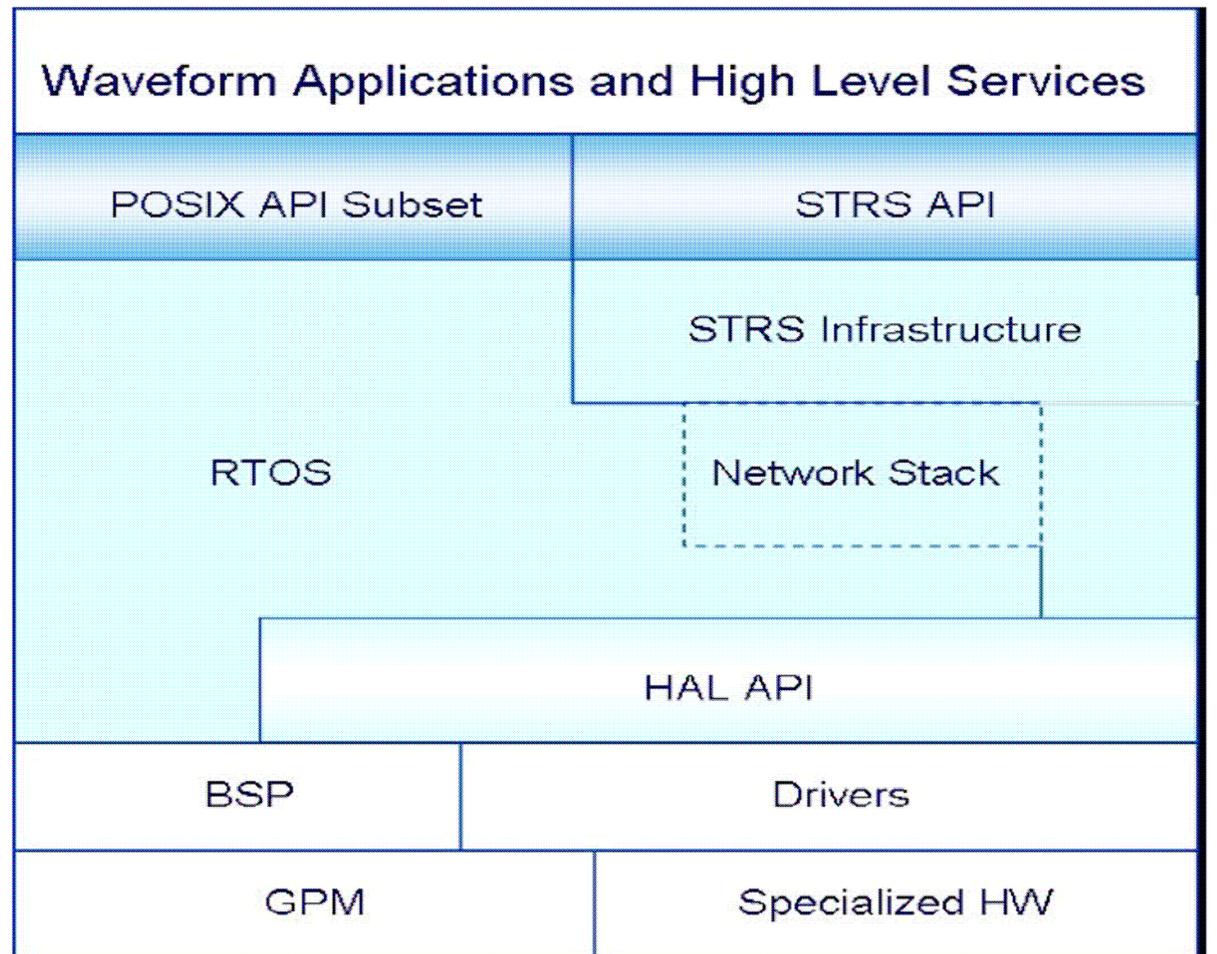


## Caveate!!

- Requirements
- Process
- Validation

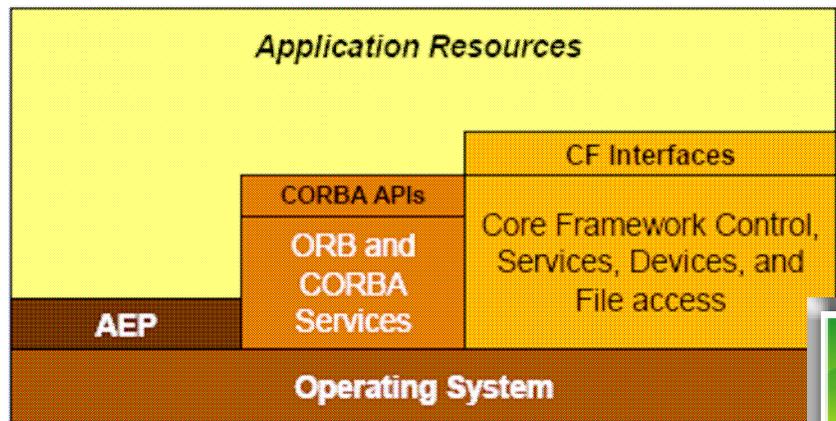


## Factoring in The SCA (a)



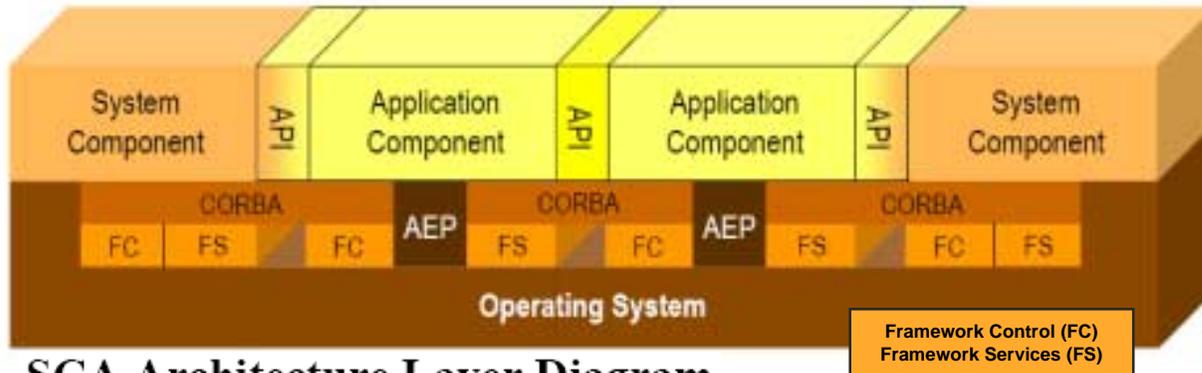


## Factoring in The SCA (b)

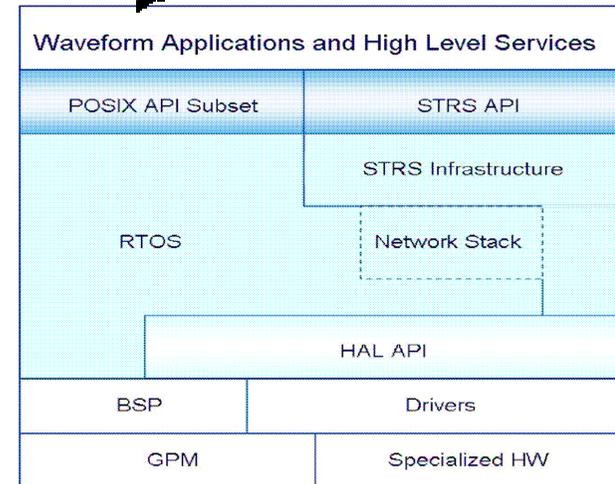


SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE DEFINITION  
 SCA version 2.2.2 | FINAL / 15 May 2006

