

# What the future holds for AIM

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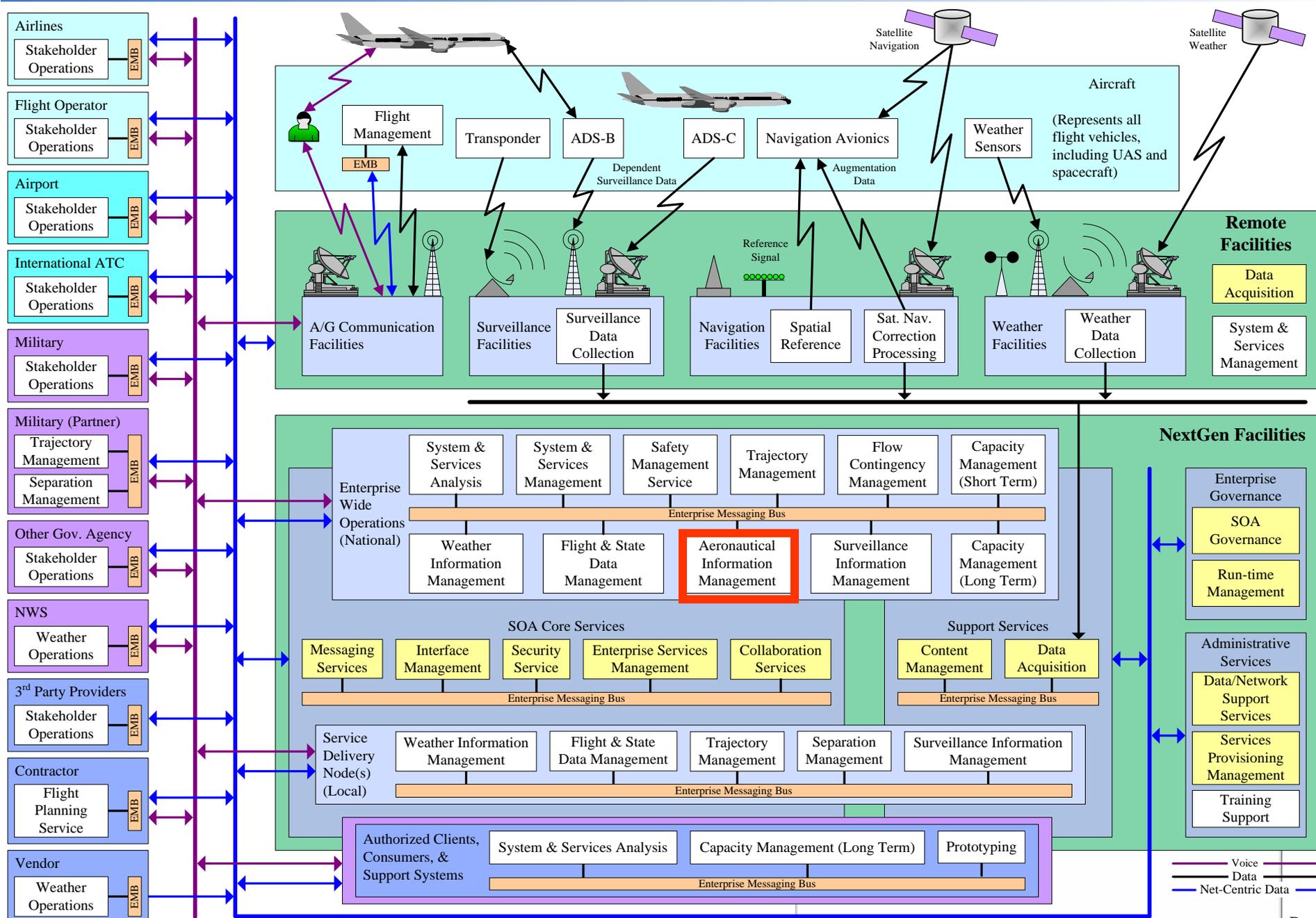


Figure 1. NextGen 2025 OV-1

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# What is aeronautical information (AI)?

Aeronautical information is a shared resource describing a nation's aviation infrastructure. It identifies the systems, services and rules describing the structure and state of the operational environment

*Systems:* airspace, NAVAIDs, etc.

*Services:* airport fuel, weather briefing, ATC, etc.

*Rules:* instrument flight procedure containment, temporary flight restrictions, etc.

