

NASA - SATS

Small Aircraft Transportation System

An aerial photograph of a small aircraft transportation system (SATS) in a rural landscape. The system consists of a long, narrow runway or taxiway with several small aircraft parked along its length. A yellow helicopter is visible in the air to the right. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a cloudy sky. The overall scene is a mix of green fields, roads, and urban development.

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An aerial illustration of a futuristic transportation hub. A central high-speed rail line runs through the center, with a runway and taxiway to its left. A blue and white propeller plane is flying in the upper left, and a white jet is in the lower right. A yellow helicopter is also visible. The background shows a city skyline and a body of water under a cloudy sky.

Office of Aerospace Technology

Goal - Revolutionize Aviation

Mobility Objective (Stretch)

Reduce door-to-door travel time by half in ten years and two-thirds in 25 year. Reduce transcontinental travel time by half within 25 years.



Outline

- **The Blueprint for 21st Century Aviation**
- **Leading Indicators for On-Demand, Distributed Air Mobility**
- **SATS Program Status**
 - **Technology development public-private partnership**
 - **2005 Demonstration**



Aeronautics Blueprint

Toward A Bold New Era of Aviation



Revolutionary Vehicles

On Demand Mobility

Educated Workforce

Safety & Capacity

National Security

Good Neighbor Airports

The Aeronautics Blueprint

- A National Imperative -



Blueprint Executive Summary

- Aviation is crucial to U.S. economic health, national security, and overall quality of life.
- There is a serious national crisis in aviation.
- Advanced technologies can help solve today's crisis and create a new level of performance and capability in aviation:
 - Advanced concepts for the airspace system
 - Revolutionary vehicles with significantly greater performance
 - New paradigm for safety and security
 - Assured development of the capable workforce of the future
- **The cost of inaction is gridlock, constrained mobility, unrealized economic growth, and loss of U.S. aviation leadership.**





The Blueprint: Aviation is Critical to the U.S.

Economic Growth

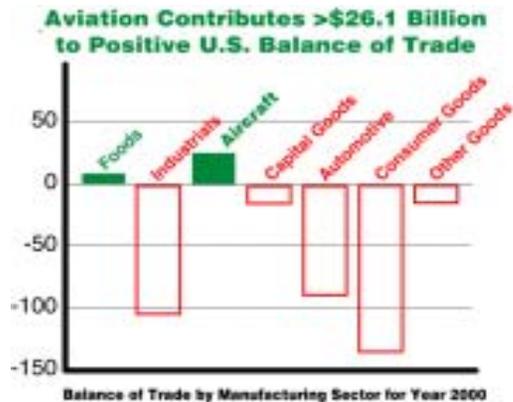
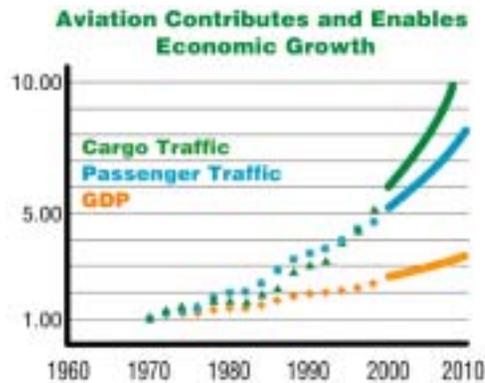
- Productivity
- Global Competition
- Fullest Commercial Use

