



# Overview FAA IT & ISS R&D: Security Today Security Tomorrow

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# Three FAA Mission Goals\*

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**Safety:** *Reduce fatal aviation accident rates by 80 percent in ten years*

**Security:** *Prevent security incidents in the aviation system*

**System Efficiency:** *Provide an aerospace transportation system that meets the needs of users and is efficient in applying resources*

\* FAA Strategic Plan



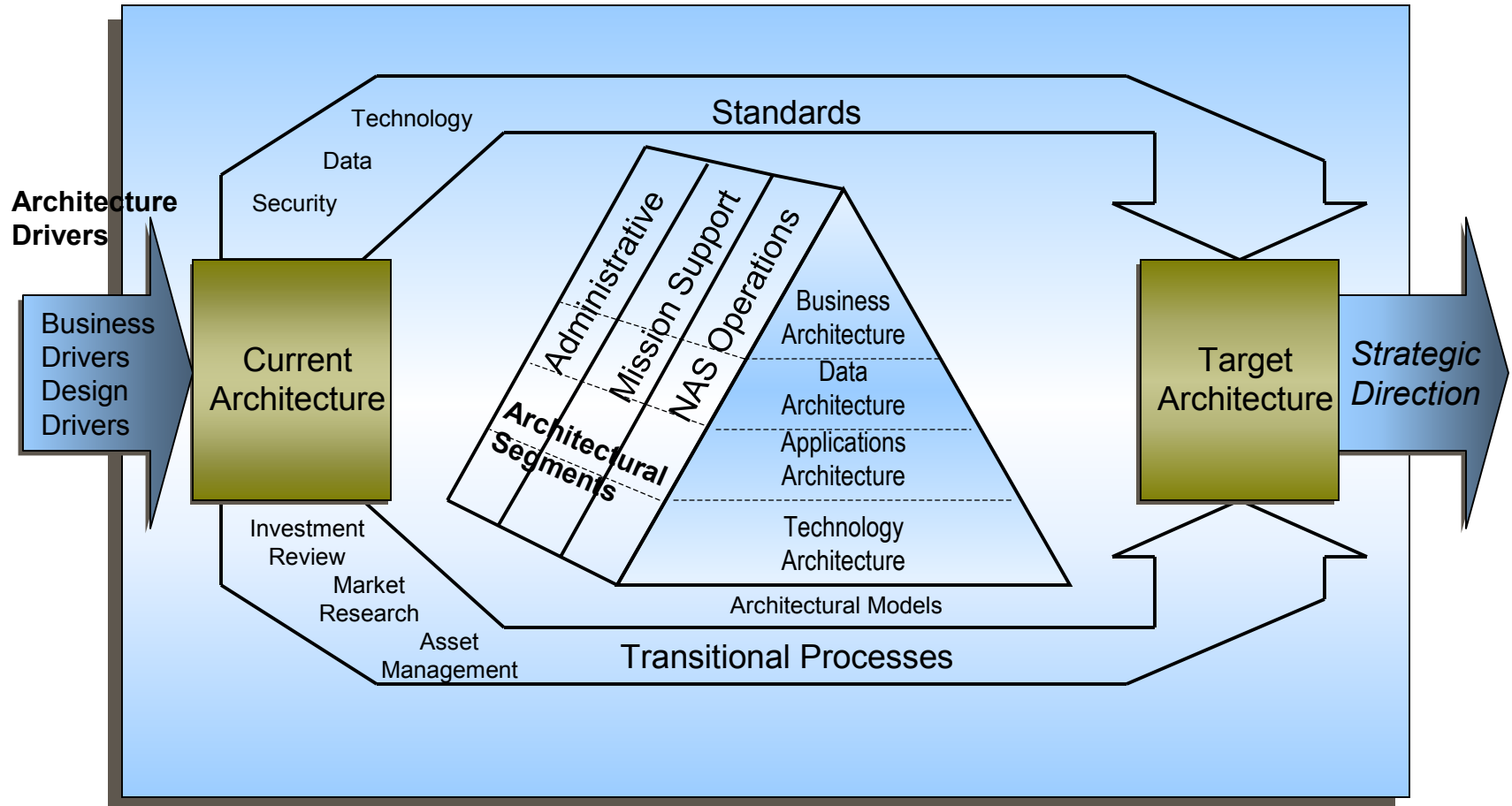
# Background: FAA...