*Definition sources: [www.aixm.aero](http://www.aixm.aero), ICAO Annex 15, ICAO AIS to AIM Study Group, CANSO, EUROCONTROL, Global AIM Consortium*



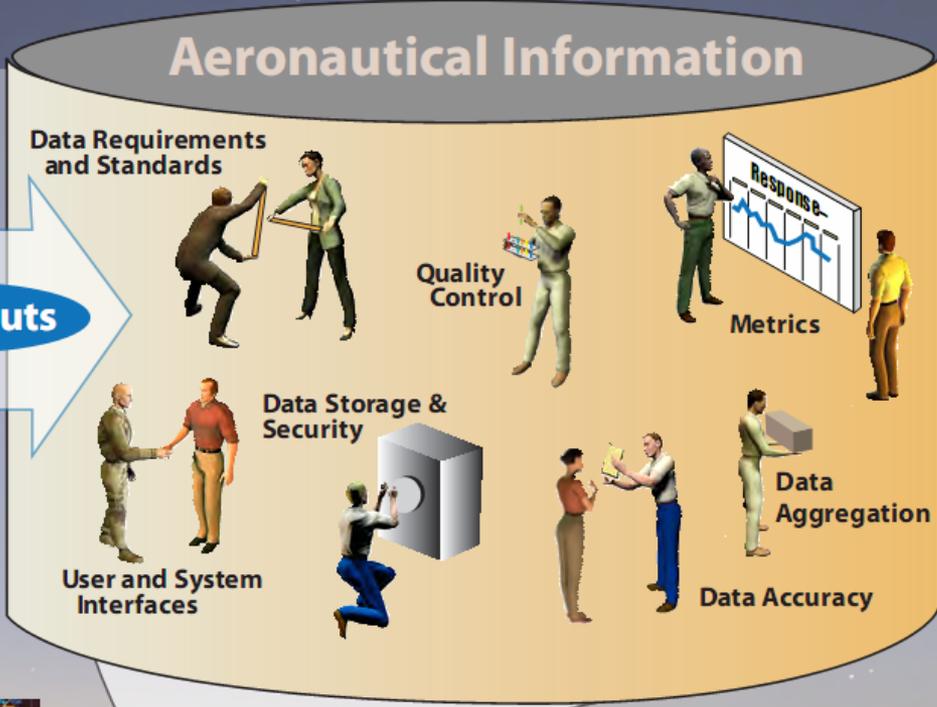
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# Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) Common Service

*Ensuring* the Right Data @ the Right Time @ the Right Place



**Data Inputs**



**Outputs**



**COMMON OPERATIONAL PICTURE OF THE NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM**

**Integrated Products for Pilots, Air Traffic Control Managers, Airspace Designers, Traffic and Strategic Planners**

# Evolving AIS to AIM



Product-centric ⇒  
Data-centric

- NOTAM ⇒ Event
- Chart ⇒ GIS
- Aeronautical Information Publications (AIPs) ⇒  
Aeronautical Information Services