National Security

- Air Superiority
- Global Mobility

Quality of Life

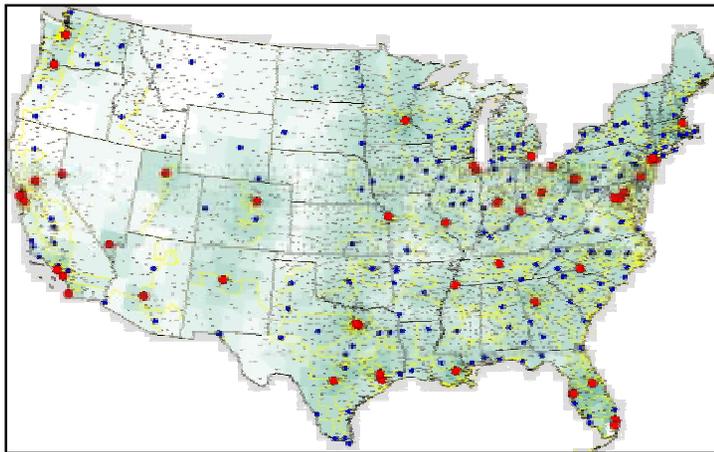
- Freedom of Movement
- General Welfare



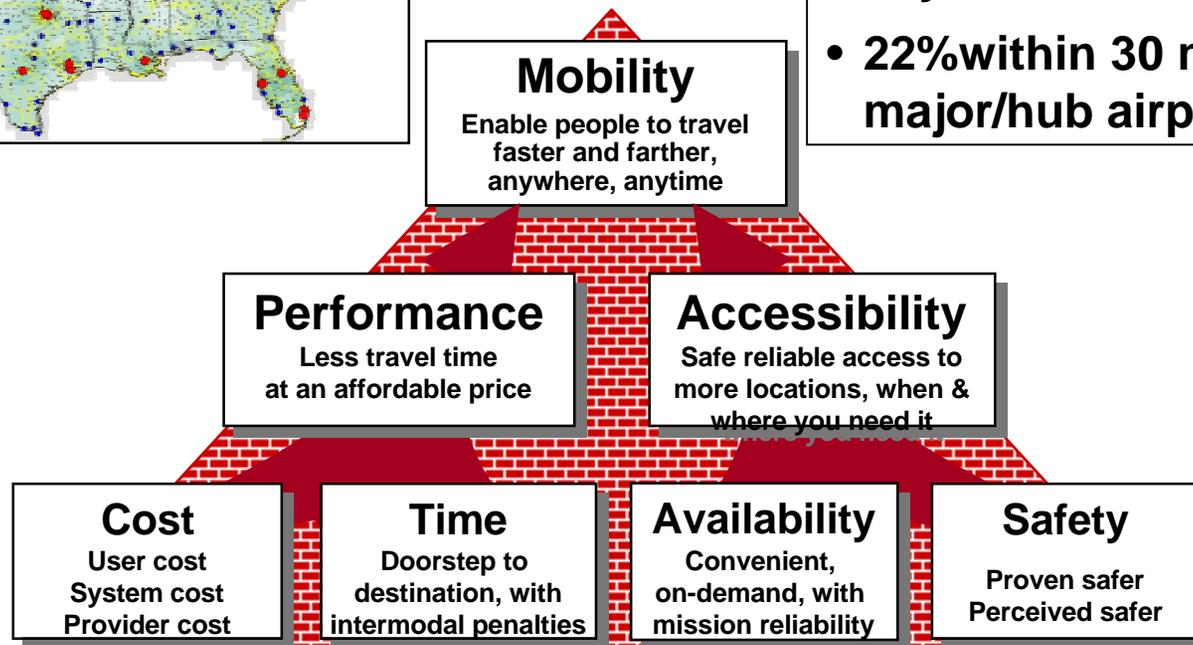


On-Demand, Distributed Air Mobility

NASA Aerospace Enterprise Revolutionize Aviation Goal Mobility Objective



- 93% of population within 30 minutes of SATS-type airport
- 41% within 30 minutes of any commercial airport
- 22% within 30 minutes of major/hub airport





Underutilized Airports and Airspace ...

... an Opportunity for Increasing Mobility

*Expanded Accessibility
to several times more
destinations*



Airports today with “near all weather” availability

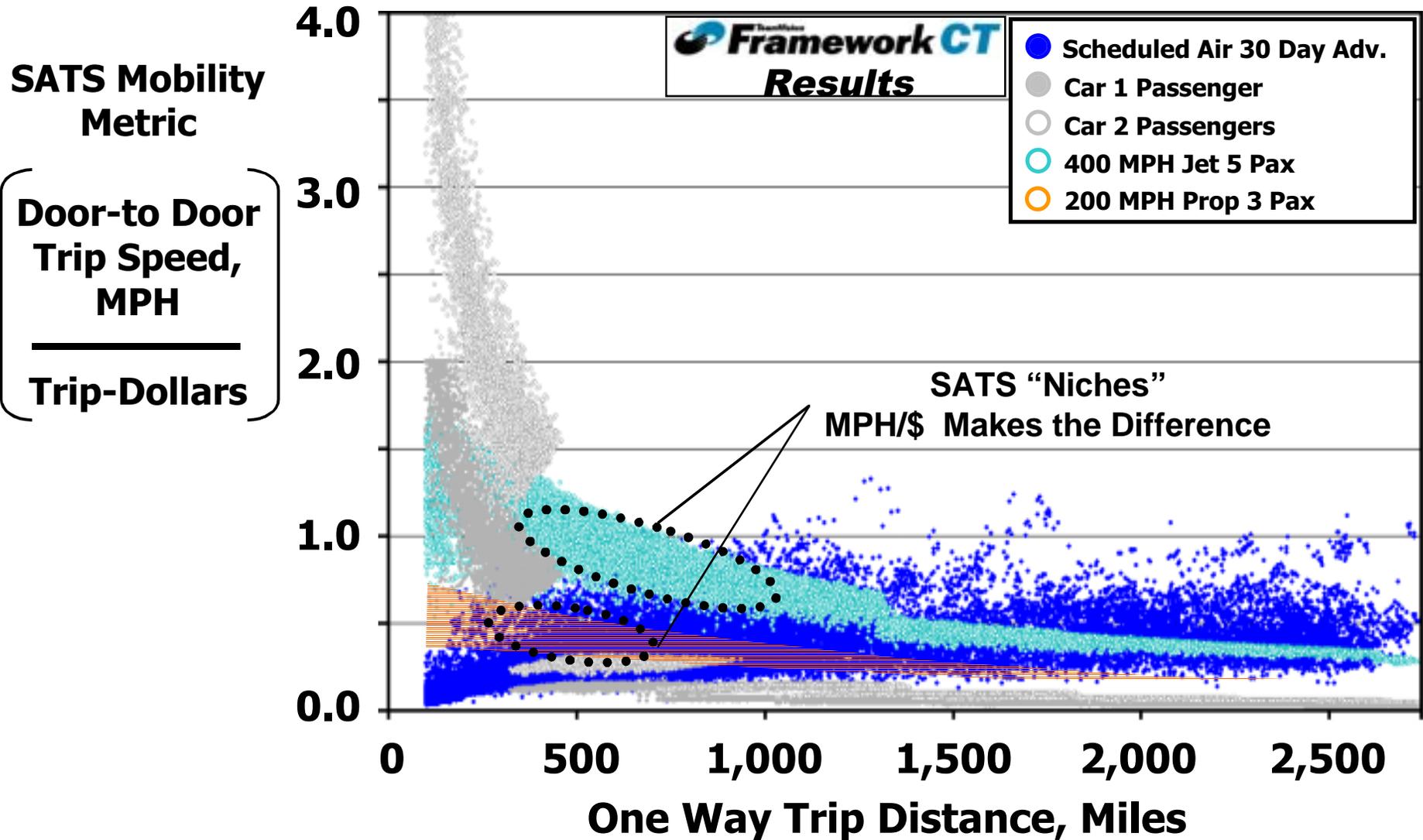
Near all-weather accessibility to 5,400 public-use airports?