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- **Is one of the largest civilian users of Information Technology**
- **Has growing demands for IT and system security**
- **Is responsible for security of a significant part of the Transportation Critical Infrastructure**
- **Must keep an eye to the future**
- **Must be aware of insider threats**
- **Needs Research and Development to meet its mission**



# Enterprise Architecture Framework Must understand the business architecture to secure the business





# What is Information Security?\*

- **Protecting information and information systems from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction in order to provide:**
  - **integrity, which means guarding against improper information modification or destruction, and includes ensuring information non-repudiation and authenticity;**
  - **confidentiality, which means preserving authorized restrictions on access and disclosure, including means for protecting personal privacy and proprietary information;**
  - **and availability, which means ensuring timely and reliable access to and use of information.**

**\* FISMA**



# The CIO wants the ability to:

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- **Know how well our assets are protected**
- **Know the effort/cost of providing security**
- **Maintain our security**
- **Identify the “observables” of pending attacks**
- **Reduce the attack surface**



# The CEO wants to know:

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- **How secure am I?**
- **Am I better off today than last year?**
- **Am I spending enough on security?**
- **What has my money accomplished?**
- **What's the value of my investment?**
- **What trends are we seeing?**
- **If I gave you \$x, how would you invest it?**



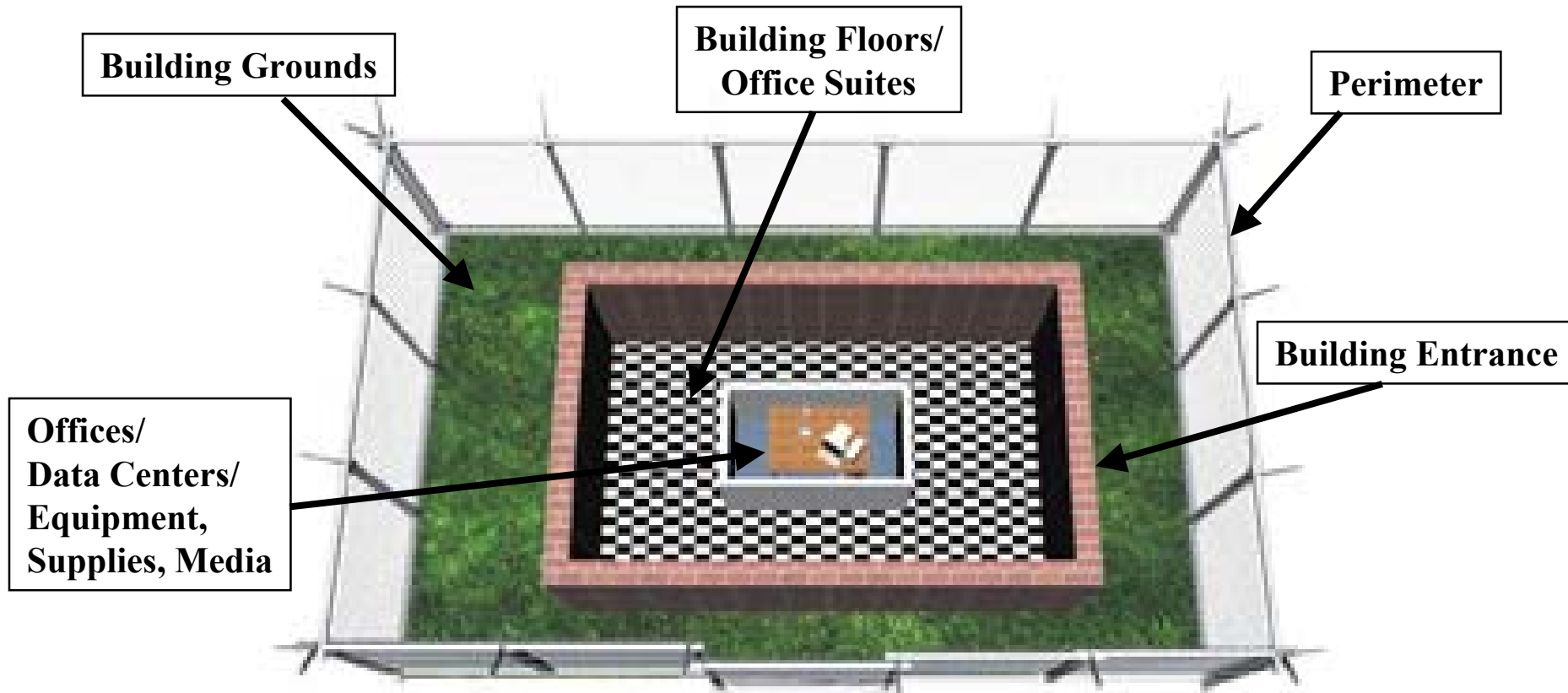
# Security Today at the FAA

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- **Operational Security: Integrity and Availability**
- **Mission Support Security: Confidentiality**
- **Office of Information Services and Chief Information Officer**
- **Chief Scientist for Information Technology**
- **Office of Information Systems Security**