# What is Information Management



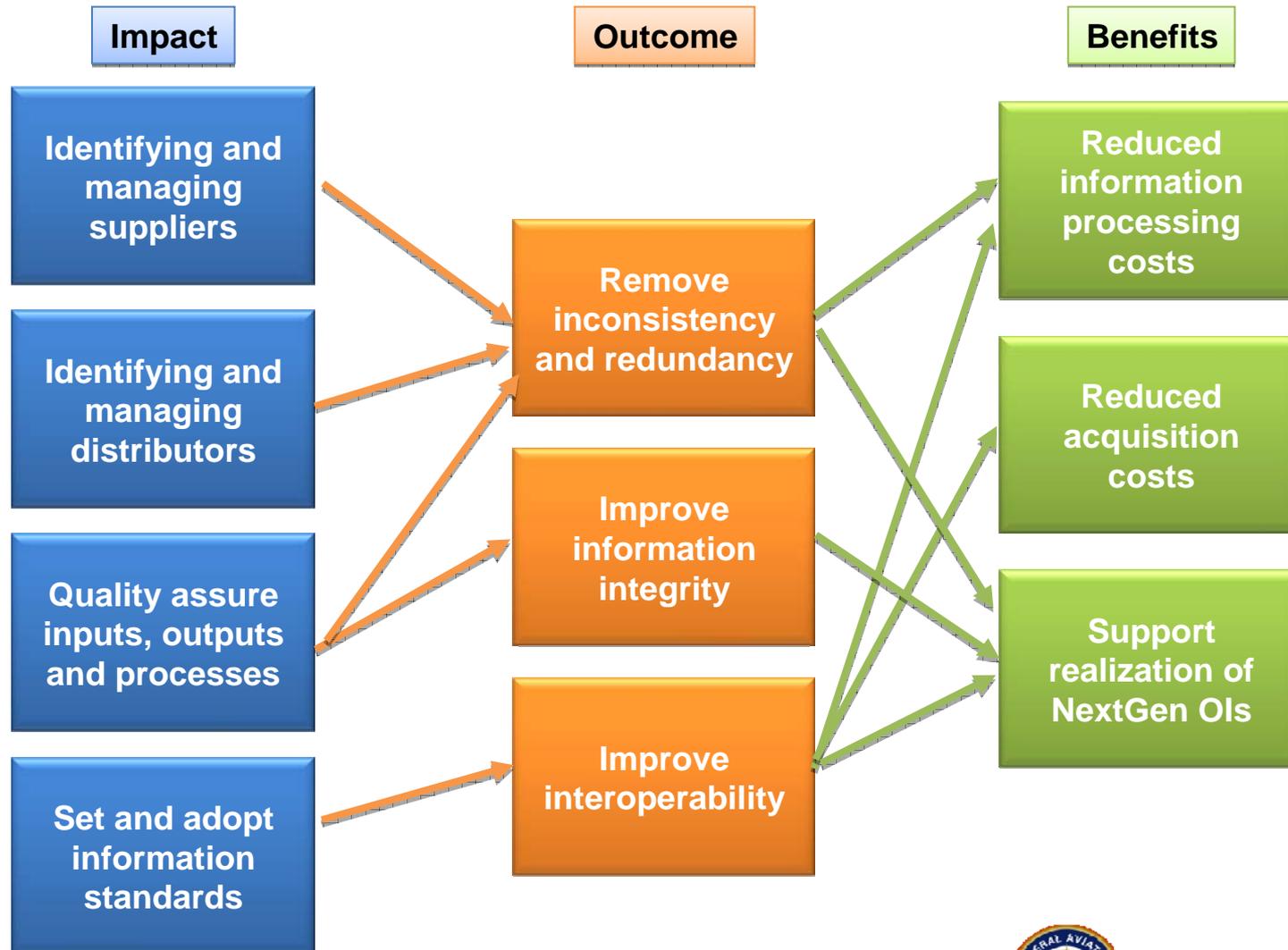
Transform data into information that can be used by ATM

Information and data management...

- Identify and manage information needs of the business.
- Identify and manage suppliers
- Manage information lifecycle
  - Optimized, Architected, Standardized
  - Governed, Configuration Managed
- Aggregate data and deliver information services