Of 5,400 public-use airports, only 715 (13%) have precision instrument approaches (ILS)

*Improved Performance
saving more travelers
more time by going
directly to more airports*



Filling Gap in National Transportation System





Technical Revitalization is Nearing Completion

(Based on Investments from 1994-2001)



AGATE, GAP, SBIR/STTR, other investments since 1994 have created:

- Aircraft deliveries up 300%
- Billings up 360%
- Fleet safety up 20%
- Exports up
- Jobs up 8% per year
- Industry is “technology-ready”



Revitalized R&T Base for advancements in:

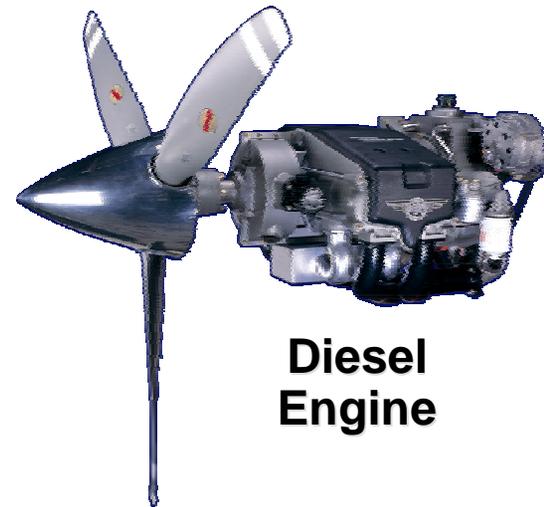
- Primary Flight Displays
- Multi-Function Displays
- Highway in the Sky operating system
- Engine Info & Control Advisory System
- Solid-State Attitude-Heading Ref Syst.
- Databus
- GAP Turbines
- GAP “Diesels”
- Full Authority Digital Electronic Contr.
- Single Lever Power Control
- Quiet Propeller Design & Tools
- Integrated Private/IFR Pilot Certification
- COTS for Cockpits
- Composite certification simplification
- Composite Repair Standards
- Crashworthiness Design Guide
- Lightning Protection Design Guide
- Ice Protection & Avoidance Systems



AGATE / GAP - Vehicle Focused Advancements



- **Vehicle-based**
 - Design Guidelines
 - System Standards
 - Certification Methods
- **New vehicle architecture**
 - supports application development
 - enables new operating capabilities



**Diesel
Engine**



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Market Pull for Increased Mobility