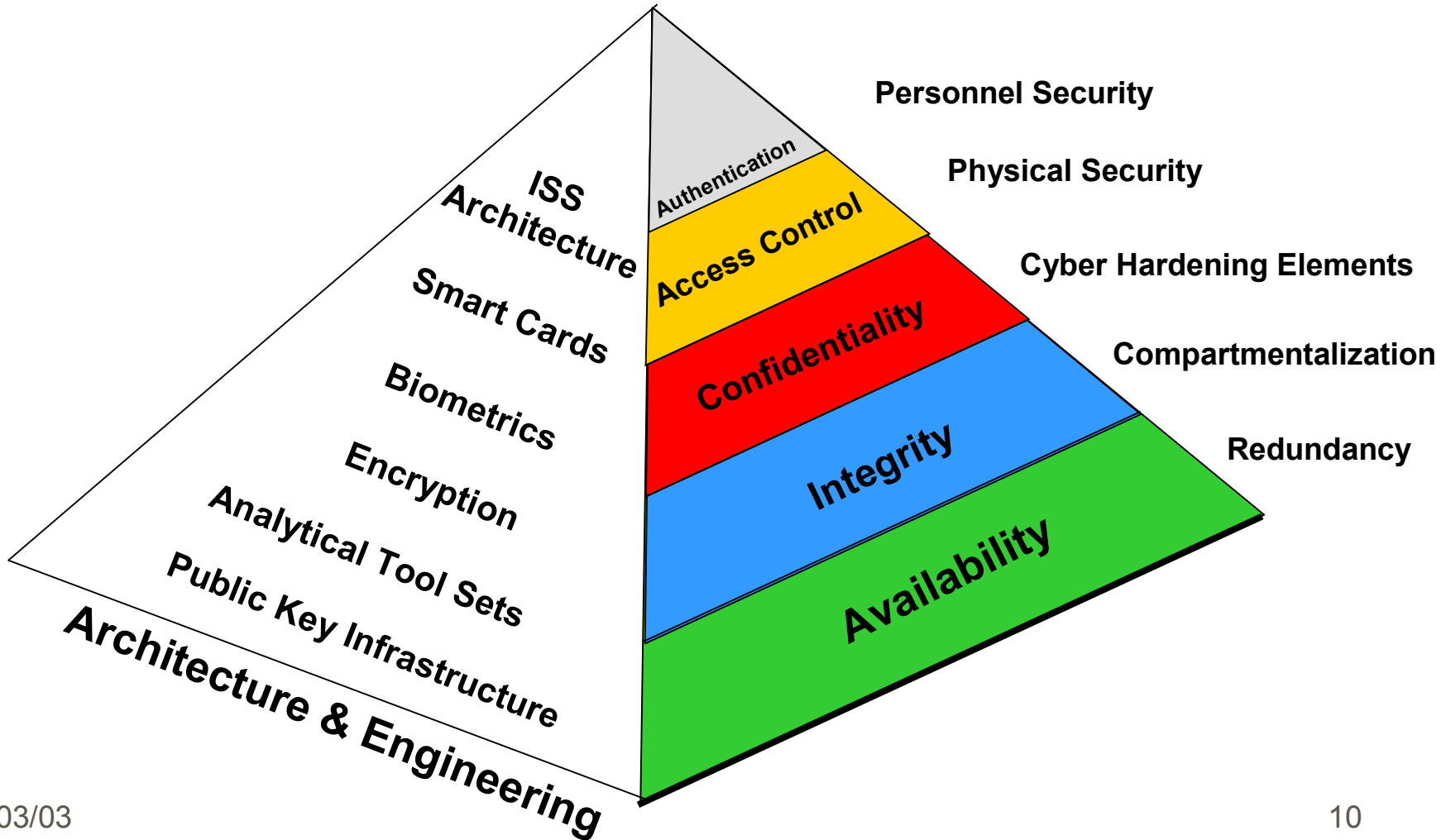


# Layered Defense Model





# FAA's 5 Layers of System Protection





## **CSIRC**

### **PREVENT**

Awareness and Training

Patches and Fixes

Vulnerability Testing

### **PROTECT**

Secure

Provide Alerts, Advisories,  
Bulletins

### **DETECT**

Monitor

Network with other  