**Capabilities Consideration**

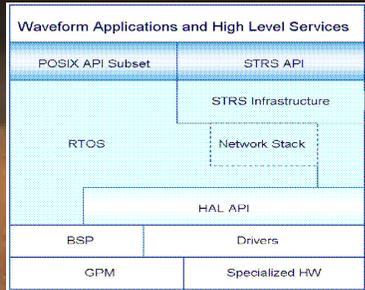
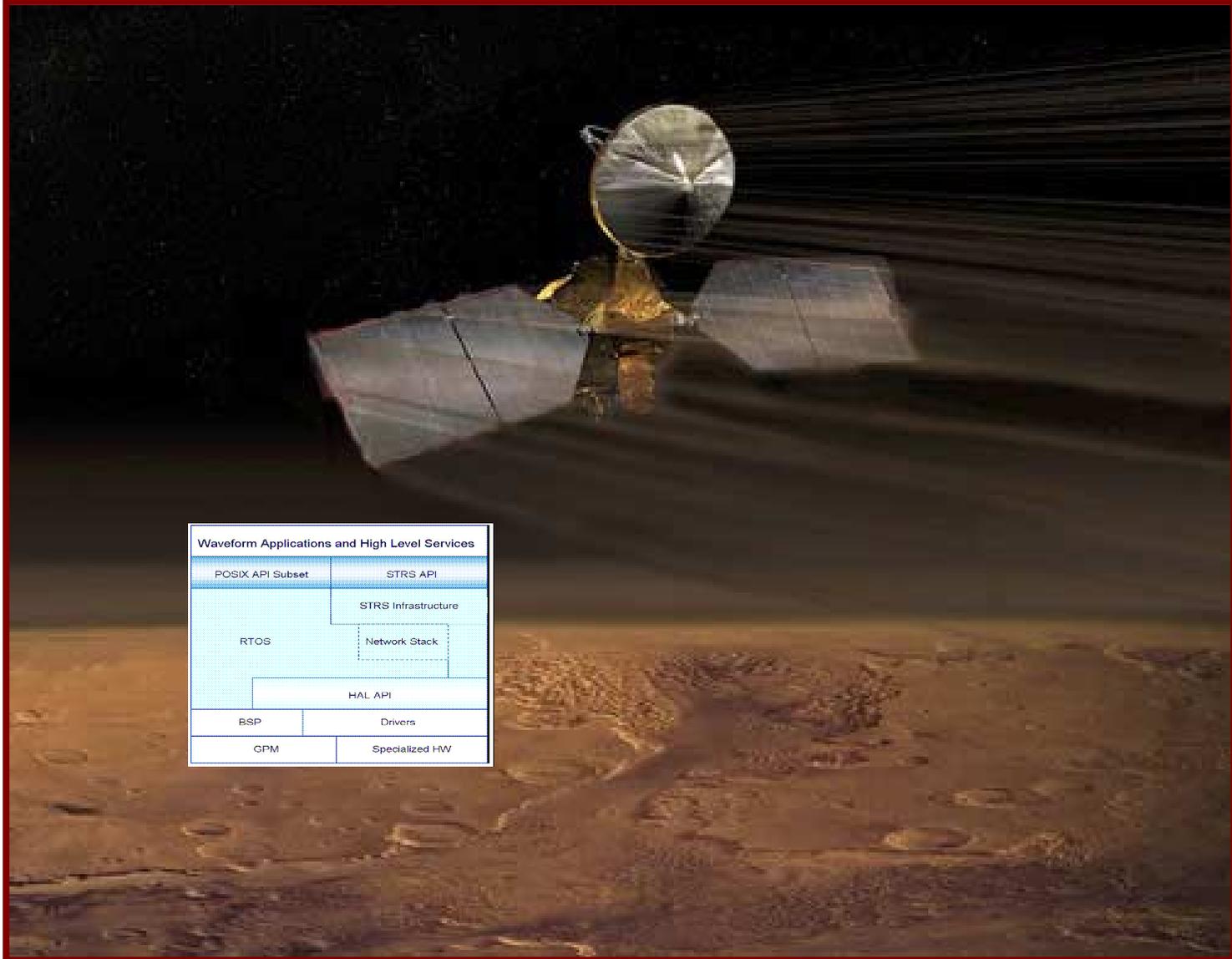


**SCA Architecture Layer Diagram**





## Factoring in The SCA (c)



# Studies & Results (1 of 2)

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- ***Can STRS Leverage From The SCA?***
  - ***A Fully SCA Compliant Implementation Requires More Resources Than Is Typically Available On A Space Platform***
    - *RAD Suitable Hardware Technology Lag, Up to 7 Year Delay (Footprint, Performance)*
    - *Current CORBA & XML Technologies Too Heavy for Older Hardware*
    - *SCA Designed to Support WF Reprogrammability*
    - *Space Mission Classes Require “Static” Software Deployment (Reconfiguration is Ok)*
  - ***SCA Leveraging For STRS Runs Hybrid Risk***
    - *STRS & SCA Standard Would Diverge Without Strong NASA/JPEO Coordination*
    - *Expensive to Create & Maintain (Including Standards Process Development)*
  - ***Correction:***
    - *Availability of JTRS Information Repository To NASA Is Currently Under Discussion*

# Studies & Results (2 of 2)

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- ***Can STRS Leverage From The OMG SWRadio?***
  - *SCA Compatibility*
  - *Specification Formation*
    - *UML, MDA, OCL, WF Independence*
  - *Component Definition Flexibility*
    - *Lightweight, Flexible Composition, IDL Partitioning*
  - *Specification Maturity*
    - *Many Years Invested, SCA & MDA Experience, Optimizations*
  - *Extensions*
    - *Functional Equivalence, DTD Backwards Compatibility*
  - *Technology Agnostic (CORBA, XML)*
- ***Hypothesis***
  - *STRS Could Extend & Specialize The SWRadio for Space Missions*



# Applying MDA to Space SDR

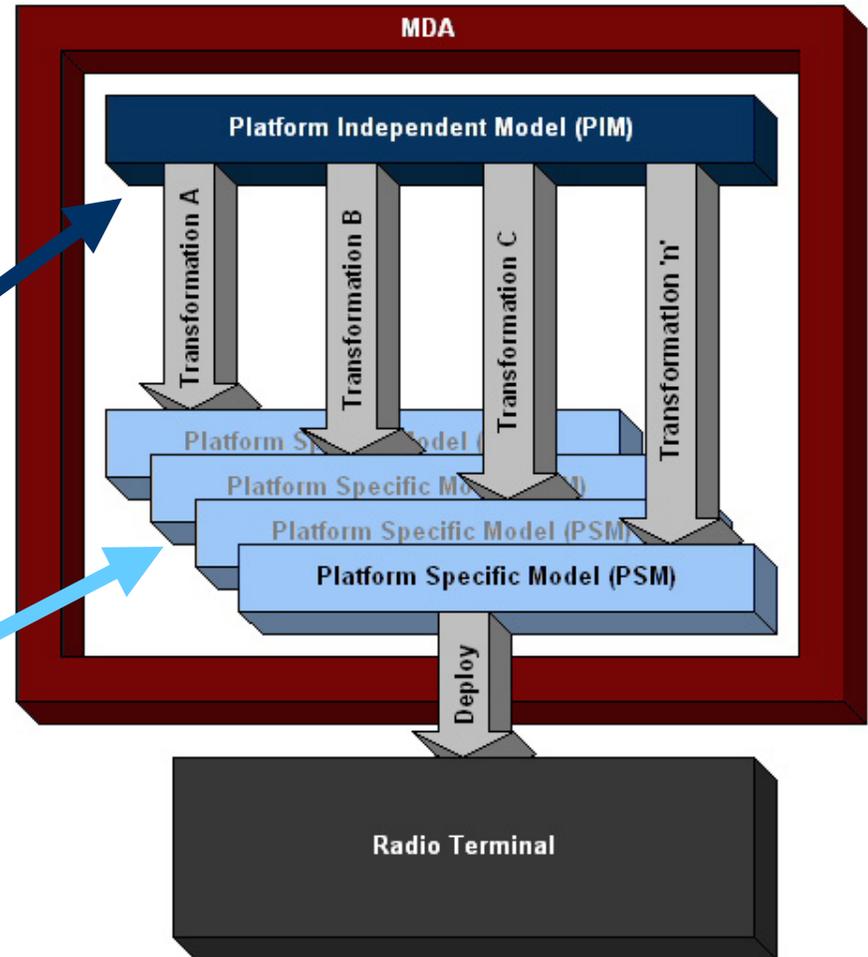
- **Concern Separation**
  - *Software Radio Components*
  - vs.
  - *Implementation Technology*

- **Software Radio Components**
  - *Logical Modem*
  - *Logical Antenna*
  - *Logical Security*
  - ...

One of these

- vs.
- **Implementation Technology**
  - *CEV*
  - *Orion*
  - *Mars Rover*
  - ...

