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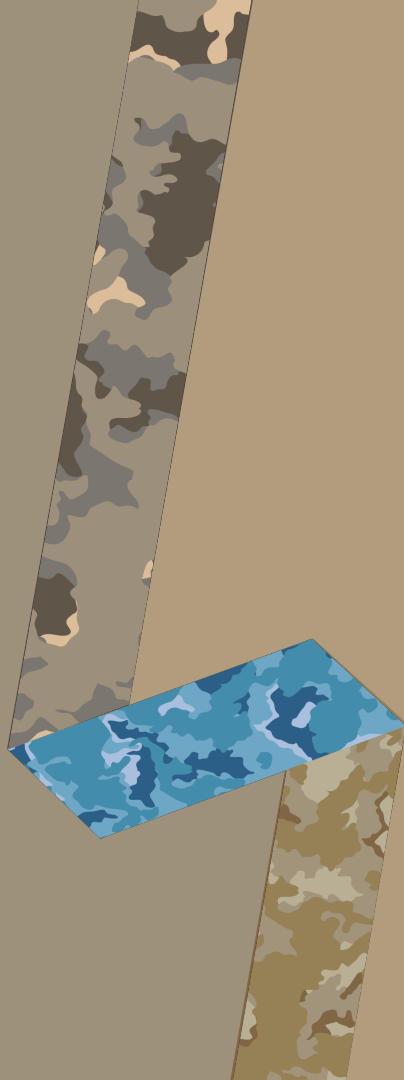
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# The FACE Consortium Overview



# FACE Consortium

The Open Group Future Airborne Capability Environment™ (FACE) Consortium is a Government, Industry, and Academia collaboration that encourages innovation in:

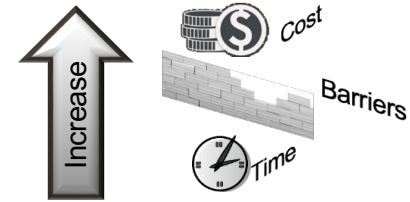
- refining business processes
- developing vendor-neutral open standards which enable software portability, reusability, and interoperability

Defines an architectural and a business approach to developing and procuring avionics software with both purposely aligned with modular open systems approach (MOSA) tenets

# Current Landscape

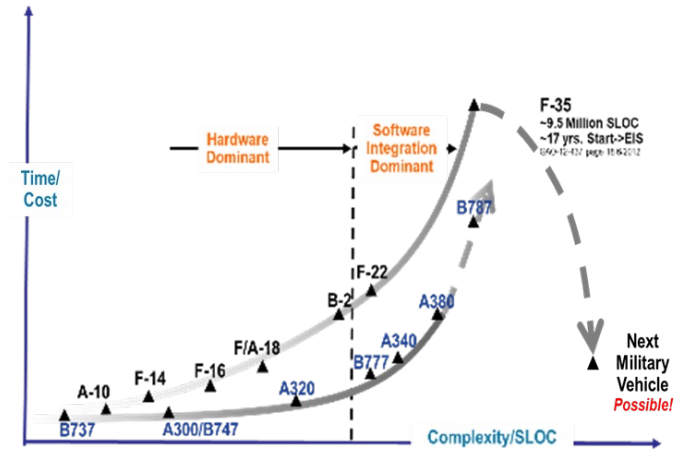
**DoD airborne systems are typically developed for unique requirements by a single vendor**

- ▶ Platform-unique designs limit reuse & increase cost
- ▶ Creates barriers to competition within and across platforms
- ▶ Long lead times, even for urgent needs