# Value Chain of Information/Data Management



# Performance & Business Driven Approach to AIM

## Performance Requirements

- Desired outcomes
- Performance measures

## Business Services

- ATM functions

## Information Exchange

- Conceptual model
- Net-centric and across domains

## Standards

- Data
- Interoperability



# Performance & Business Driven Approach to AIM

NextGen Operational Improvements

NextGen Systems

- ERAM, TFDM, TBFM, TFMS

SWIM Network

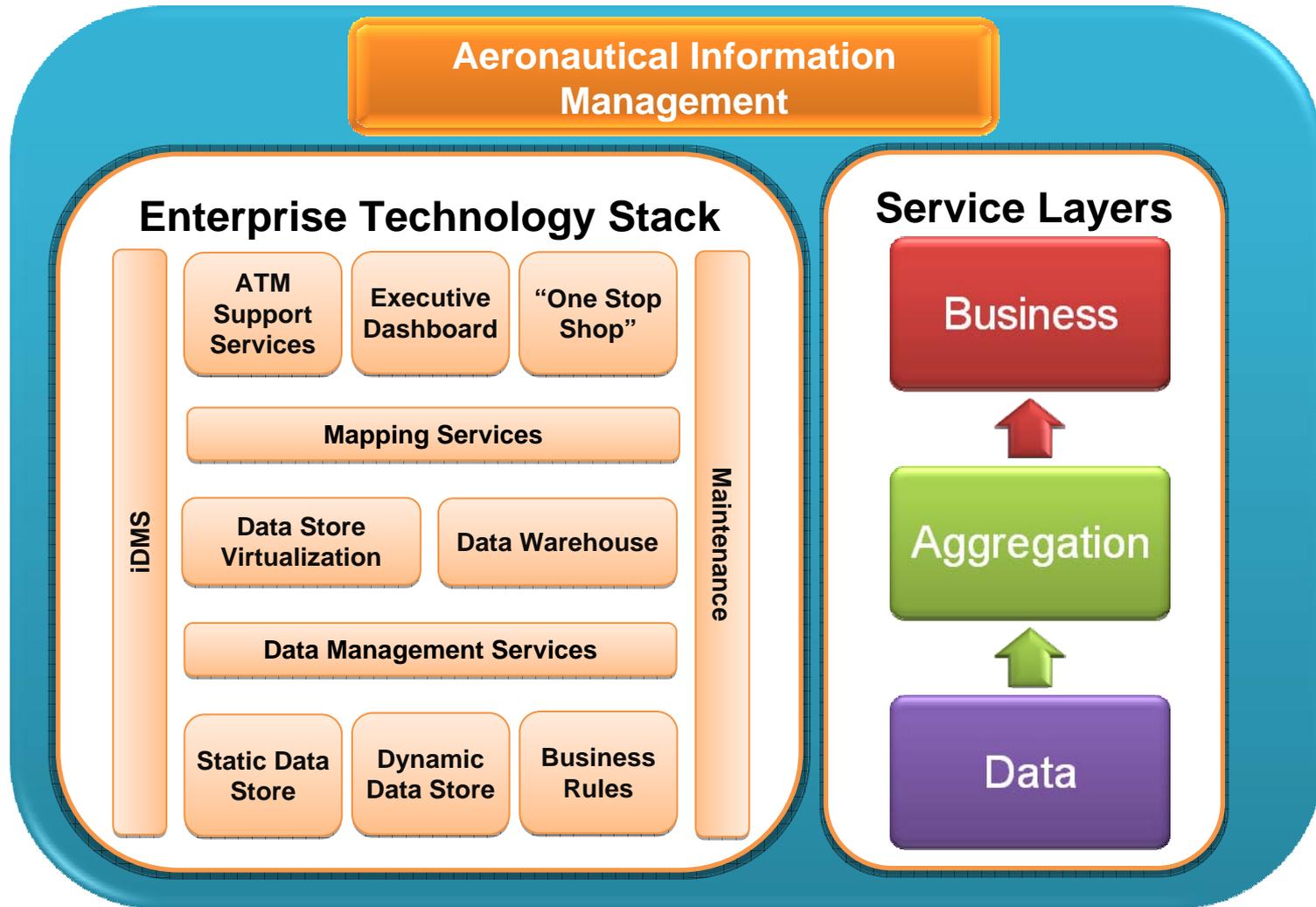
- Web Feature Services (WFS), Web Mapping Services (WMS), Web Coverage Services (WCS),
- Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) & Service Registry

Standards

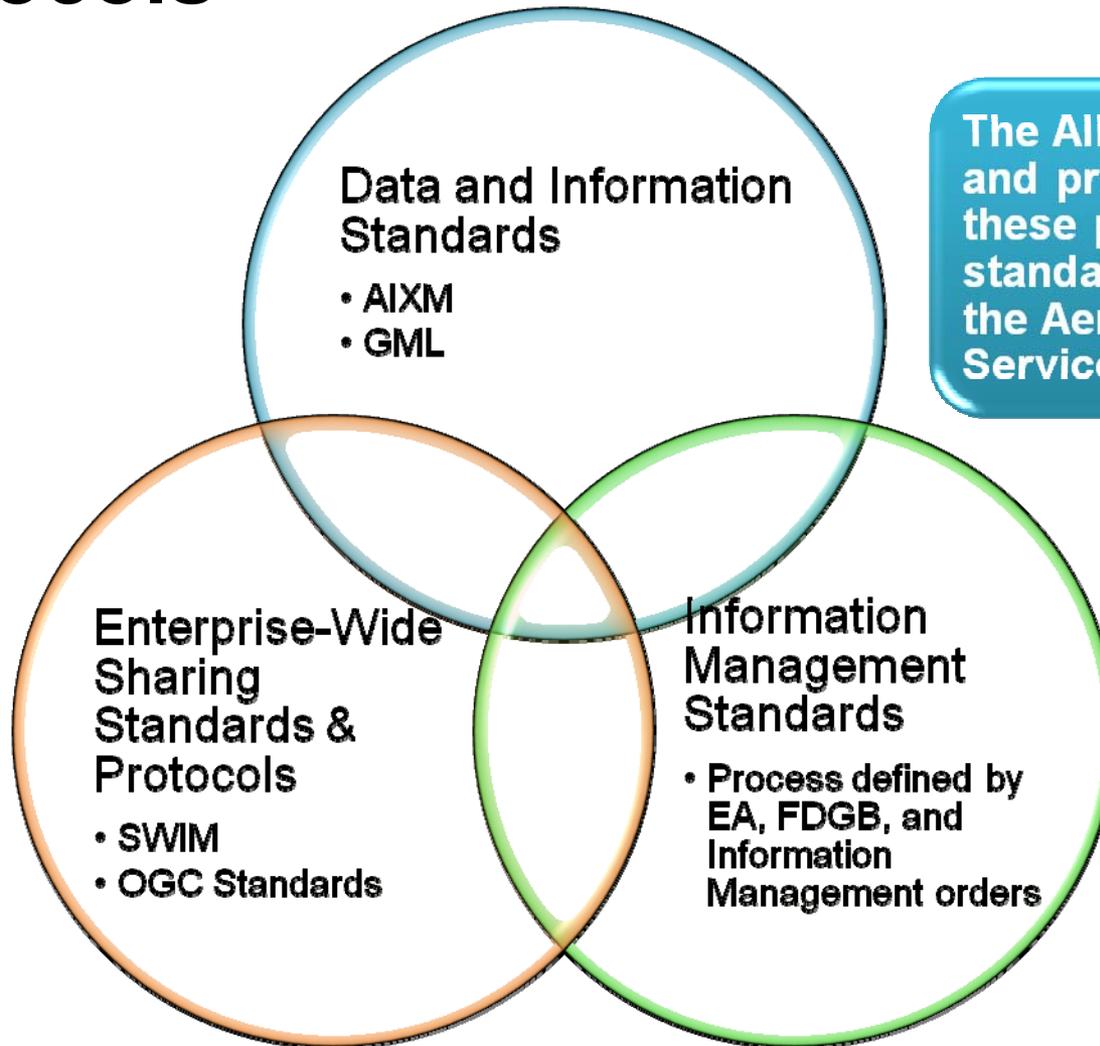
- AIMM
- OGC Service Standards
- SWIM Protocols