Lots of these





# SWRadio = MDA Applied to SCA

- **Specification (Multi-Volume)**

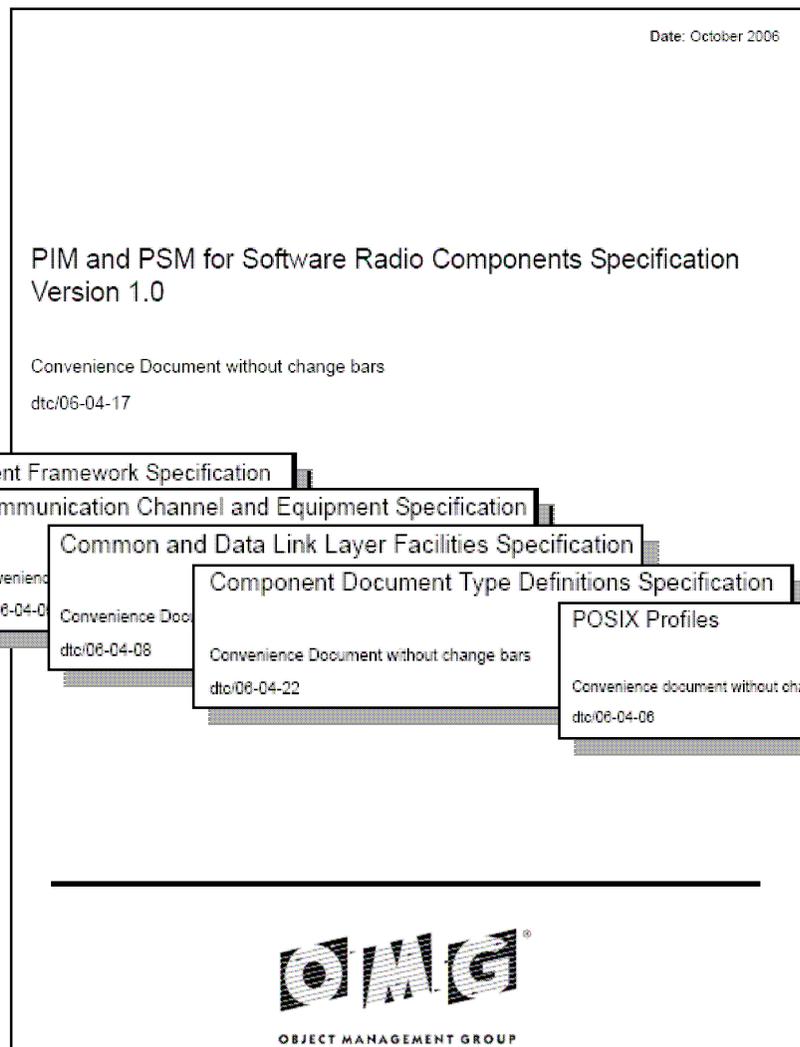
- Software Radio Specification
- Component Framework
- Communications Channel & Equip
- Common & DLL Facilities
- Component DTD's
- POSIX Profiles (AEP)

- **PIM Facilities**

- Component Framework
- Common Layer
- Common Radio
- Data Link Layer
- Physical Layer
- Radio Control

- **PSM**

- CORBA
- XML



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## Objective

*"Space communications places Software Defined Radio (SDR) systems into environmental conditions where unique provisions must accommodate communication services for space missions operating anywhere in the Solar System and beyond, featuring clustered networking services at the Earth, Moon, and Mars that are connected to Earth via long-haul links. \* To accommodate these provisions, this RFP solicits proposals for a Space SDR specification that will specialize or add to the PIM and PSM for Software Radio Components specification, utilizing the STRS architecture provided by NASA".*

*\* Including global interests (government, defense, commercial)*

- **One Architecture – Many Missions**
- **Unique Environmental Conditions**
- **Power Efficiency (Features Flexibility vs. Power)**
- **Compliance Testing**



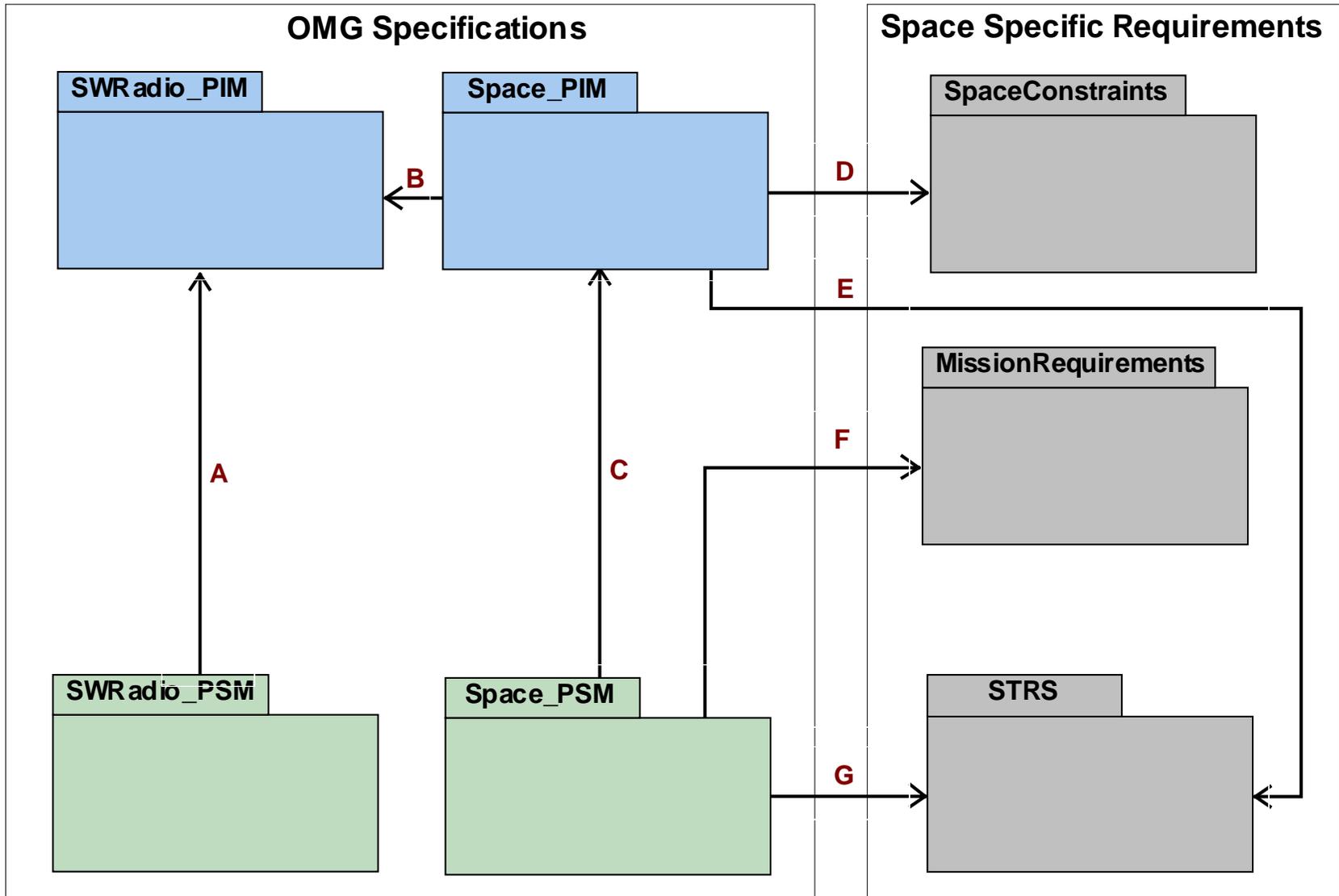
# Problem Statement

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- ***The SWRadio Specification Lacks Communications & Platform Requirements Imposed By The Space Domain, Such As:***
  1. *Radiation Suitable Processing*
  2. *Spacecraft Resource Constraints*
  3. *Reliability (fault tolerance, guaranteed delivery) and Availability*
  4. *Specialized Signal Processing Abstraction*
  5. *Static Deployment*
  6. *Long Mission Development Times*
  7. *Space Waveforms*
  8. *Small Space Market*
- ***Industry + Standards + STRS = Long-Term Path as Capabilities & Constraints Increase***



# STRS + SWRadio = Space SDR





# Mandatory Requirements

1. **Proposals shall use the UML Profile for SWRadio (PIM and PSM for SWRadio Components) to accommodate special Space SDR constraints (see Problem Statement) for communication equipment and physical layer facilities of the solicited PIM.**
2. **Proposals shall capture system level constraints (SysML recommended) that have bearing on software interfaces.**
3. **Software interfaces and hardware interfaces (as applicable) between the STRS architecture and the SWRadio specification shall be integrated.**
  - a. *If conflicts arise in merging STRS and SWRadio technologies, proposals shall create formal issues against the SWRadio specification, and recommend resolutions per the OMG issue process.*
4. **As this RFP focuses on software APIs in the context of MDA, the STRS HID is considered an aspect of transformation from the PIM to the Space PSM (in that it is more technology and implementation specific. Proposals, therefore, shall allocate the technology agnostic aspects of the HID to the PIM and PSM(s) recommendation(s) appropriately.**
5. **Proposals shall specify a PIM and at least one PSM for Space SDR interfaces**
6. **The specification shall define compliance points to which COTS vendors can certify.**
  - a. *Control: Including parameter configure and query, and event & fault handling.*
  - b. *Other certification criteria: ...*
7. **Proposals shall extend and/or add to the SWRadio specification (including the communication equipment and physical layer facilities of the SWRadio specification (PIM and PSM for SWRadio Components [dtc/04-05-04] as applicable)).**
8. **Proposals shall respond to the “shall” requirements specified in the documents described in section 6.1.3.**
9. **The Space PIM/PSM(s) shall identify services required for waveform deployment and management.**
10. **Proposals shall provide for scalability to support a range of small to large systems**
11. **Proposals shall use UML for this RFP to express all concepts of the solicited PIM and the solicited PSM(s).**
12. **Proposals shall use OMG XMI, OMG IDL, as outlined in section 5.1 of this document, to express the concepts of the solicited PSM.**
13. **Proposals shall provide a recommendation for integrating the resulting specification into the existing PIM and PSM for Software Radio Components document set.**