CIRTS/CERTS

### **RESPOND**

Secure

Prevent

Block/Action

### **RECOVER**

Assist

Provide Fixes

### **SECURITY BREACH:**

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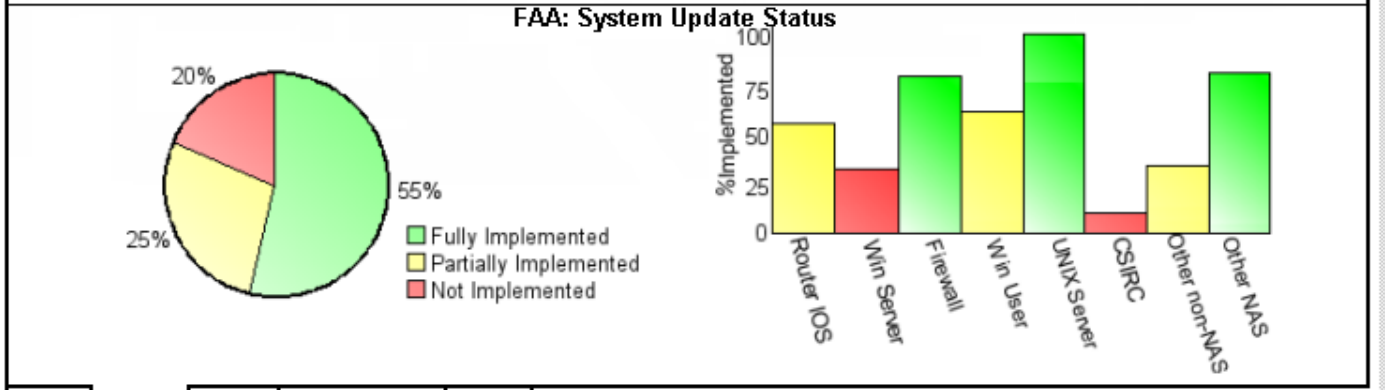
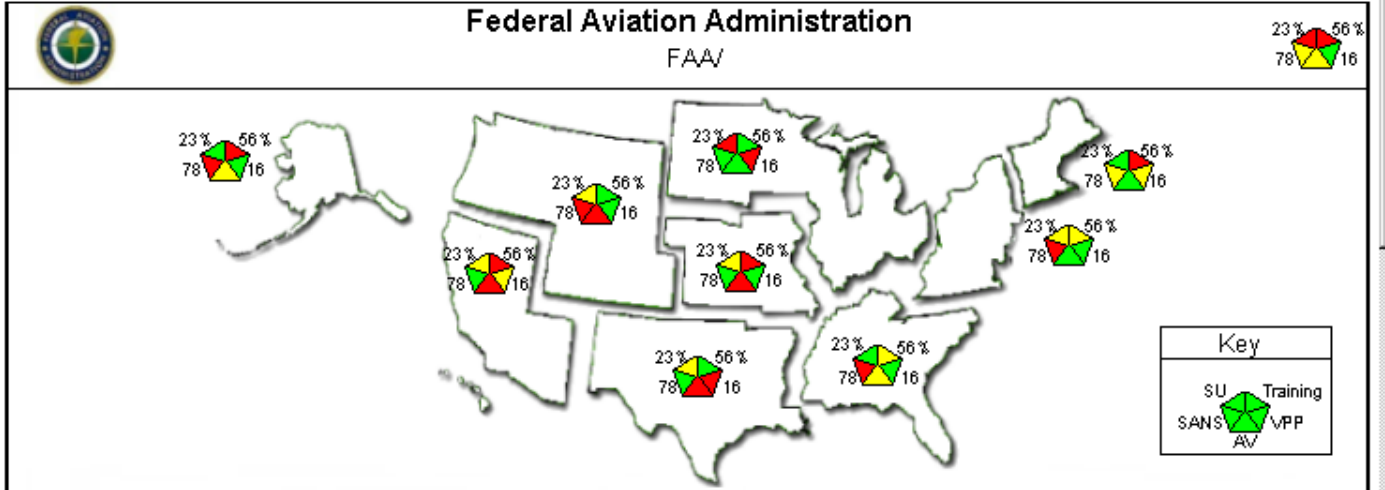
# FAA Computer Security Incident Response Center