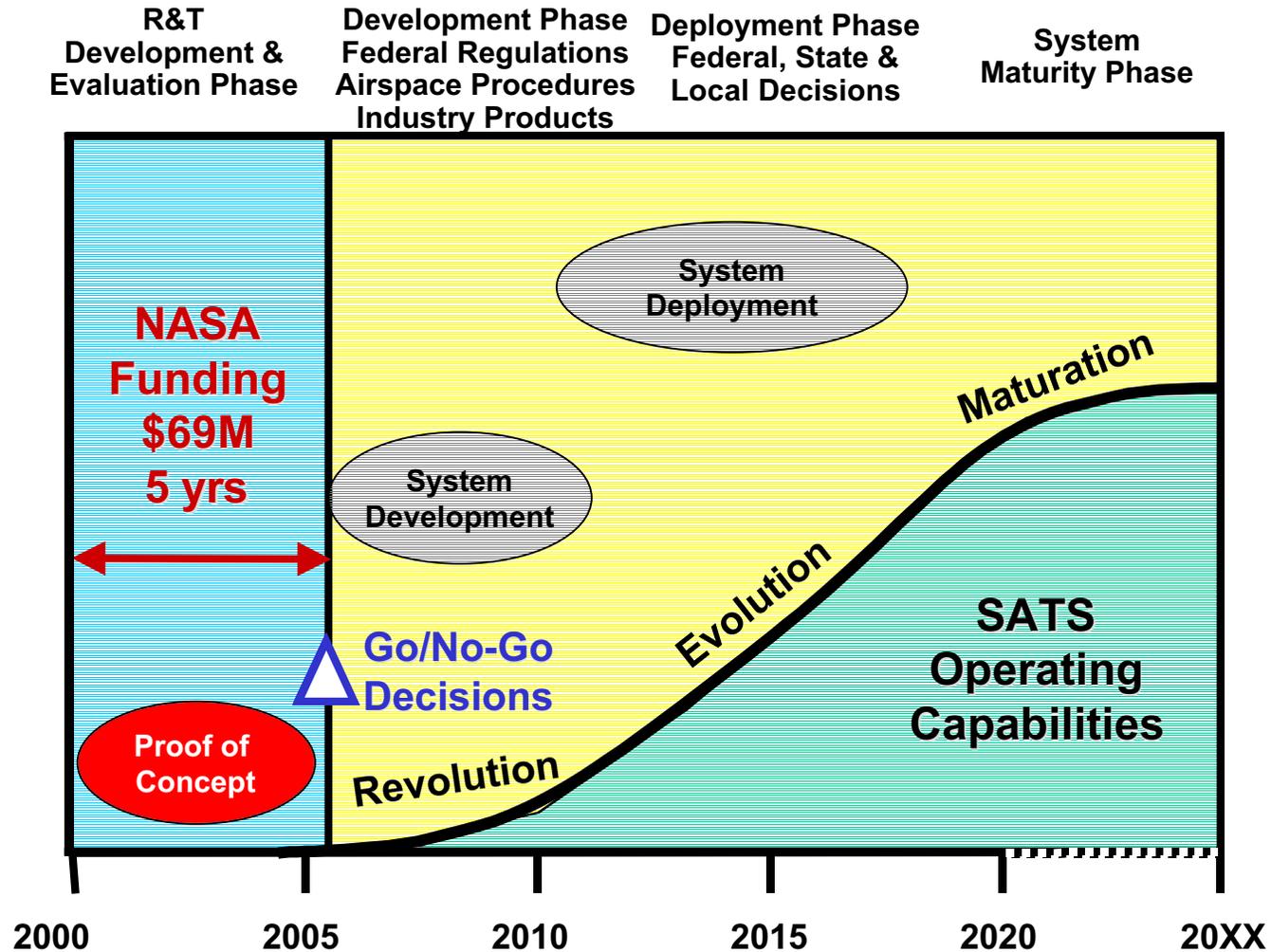
- **Booming Business Aircraft Market**
 - Dramatic growth in fractional ownership (50%/year)
- **New class of microjets**
 - Low-cost: about \$1.50/aircraft-mile
 - Designed to access small airports
 - On-demand services emerging in market



And others....



First Step Is To “Prove SATS Works”



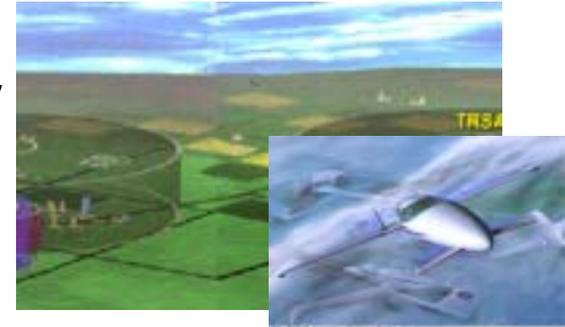
**Technical, Operational, & Socio-economic Basis
for National Investment & Policy Decision**



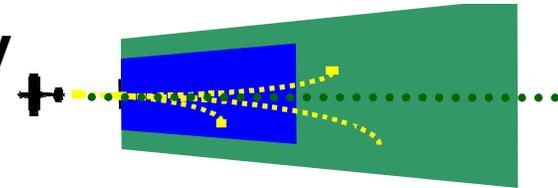
SATS Operating Capabilities



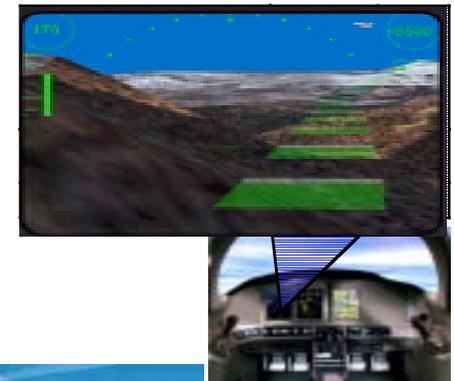
**Higher Volume Operations in Non-Radar
Airspace and at Non-Towered Airports**