**Work In Progress**



## Optional Requirements

1. ***Proposals may provide additional PSMs with mappings of the PIM to additional technologies***
  
2. ***Proposals may provide a design for the component decomposition, management and deployment of waveforms applications. This can include “Best Practice” recommendations for aggregating, extending, specializing, connecting, etc. components in the SWRadio and Space PIM and PSM(s) to form the following waveforms (this will become a separate volume):***
  - a. *<List WFs here>*
  
3. ***Proposals may recommend Hardware Abstraction Layer designs and/or guidelines. This would include integration management guidelines. For example:***
  - a. *Deliverable documentation listings from waveform developers that would be required by system developers to integrate a provided waveform on to their system*
  - b. *Deliverable documentation listings from system developers that would be required by waveform developers to integrate their waveform on to the provided system.*

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## Related Activities

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- ***PIM & PSM For SWRadio Components***
- **CCSDS**
  - *Recommends Standards For Radio Interoperability By Defining Radio Frequencies, Modulation Schemes, And Space Link Protocols*
- **OMG**
  - *Smart Antenna RFP*
  - *Digital IF RFP*
  - *Generic Device Control of Space Domain Related Devices RFP*
  - *Power Conservation Services*
- **NASA**
  - *STRS: Open Architecture Description*
  - *STRS: Architecture Requirements Document*
  - *Reconfigurable Transceiver Architecture & Tech. For NASA Space Communications CFD (Overview of NASA Requirements)*
  - *Mission Requirements*



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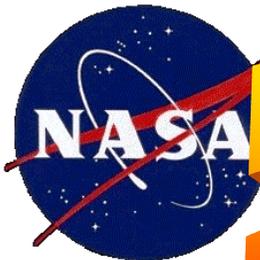
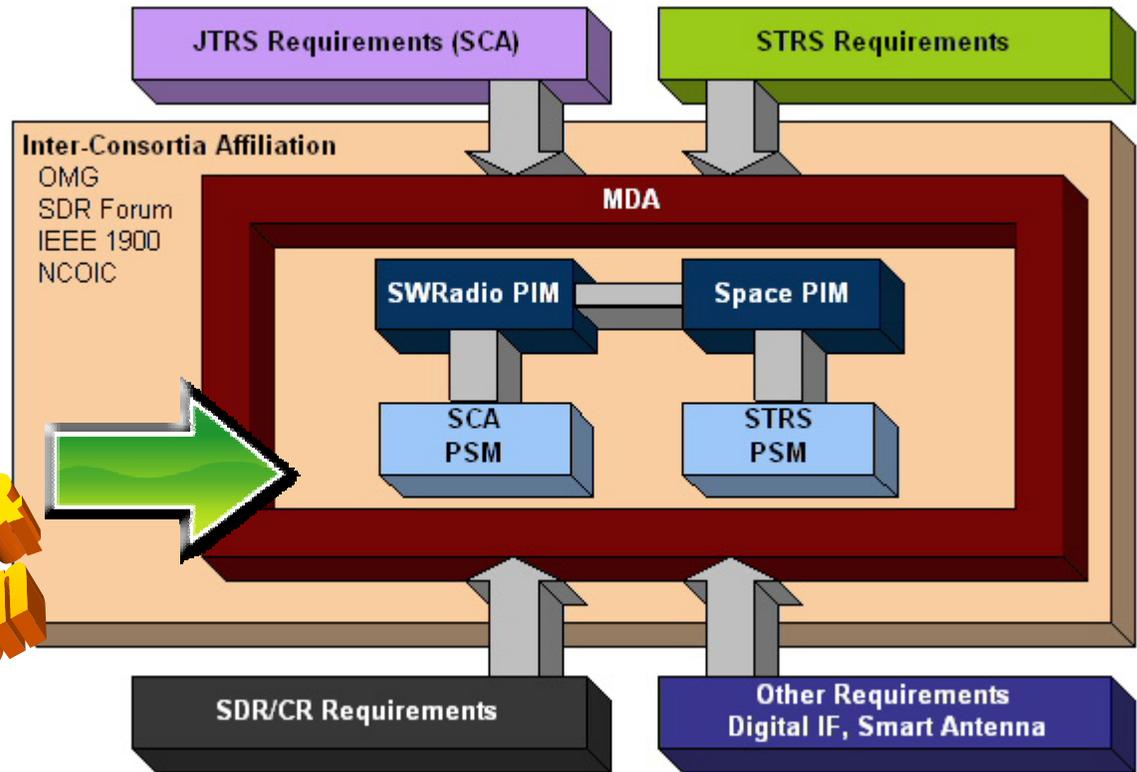
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# Standards Working Together (1 of 2)

## • *Inter-Consortia Affiliation*

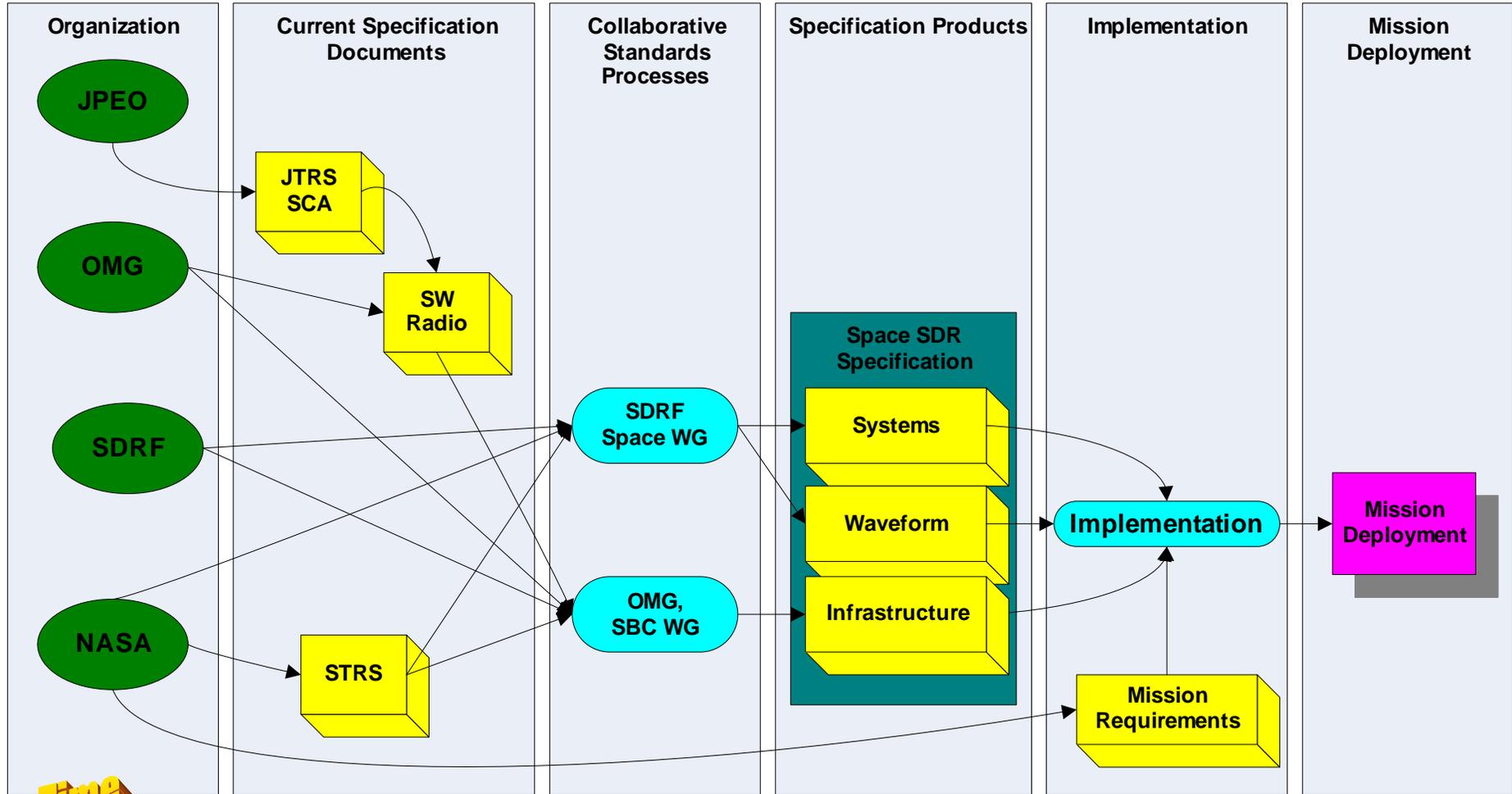
- SCA
- MDA PIM (SWRadio)
- STRS Reqs
- SA/DIF
- Select PSM(s)