Home AIO Intranet

Senior Exec Digital Dashboard CSIRC Information Portal Senior Exec Digital Dashboard HTML Maps New | Manage | Configure | Reset | ?

## Duty Officer Maps AV Executive Map

- FAA
  - Regions
    - Alaskan Region
    - Central Region (ACE)
    - Eastern Region (AEA)
    - Great Lakes Region (AGL)
    - New England Region (ANE)
    - Northwest Mountain Region (ANM)
    - Southern Region (ASO)
    - Southwest Region (ASW)
      - Systems
        - STARS
          - Resources
            - STARSServer
        - LOBs
      - Western Pacific Region (AWP)
      - Mike Monroney Aeronautical Cent
      - William J. Hughes Technical Cen
      - Center for Management Developm
    - LOBs
      - Headquarters Offices
      - Airports (ARP)
      - Air Traffic Services (ATS)
      - Civil Aviation Security (ACS)
      - Commercial Space Transportatio
      - Regulation and Certification (AVR)
      - Research and Acquisitions (ARA)



SANS Updates Training Vulnerabilities AV



# Security Tomorrow: Three Thrusts of R&D

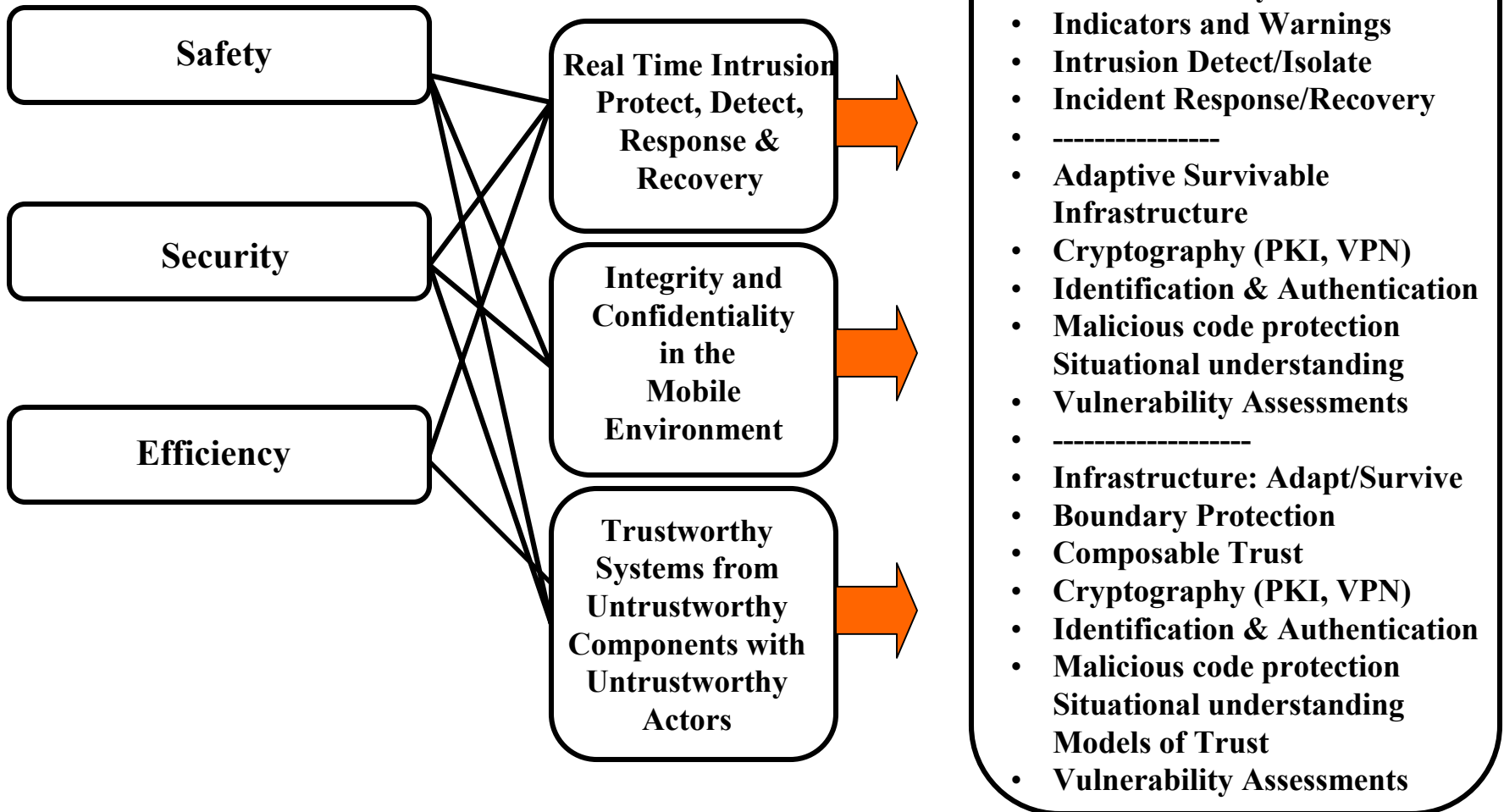
- **Real Time Intrusion Protect Detection, Response, & Recovery**
    - **To provide continuity of operations in the face of attacks to FAA systems**
  - **Integrity and Confidentiality in the Mobile Environment**
    - **Addresses the unique FAA mobile air-to-ground environment**
  - **Trustworthy Systems from Untrustworthy Components with Untrustworthy Actors**
    - **The theory and impact of trust on security architectures**
- These overlap to cover safety, security, and efficiency**