**Lower Landing Minimums at Minimally
Equipped Landing Facilities**



**Increase Single-Pilot Crew Safety &
Mission Reliability**



**En Route Procedures & Systems for
Integrated Fleet Operations**

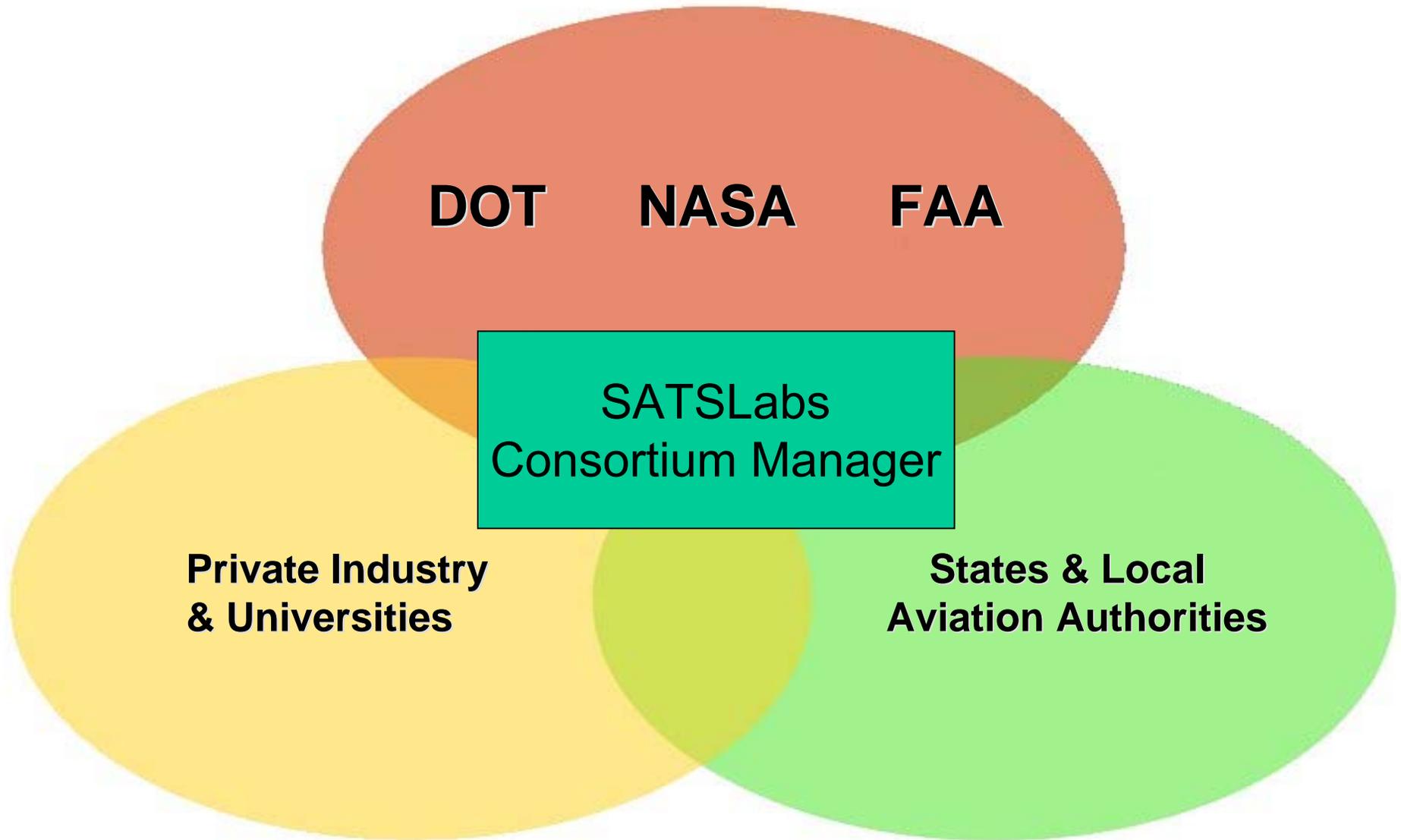




Collaboration

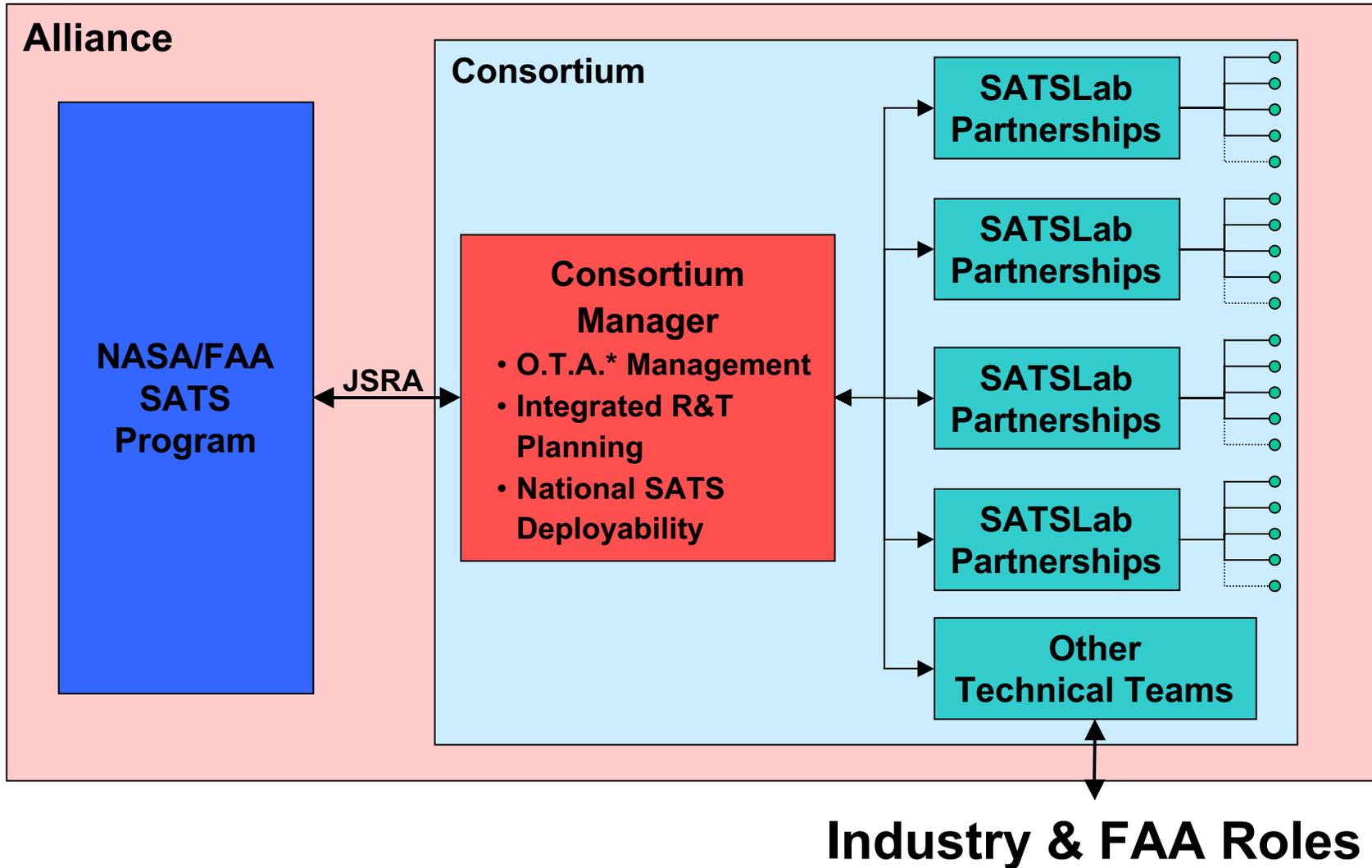