# AIM Enablers – The Systems



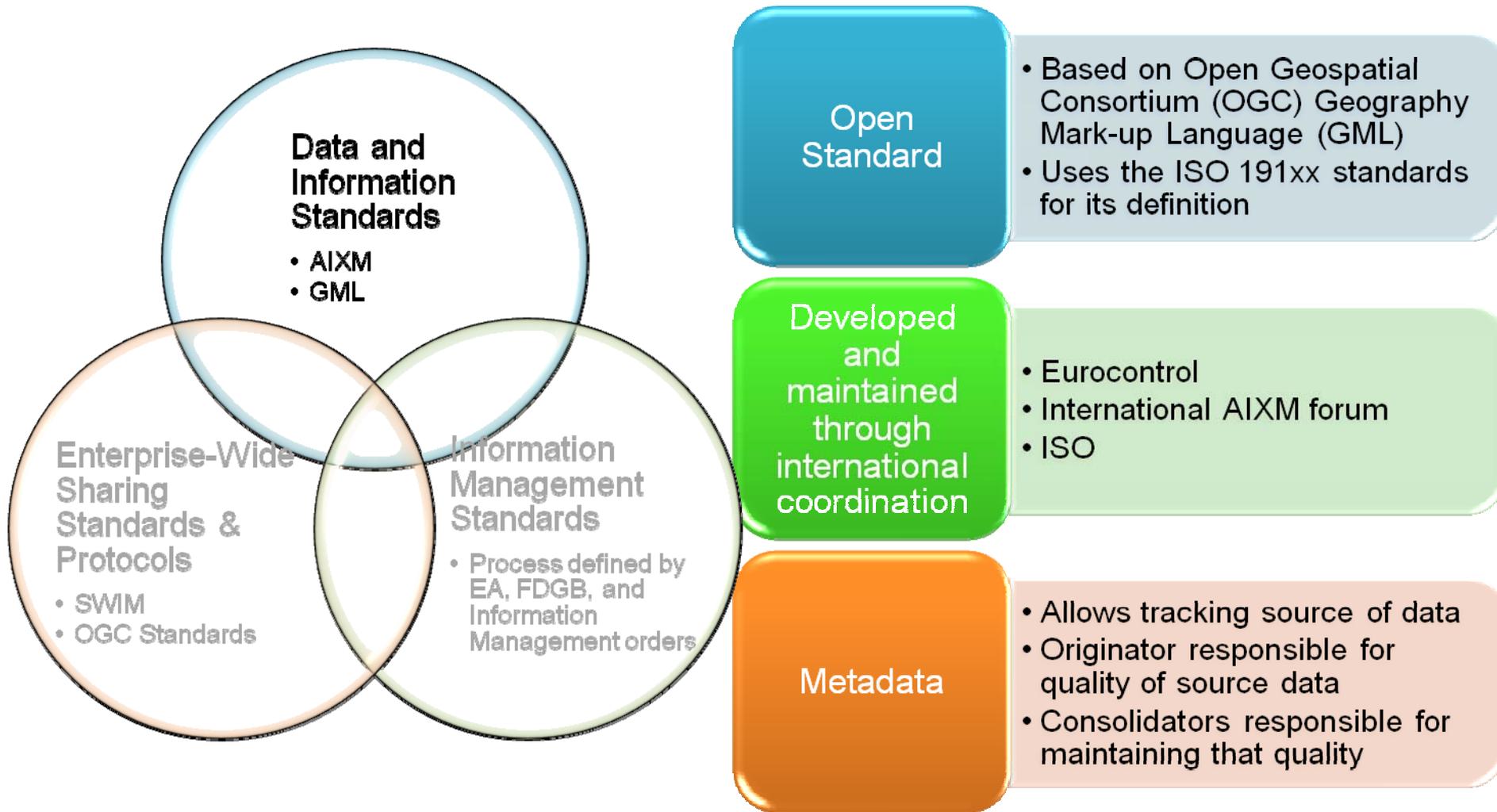
# Aeronautical Information Standards and Protocols