# FAA R&D Initiatives

## FAA Operational Goals

## R&D Focus Areas

## Technology Needs





# Real Time Intrusion Protect Detection, Response, & Recovery

- **Protect – keep abreast of changing threats, and mitigate vulnerabilities**
- **Detection – CSIRC monitors networks, LAN and System Administrators keep close watch on internal and external traffic**
- **Response – Team in place responds appropriately to intrusions with minimal impact to operations**
- **Recovery – Effective contingency and disaster recovery plans to resume normal operations and inhibit repeat attacks**



# **Integrity and Availability in the Mobile Environment**

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- **Collaborative R&D AFRL**
  - **Cyberwolf**
  - **DAIWatch**
  - **ATN IDS**
- **MIT Lincoln Labs/Natural Selection, Inc.**



# FAA In-House Tool Development for Improving Security Analyst Effectiveness

What assets am I protecting?



**LanScape**

Am I under widespread attack?



**ATRaCT**

Who is probing me “below my radar”?



**Stethoscope**

Which alerts are most important?



**Alert Prioritizer**

- Three prototype tools successfully deployed at the FAA CSIRC
  - LanScape:** Passively builds map of network assets (e.g., servers, services)
  - ATRaCT:** Detects alert trend changes
  - Stethoscope:** Detects slow, stealthy scans
- Ongoing R&D likely to result in FY04 **Alert Prioritizer** prototype tool
  - Detects successful (vs. attempted) attacks; dramatically reduces alert volumes
  - Detects anomalies to find novel attacks (exploits elliptical basis functions and evolutionary computation)



# **Integrity and Availability in the Mobile Environment**

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- **Integrity and Availability in an mobile environment addresses Air-Ground, wireless networks, LANs using diversity, public key infrastructure (PKI), and other technologies to reduce vulnerabilities**
- **Must concentrate on both RF and IR vulnerabilities**
- **Initial focus on CPDLC and airports**



# **Trustworthy Systems from Untrustworthy Components using Untrustworthy Actors**

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- **Develop a (continuous/staged) model of trust**
- **Quarantine & Forensics**
- **Impacts on ISSA**



# Summary Slide

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- **There is no silver bullet**
- **Prioritization is the key to successful design**
- **Security must be dynamic and forward thinking**
- **We must maintain current vigilance while researching the world of tomorrow**