**Leadership & Participation**



## Standards Working Together (2 of 2)



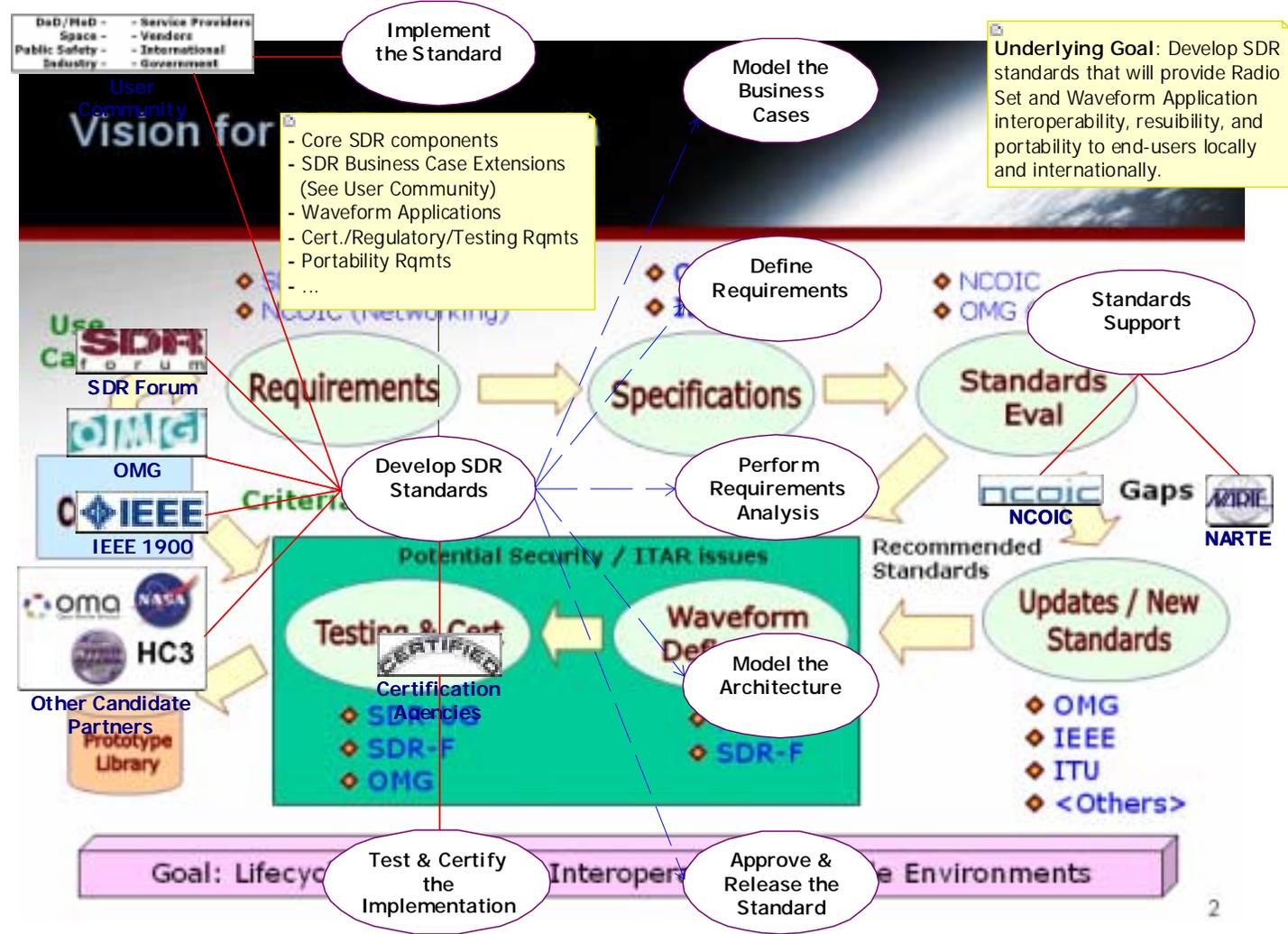


# Consortia Working Together (1 of 2)



- **SDR Forum – The Requirements Driver**
  - **(1)** Space WG Writes the Space SDR RFP
    - To Be Submitted to OMG for Formal Issuance
    - Defines Mandatory & Optional Requirements
  - **(3)** Proposes an RFP Response (Submission)
    - SDR Forum & Other OMG Industry Members Can Submit Separately
  - SDR Forum Space WG & TC Approvals Required for **1 & 3**
- **OMG – The Process Driver**
  - **(2)** SBC-DTF, AB Reviews RFP, Approves & Issues
    - SDR Forum Has 1 Vote (Albeit Highly Influential)
  - **(4)** OMG FTF, RTF, Process Ensues for Ultimate Spec Approval & Maintenance
- **IEEE 1900.1 – Taxonomy Coordination**

# Consortia Working Together (2 of 2)





# OMG Process

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- **OMG Hitchhikers Guide – Doc#: omg/06-12-05**
  - *RFP (Approval & Issuance)*
    - *LOI*
  - *RFP (Submissions)*
    - *Initial Submissions*
    - *Revised/Final Submissions: Presentations, Evaluations*
    - *Approvals: TF, AB, OMG Membership, BC, BoD*
    - *Finalization Task Force (FTF)*
    - *Revision Task Force (RTF)*
    - *Testing Task Force (TTF)*
  - *RFI*
    - *Approval & Issuance*
    - *Response & Presentations*
  - *RFC*
    - *Fast Track RFP (Technology Exists)*
  - *Technology Tracking*



# Validation (1 of 2)

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**Quality Standards  
Require Quality...**

- **Requirements**
- **Process**
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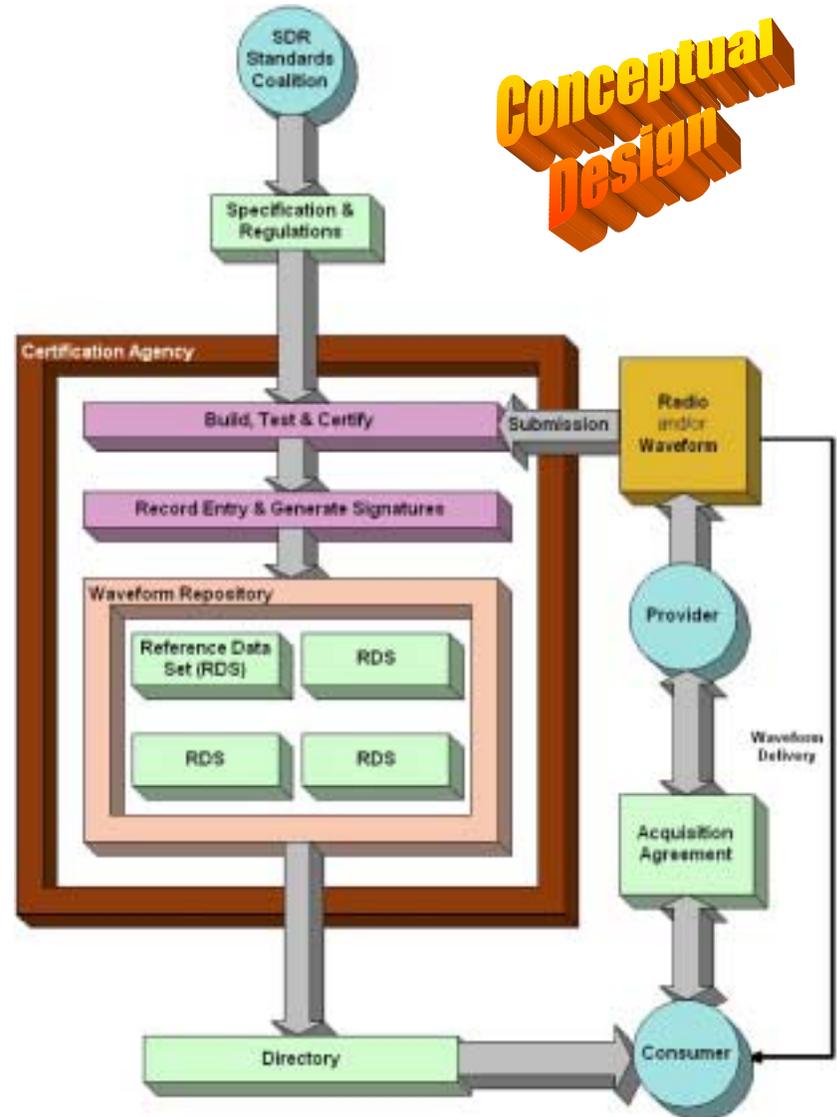