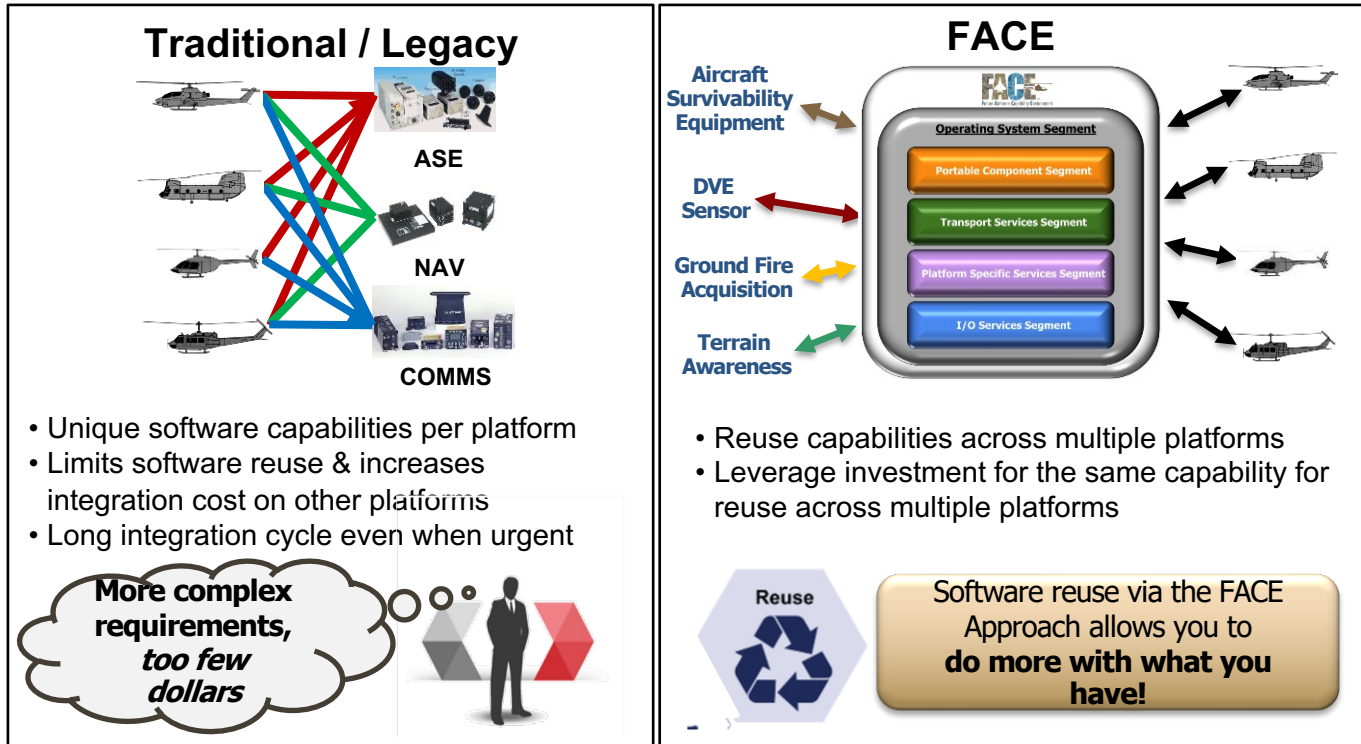
**Current DoD acquisition structure does not sufficiently support reuse across different programs**

- Community has not adopted a common set open standards
- Community has failed to enforce conformance to existing open standards
- Platform PMAs are not funded or incentivized for multi-platform requirements



The FACE and SOSA Approaches are a *response* to the DoD aviation community's problems

# Why a FACE Initiative?



Software capability reuse means *more interoperable capabilities* to our Warfighters faster

# Simple Open Systems Architecture

## Example: The Light Bulb

- ▶ Module:
  - ▶ Function: Emit visible light
  - ▶ Behavior: Upon application of electric voltage, begin emission, terminate upon removal of voltage
- ▶ Interface:
  - ▶ Based on Edison Screw – some US standards (120VAC) shown in image



Not specified by the Standard: How the light is generated (a design issue)

- Incandescent: Low cost, shorter life
- Compact Fluorescent: More efficient, higher cost
- LED: Much more efficient, very long life, much higher cost

Open Systems Architecture specifies the what – but does not specify the how

# The Value to the Government

## Policy & Mandates



### Address NDAAs & MOSA

- Open Interfaces
- Modularity
- Open Standards
- Conformance

## Affordability



### Do more, with less

- Promote competition
- Reuse across platforms
- Address Obsolescence

## Time to Field



### Get to the Warfighter Faster

- Reduces development and integration timelines, primarily through software reuse
- Facilitates quick and efficient mission payload changes