Public-Private

Federal-State-Local





Alliance Operations



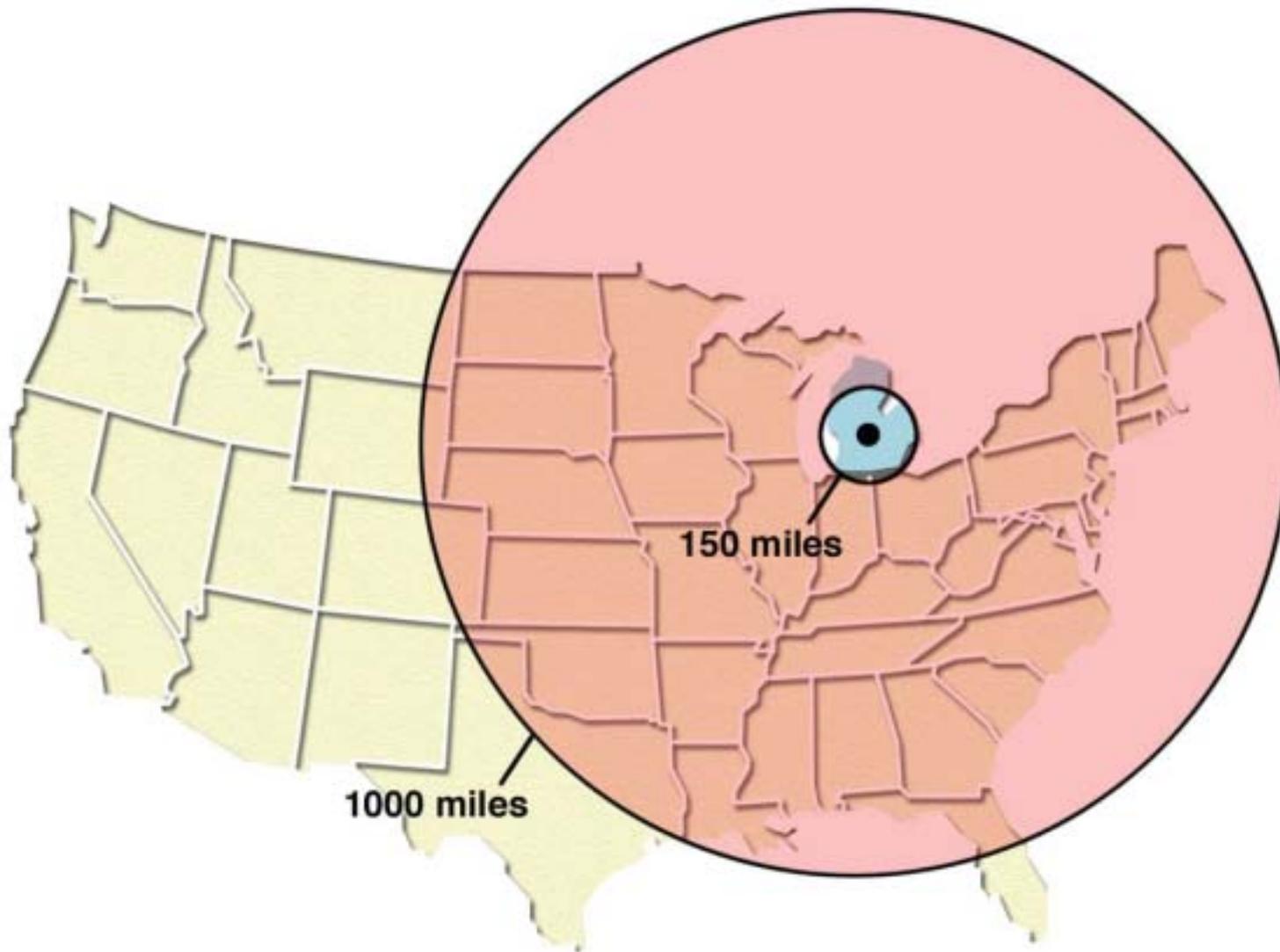
* Other Transaction Authorities (OTA business instruments require tailored design, implementation and management of intellectual property, financial procedures, governance, accounting and auditing.)