# Certification & Validation (2a of 2)



*Procedure is Based on NIST/NSRL\**

**Conceptual Design**





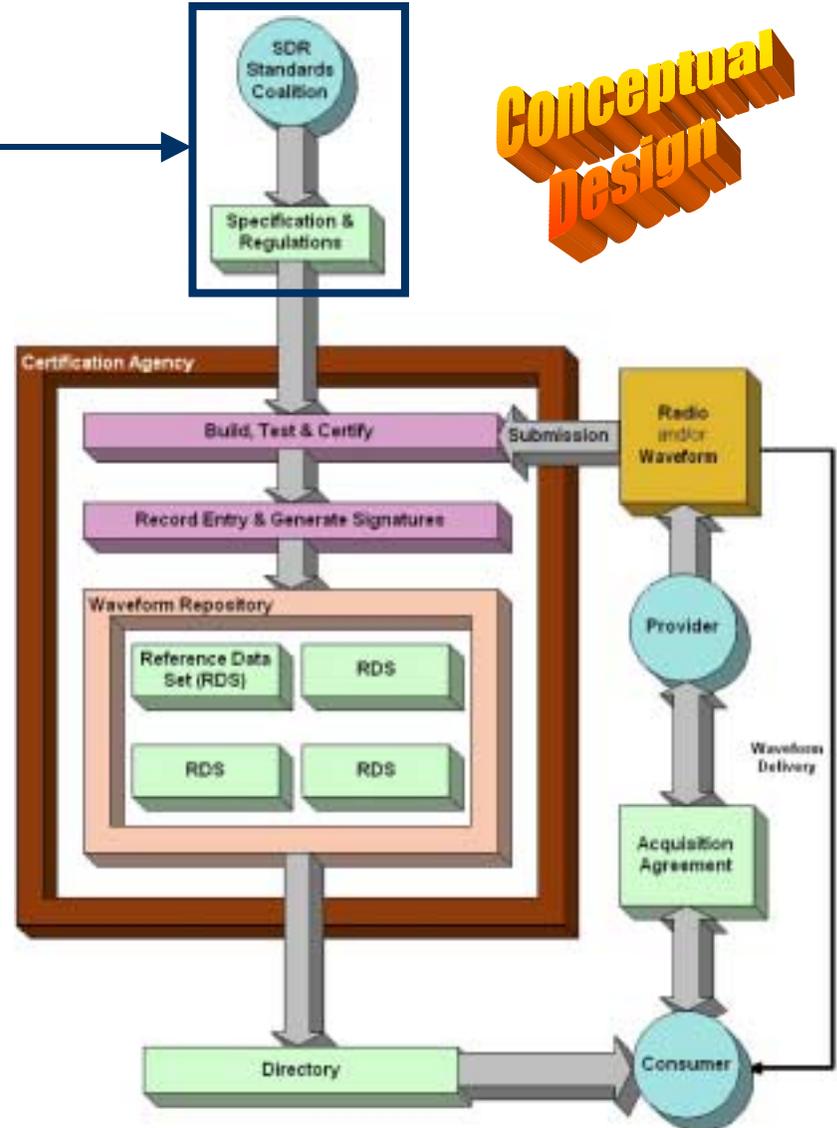
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1. Organizations Deliver Specs & Regs

Conceptual Design





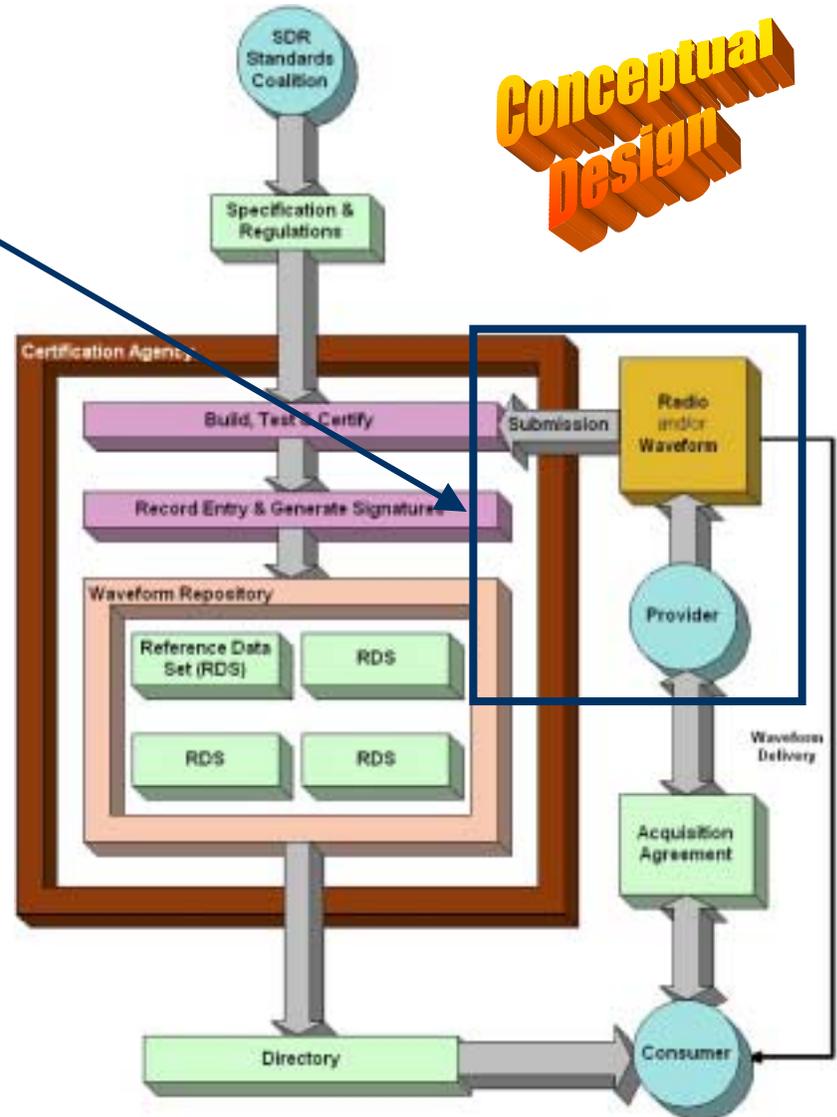
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2. Providers Implement & Deliver to Agency

Conceptual Design





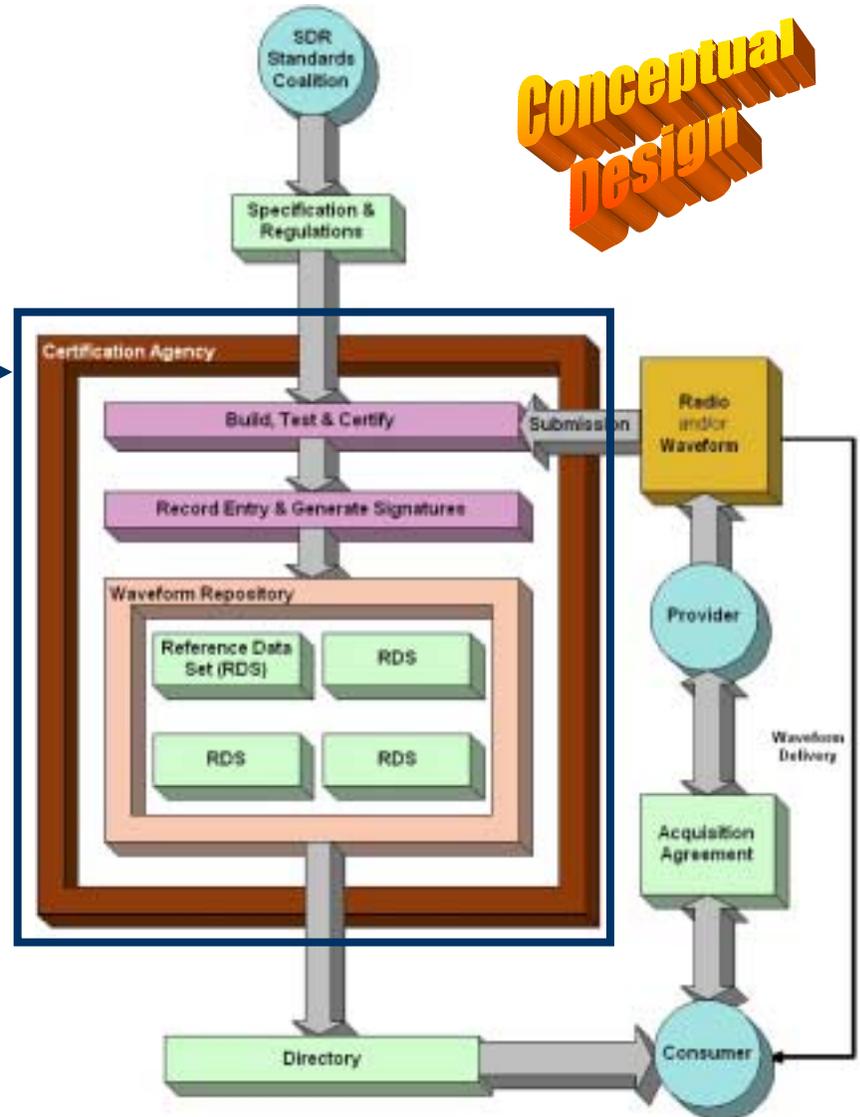
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*Procedure is Based on NIST/NSRL\**