## Capability



### New & Enhanced Capabilities

- Maintain technology superiority
- Promote Innovation

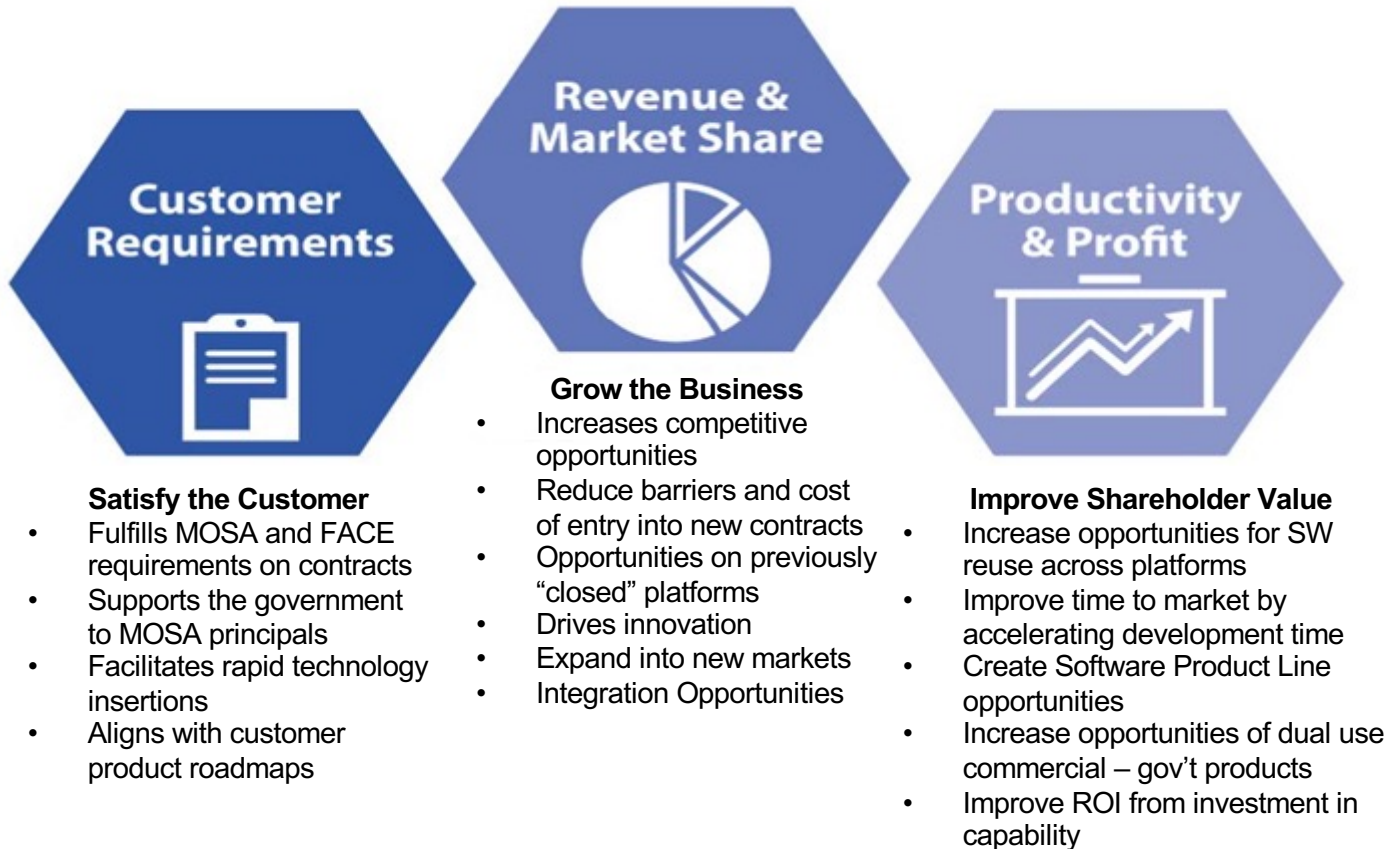
## Reuse



### Capability Reuse

- Expand common capability reuse across services and coalition partners
- Enhance interoperability of software components within a computing environment