The AIM business unit and programs leverage these policies and standards to provision the Aeronautical Common Services to the NAS



# AIXM – The Data Standard for AI



# AIM Enterprise Services

## Airports GIS Web Mapping Services

### Data and Information Standards

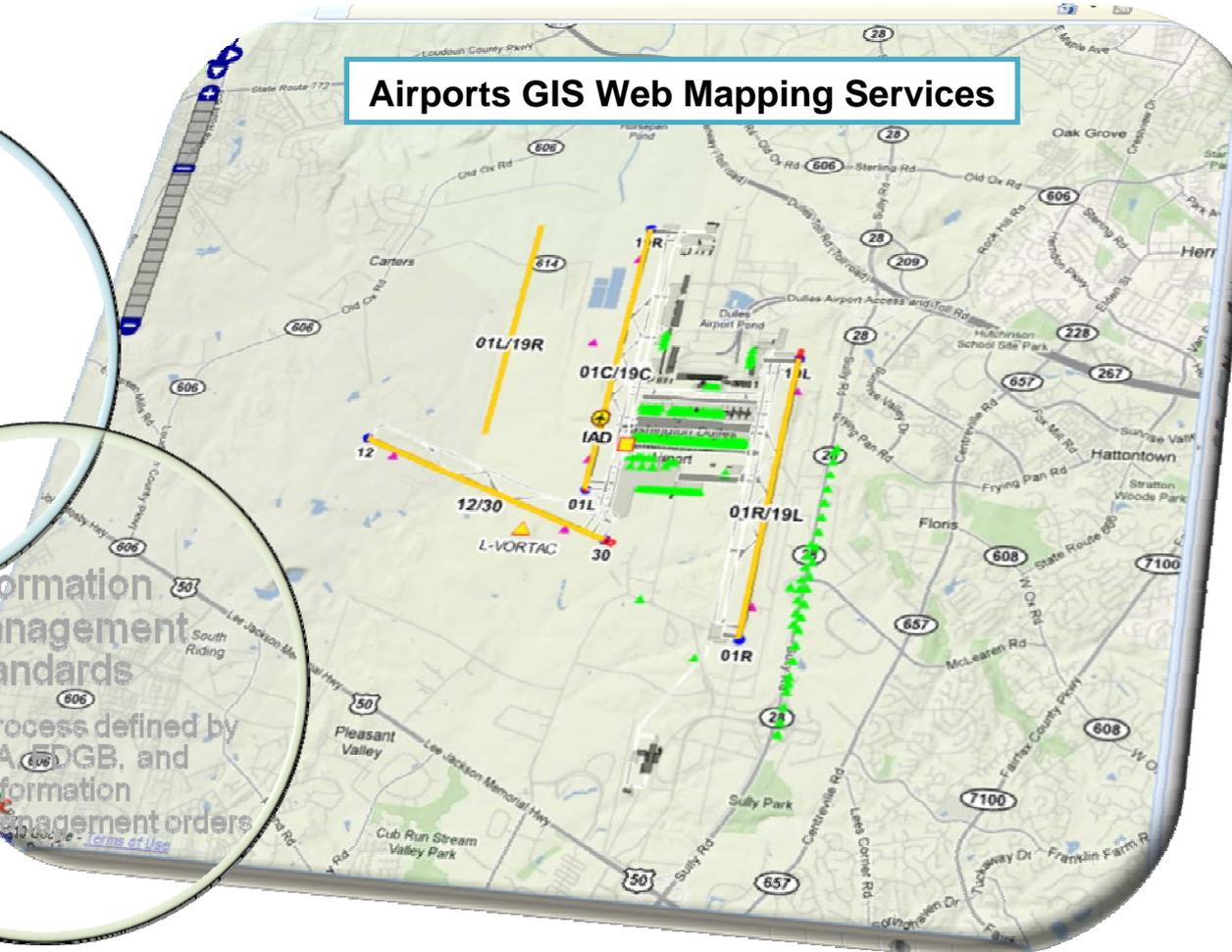
- AIXM
- GML

### Enterprise-Wide Sharing Standards & Protocols

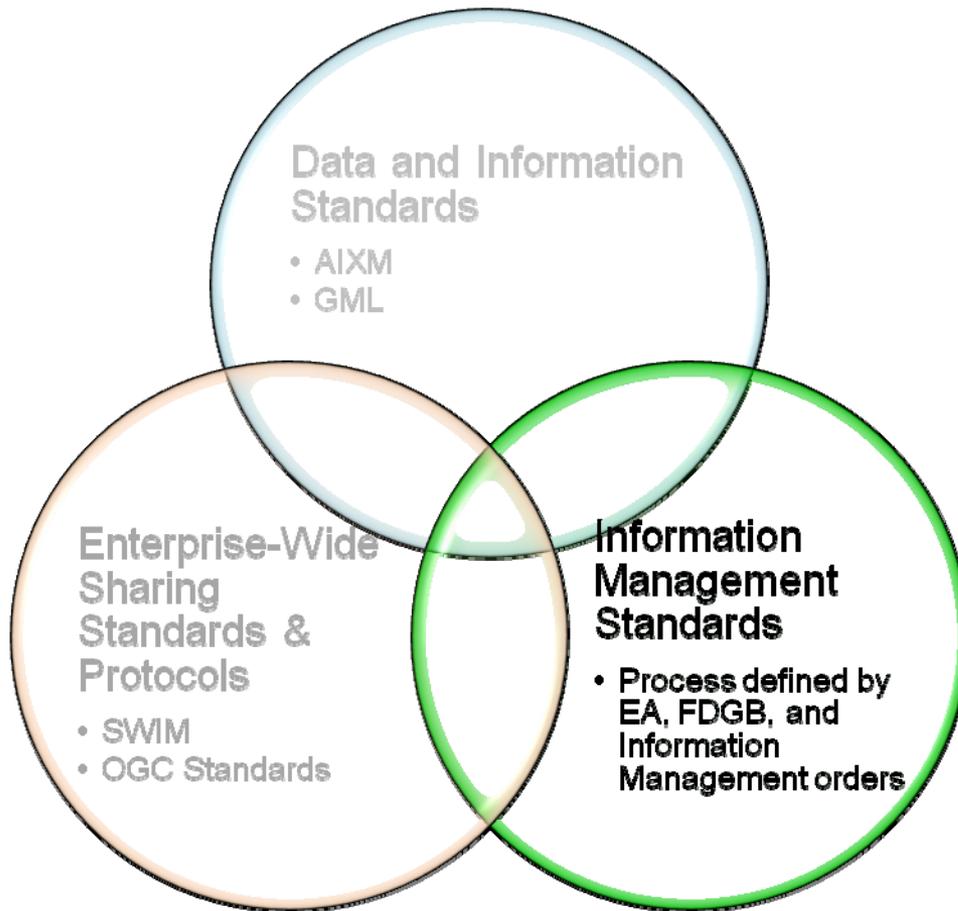
- SWIM
- OGC Standards

### Information Management Standards

- Process defined by EA, EDGB, and Information Management orders



# Long-Term AIXM Vision



Maturing the FAA's aeronautical information

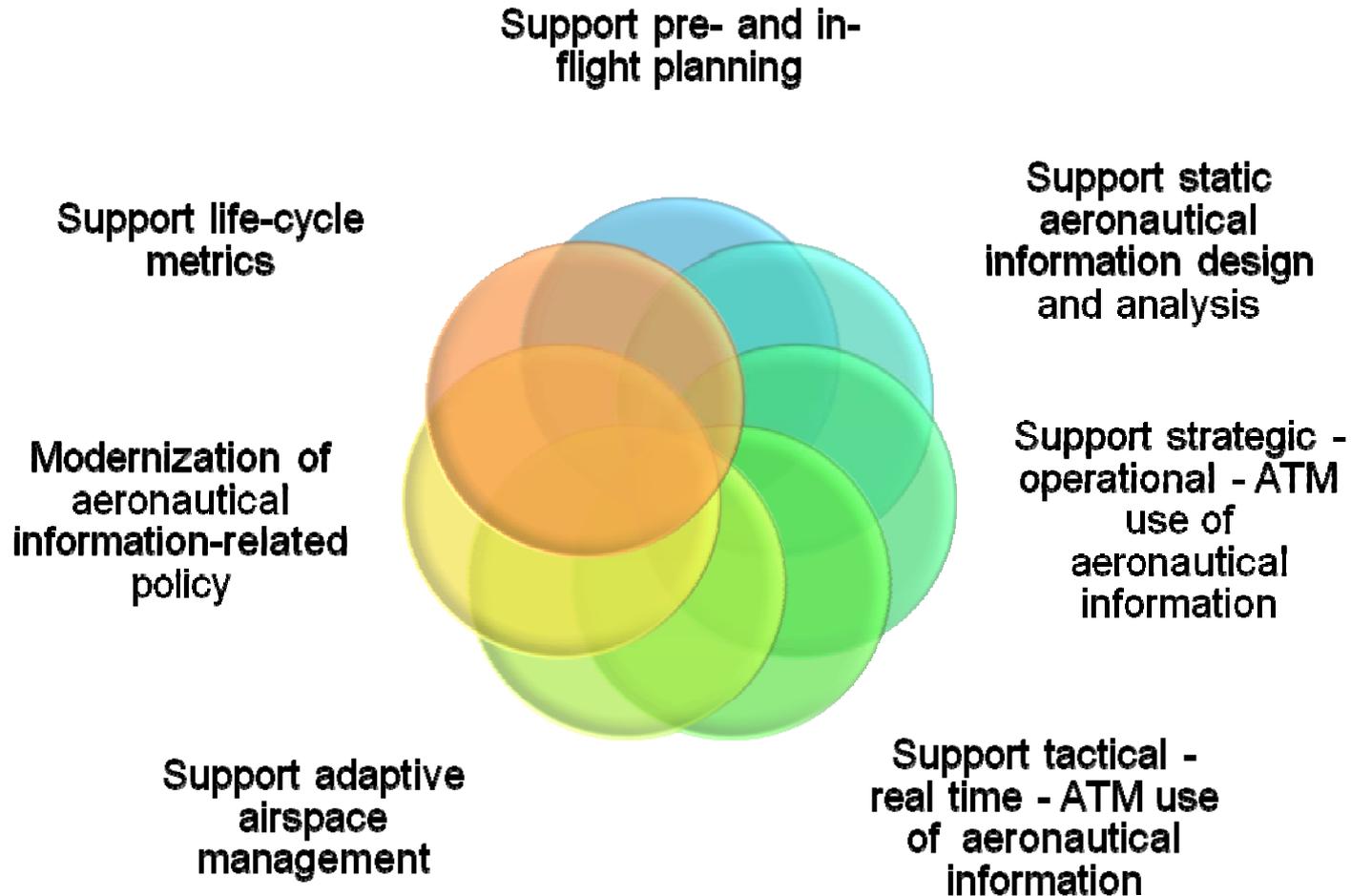
- Harmonization of services
- Registration and management of aeronautical features
- Governance of common AIM services
- Metadata management

Developing global aeronautical information management

- CANSO, Global AIM, ICAO