**Conceptual Design**

- 3. Agency Build, Tests, Certs**
- Create Repository Record & Signatures
  - Signatures Become the Reference Data Set (RDS)
  - Put RDS in Repository
  - Publish Updated Standard Reference Data Group (SRDG) Directory





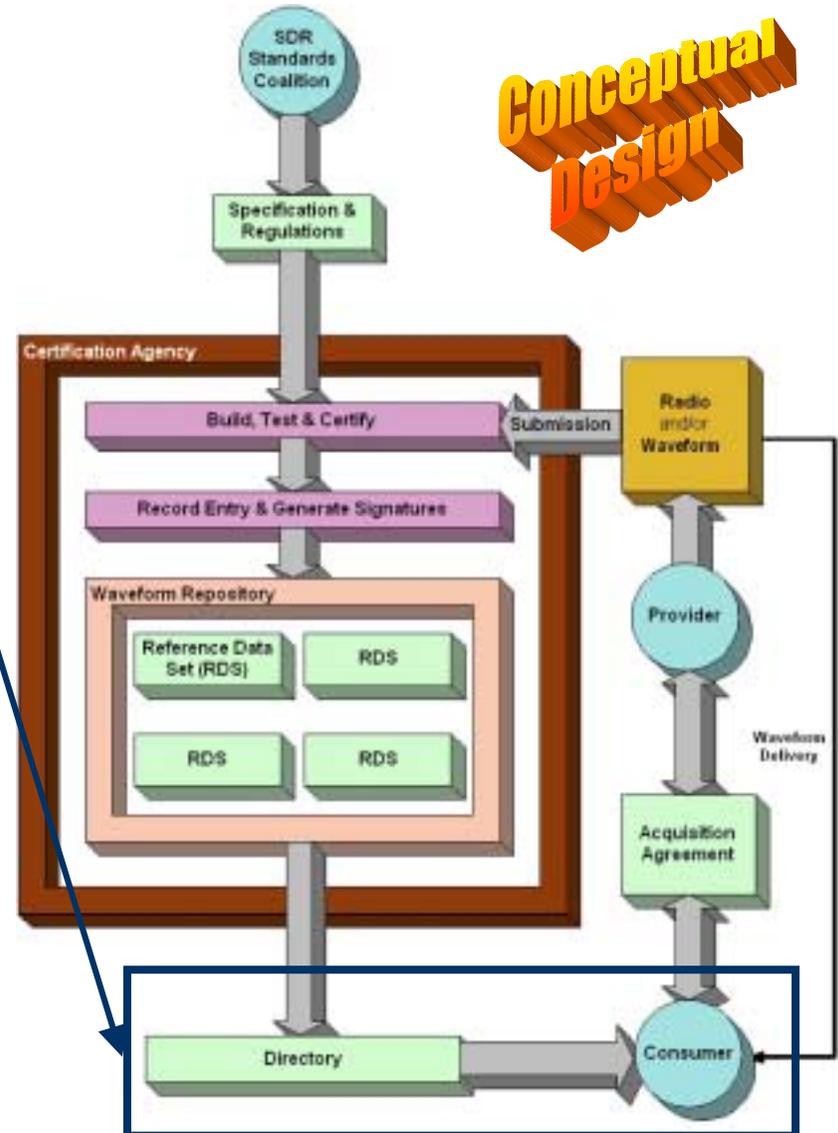
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4. Consumer Reviews SRDG Directory For Available Product Fitting the Need





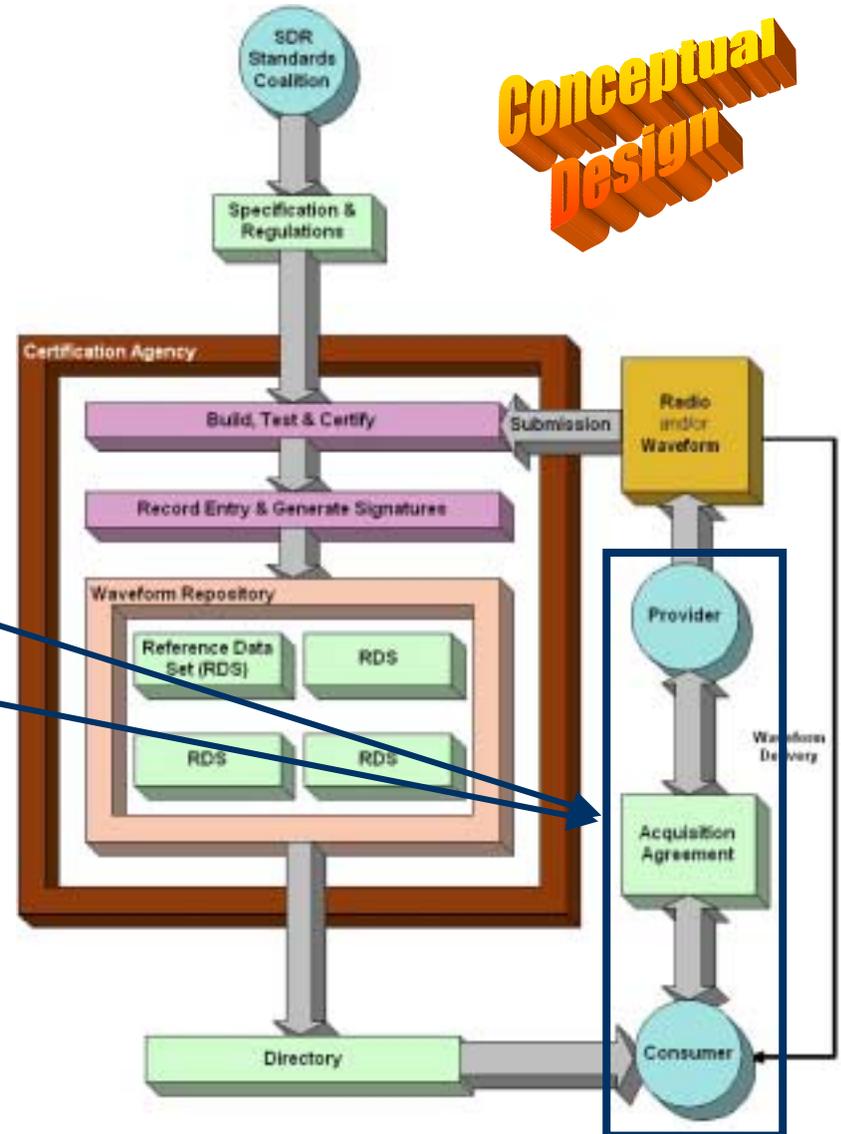
# Certification & Validation (2f of 2)



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- 5. Consumer Contacts Associated Provider
- 6. Consumer & Provider Reach Agreement





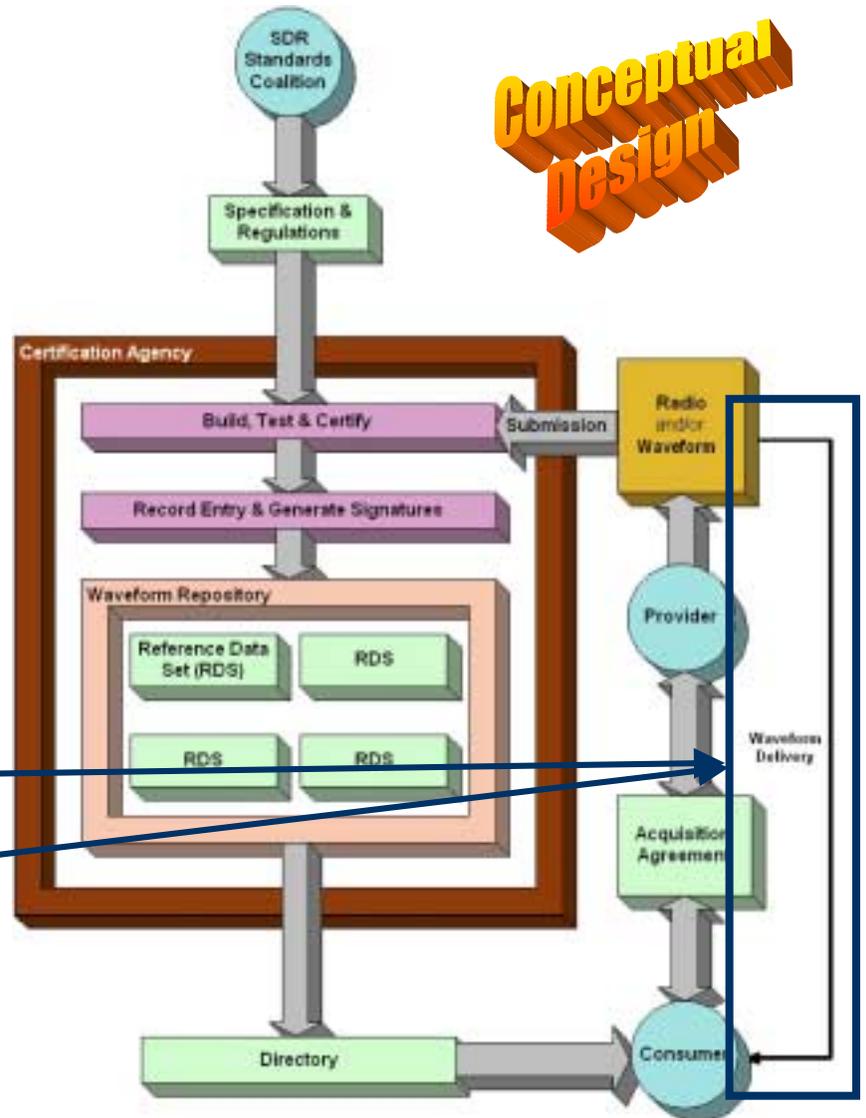
# Certification & Validation (2g of 2)