# The Value to Industry

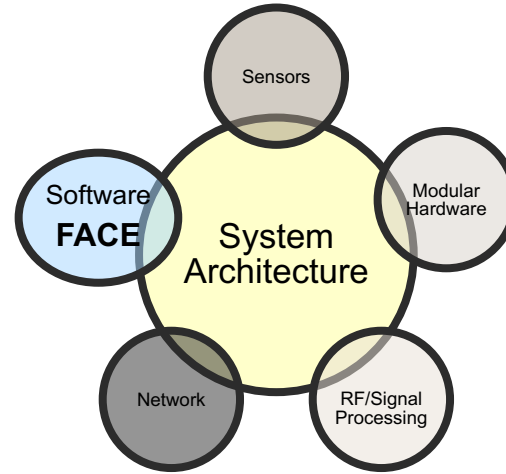




# The FACE Key Goals, Scope & Approach

## Key Goals

- Improve the affordability of capabilities
- Improve time-to-field, delivering new capabilities to the warfighter faster



## FACE Approach

- ▶ Business processes to adjust procurement and incentivize industry
- ▶ Technical practices to promote development of reusable software components
- ▶ A component-based software standard to promote the development of portable components between differing avionics architectures

# FACE Executive Overview

- ▶ **FACE Technical Standard is an open avionics standard for software developed by Government, Industry, and Academia**
- ▶ **FACE Approach defines a new architectural and business approach to developing / procuring avionics software**
- ▶ **The development of the FACE Technical Standard and business approach is managed by The Open Group**
- ▶ **FACE Consortium documents are published by the Open Group and free to download**

**Get the best avionics software to the Warfighter faster**

# MOSA Principles & FACE Approach

**Establish  
Enabling  
Environment**

**Technical Standard; Data Architecture, Tools,  
Examples: Training, Registry, Tailorable Contract  
Language**

**Employ Modular  
Design**

**FACE Reference Architecture & Data Architecture**

**Designate Key  
Interfaces**

**FACE Interfaces include OSS, IOSS and TSS**

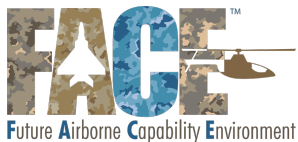
**Use Open  
Standards**

**Leverages over 60 existing standards including ARINC  
653, ARINC 661, OpenGL, POSIX**

**Certify  
Conformance**

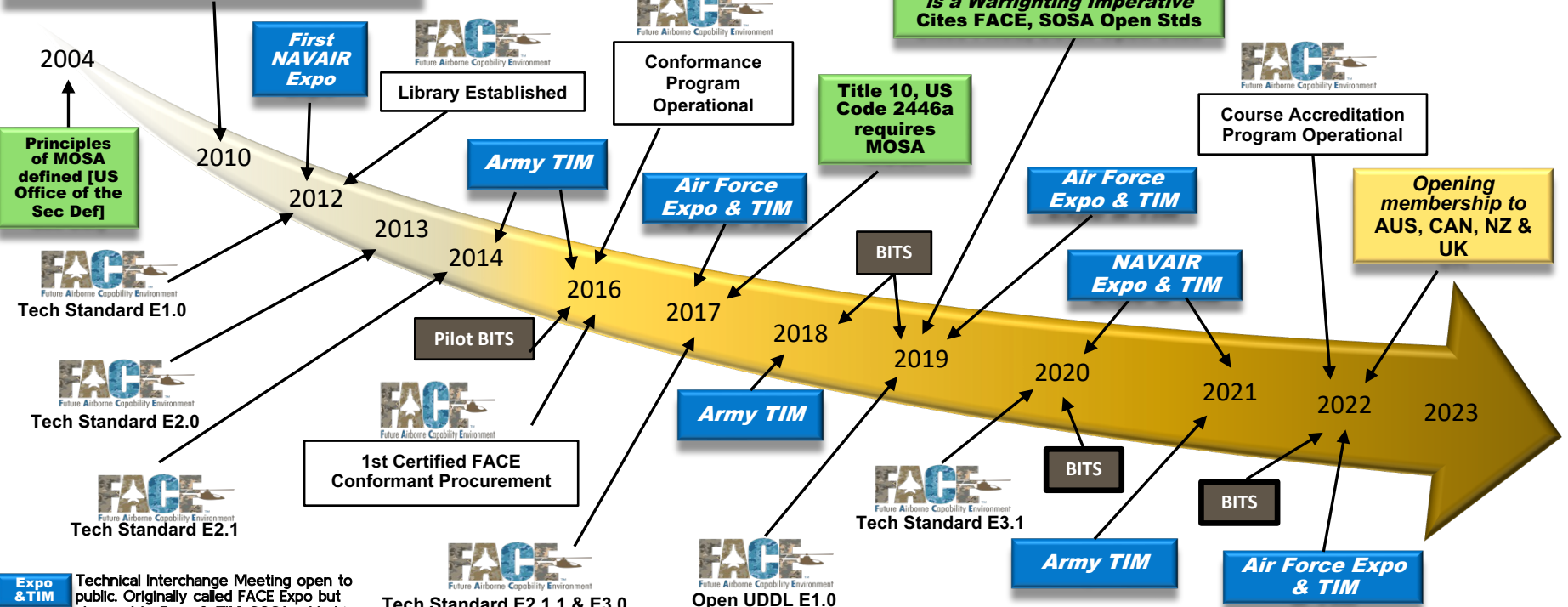
**FACE Conformance Program with Policies &  
Procedures, Approved Verification Authorities and a  
Single Certification Authority**