# AIM Capabilities in the Future



# How AIM Capabilities Relate to NextGen OIs/ ATM Operations

NextGen Operational Improvements	AIM Capabilities							
	Flight Planning	Static AI Design	Strategic AI	Tactical AI	Adaptive Airspace	AI Policy	Life-Cycle Metrics	AI Dissemination
On-Demand NAS Information- 103305		X	X	X		X	X	X
Improved Management of Airspace for Special Use – 108212	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Integrated Arrival /Departure Airspace Management - 104122		X	X	X	X			X
Continuous Flight Day Evaluation -105302	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Provide full flight plan constraint evaluation with feedback – 101102	X	X	X		X			X
Traffic Management Initiatives with Specific Flight Trajectories – 105208	X	X	X				X	
Provide Full Surface Situation Information – 102406			X	X				X
Low Visibility Surface Operations – 107202			X	X				X
Improved Runway Safety Awareness for Pilots – 103208	X		X	X				X
Improved Runway Safety Situational Awareness for Controllers – 103207			X	X			X	X
Initial Surface Traffic Management – 104209			X	X				X
Improved Management of Arrival/Surface/Departure Flow Operation – 104117			X	X	X		X	X
Remotely Staffed Towers - 109402			X	X				X



# Conclusions

- Development of “Common Aeronautical Services”
  - Focusing on services that support future ATM
- Three pillars of AIM
  - AIXM – Data Standards
  - SWIM – Information Distribution Standards (SOA)
  - Information Management'



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## NAS Enterprise Architects / AIO Information Architects

## NextGen Concepts and Implementation Plans

## AIM Community of Interest - CSSD

## Global AIM Consortium

- Promoting world wide modernization of aeronautical information