Procedure is Based on NIST/NSRL \*

**Conceptual Design**

- 7. Agreement is Executed & Product is Delivered
- 8. Product is Verified Against the RDS





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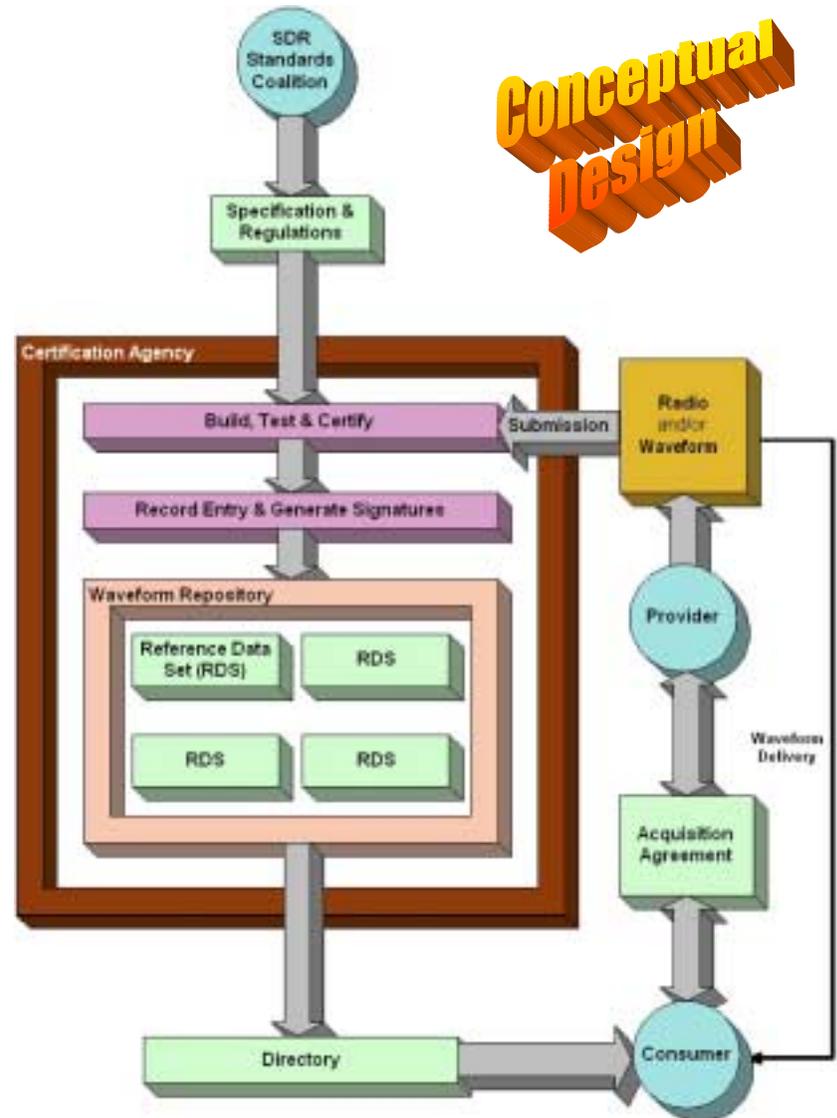
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- **Considerations:**
  - JTRS Information Repository (IR) Objectives & Corporate IP Objectives -- Can Objectives Be Negotiated?
  - Multiple Agencies with Collaborated Governances?

\* See [http://www.nsrl.nist.gov/Project\\_Overview.htm](http://www.nsrl.nist.gov/Project_Overview.htm)

**Conceptual Design**





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# Summary & Conclusion

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- **Summary**

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- **Next Steps**

- *STRS/SWRadio API Merge Strategy*
- *RFP Completion, Approvals, & Issuance*
- *SDR Forum/Industry Space SDR Proposal Submission*
- *Ongoing Coordination With NASA's STRS Standards Development*
- *NASA's STRS Reference Implementation Deployment*

- **Conclusion (SDR In Space)**

- *NASA STRS is Step 1*
- *What is Step 2?*
  - *CCSDS/Members Plus US DoD & other International Stakeholders*



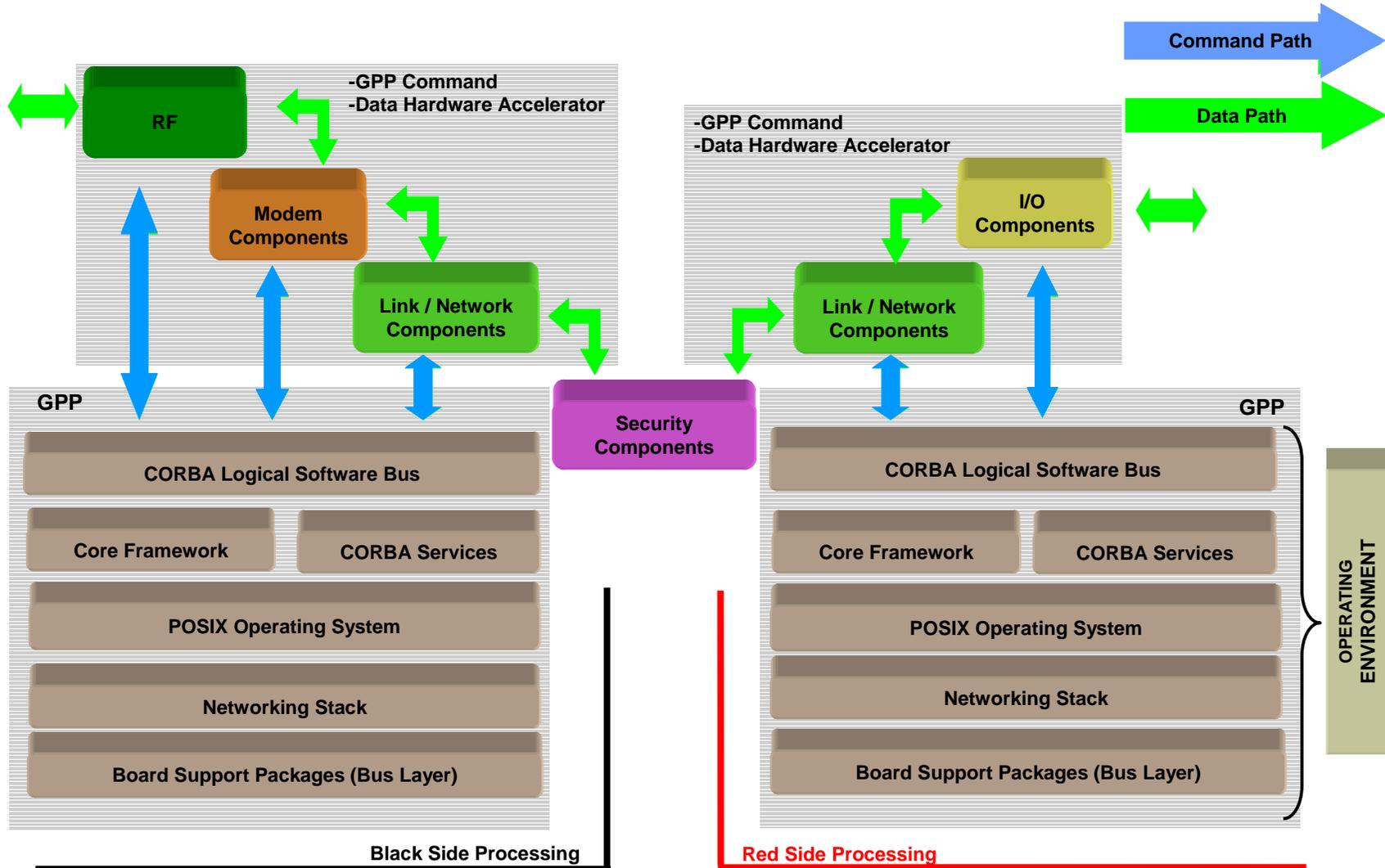
# BACKUP SLIDES

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# Dual Path Implementation



*Separate Data/Command Paths to Meet Throughput and Latency Requirements*