**FACE Approach addresses all 5 Principles of MOSA**



# FACE Consortium Timeline

**Consortium Established June 2010 as a Voluntary Consensus Standards Body under The Open Group**



**Expo & TIM** Technical Interchange Meeting open to public. Originally called FACE Expo but changed to Expo & TIM. SOSA added in 2017.

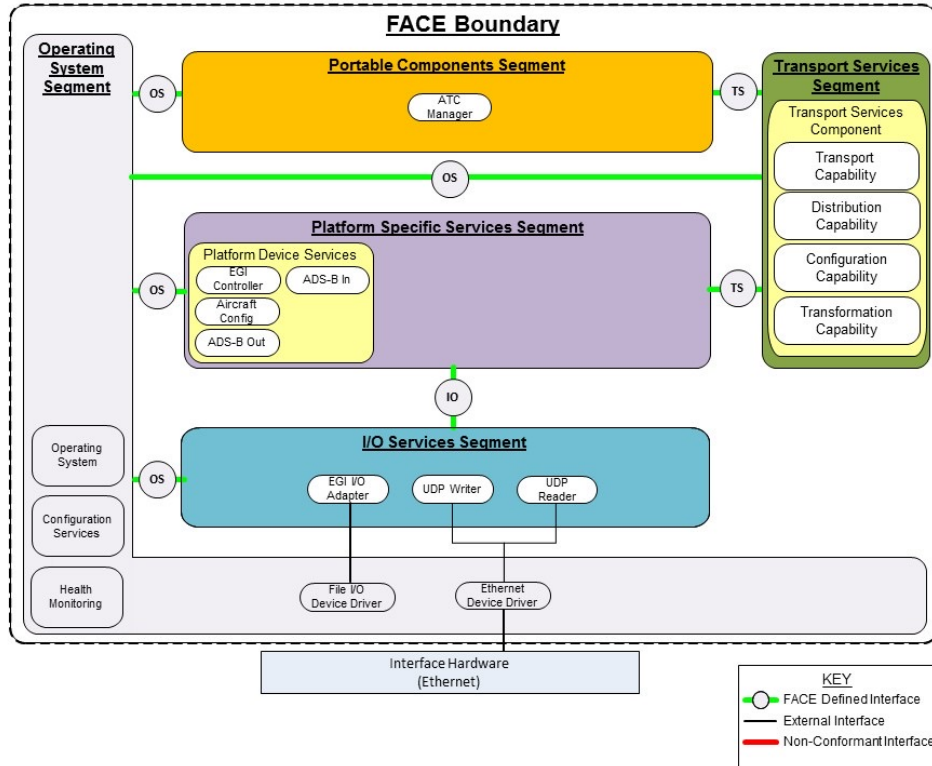
**BITS** Annual FACE Integration Event.

Tech Standard E2.1.1 & E3.0

Open UDDL E1.0

# FACE Exhibitors and Technical Paper Presentations

## FACE Reference Architecture



## 24 Technical Paper Presentations

14 from the FACE Consortium addressing business & technical aspects.

When: 10:00 am to 3:55 pm  
Where: Jr. Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

When: 3:00 pm to 3:55 pm  
Where: Theatre, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Posted on FACE Consortium website after the TIM.



# Thanks!