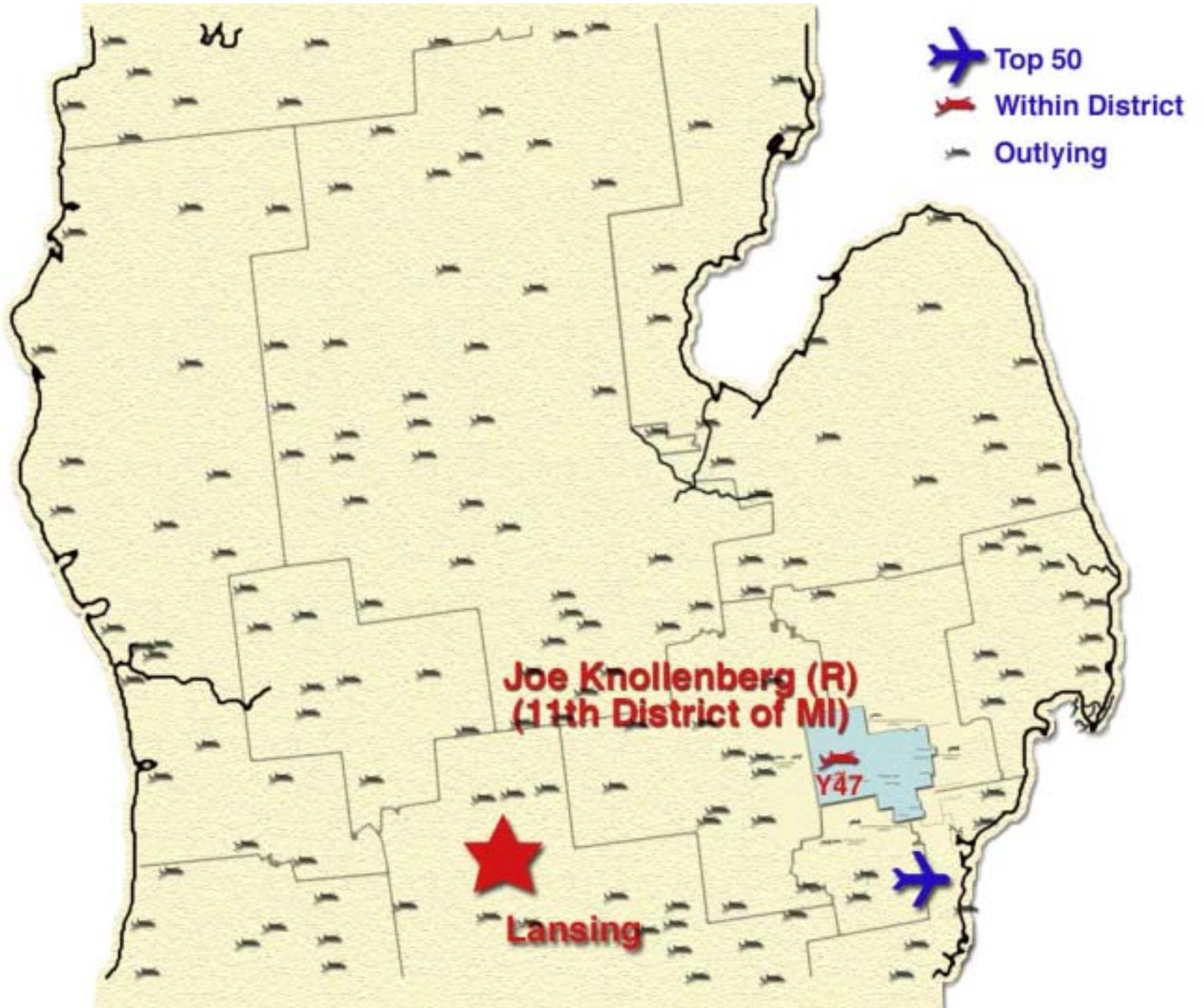


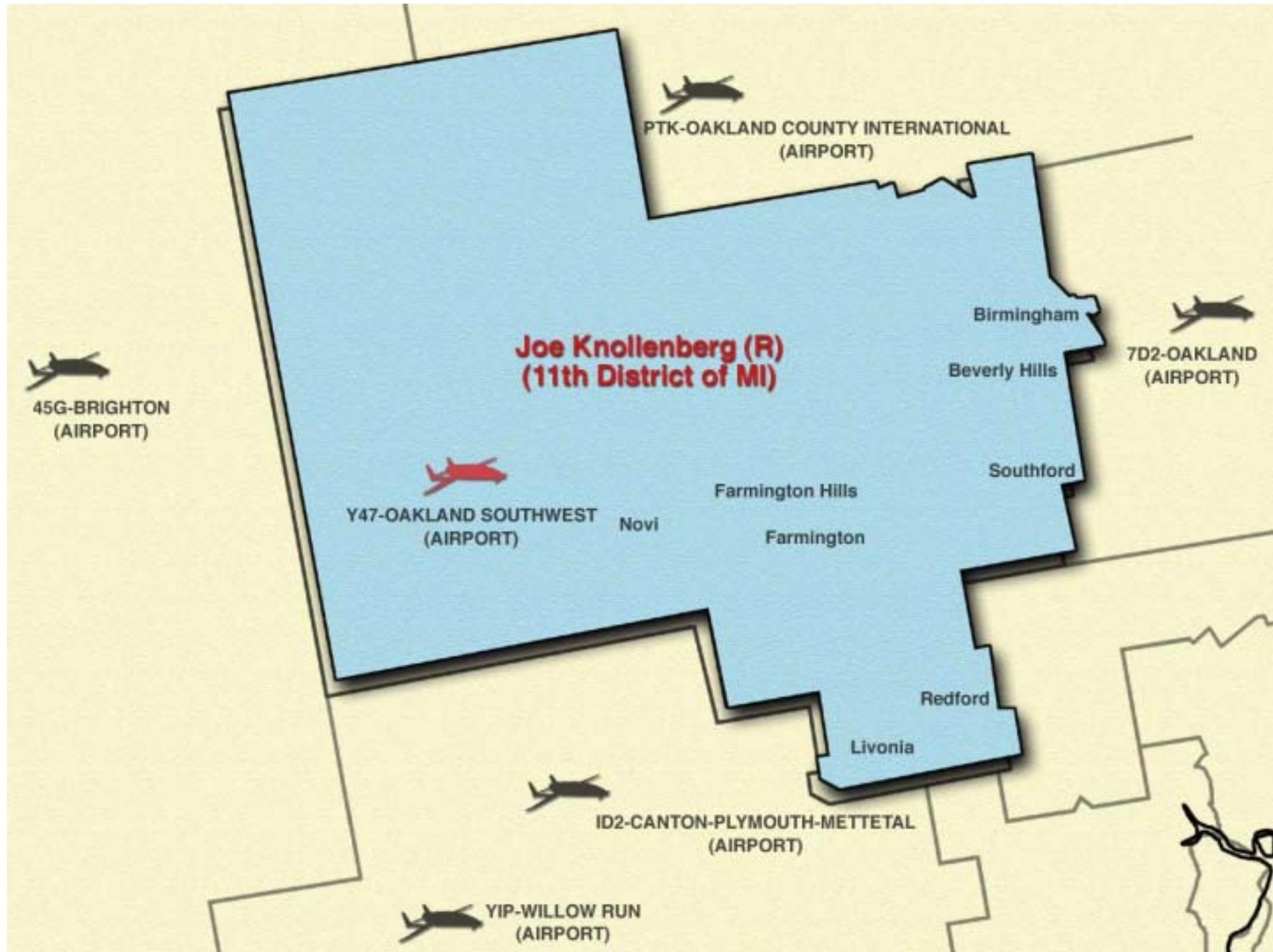
Summary

- **The NASA Blueprint provides the Administrator's technology strategy for SATS**
- **The leading indicators in the marketplace support the technology strategy**
- **SATS is a proof of concept R&D program, focused on reliable accessibility to thousands of destinations**
 - **Collaborative, cost-sharing public-private alliance**
 - **Flight experiments and simulations leading to a 2005 demonstration**
 - **State/local transportation authorities, policy-makers, and opinion leaders are the audience for the 2005 Demonstration**
 - **FAA plays a key role in translating SATS research outcomes for practical applications in the National Airspace System.**
 - **Industry plays a vital role in technology development, spearheading collaboration with FAA, and product development for SATS deployability**

SATS JET ONE DAY TRAVEL POTENTIAL







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PTK-OAKLAND COUNTY INTERNATIONAL
(AIRPORT)

7D2-OAKLAND
(AIRPORT)

45G-BRIGHTON
(AIRPORT)

Y47-OAKLAND SOUTHWEST
(AIRPORT)

Novi

Farmington Hills

Farmington

Birmingham

Beverly Hills

Southford

Redford

Livonia

ID2-CANTON-PLYMOUTH-METTETAL
(AIRPORT)

YIP-WILLOW RUN
(AIRPORT)

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