National Aeronautics and Space Administration



### Environmentally Responsible Aviation N+2 Advanced Vehicle Concepts NRA Status



# NASA's Subsonic Transport System Level Metrics



.... Innovative technology for dramatically reducing noise, emissions and fuel burn

CORNERS OF THE TRADE SPACE	N+1 = 2015*** Technology Benefits Relative To a Single Aisle Reference Configuration	N+2 = 2020*** Technology Benefits Relative To a Large Twin Aisle Reference Configuration	N+3 = 2025*** Technology Benefits
Noise (cum below Stage 4)	-32 dB	-42 dB	-71 dB
LTO NO <sub>x</sub> Emissions (below CAEP 6)	-60%	-75%	better than -75%
Performance: Aircraft Fuel Burn	-33%	-50%**	better than -70%
Performance: Field Length	-33%	-50%	exploit metro-plex* concepts

\*\*\*Technology Readiness Level for key technologies = 4-6. ERA will undertake a time phased approach, TRL 6 by 2015 for "long-pole" technologies

\*\* RECENTLY UPDATED. Additional gains may be possible through operational improvements

\* Concepts that enable optimal use of runways at multiple airports within the metropolitan area





Technical input from Fundamental Programs, NRAs, Industry, Academia, Other Gov't Agencies

## Where did the numbers come from? Fuel Burn - Technology Readiness 2020



Technology Benefits Relative to Large Twin Aisle (Reference: 777-200LR "like" Vehicle)



Reference Fuel Burn = 279,800 lbs

### **Progress – Propulsion Airframe Aeroacoustics** Tube and Wing/Hybrid Wing Body/SOA Engine (2009/10)



### **N+2 Advanced Vehicle Concepts NRA**



- The Study
  - Twelve months in duration
  - Five tasks
    - Tasks 1-4 relate to a full sized concept
    - Task 5 relates to a subscale testbed vehicle
  - \$10.9M total awarded to three teams
- 2 Options
  - 50/50 cost share required, up to two awards, 17 months duration
  - Option 1
    - Preliminary design of subscale testbed
    - NASA share: up to \$12.5M per team
  - Option 2
    - Testing to reduce risk / increase confidence of preliminary design
    - NASA share: up to \$10M total

# Task 1

- Future Scenario
  - What does the world that you are designing to look like?
    - Formation flight?
    - What are your assumptions that are driving your design?
  - What is the NextGen scenario in 2025 that you are designing to?
    - What level of completion is NextGen at?
  - What is the interplay between your concept and NextGen?
    - How would you like NextGen to be tweaked to accommodate your PSC?





# Task 2



- Develop a M = 0.7 <u>0.85</u> conceptual design of a 2025 EIS subsonic transport that simultaneously meets the Noise, Emissions and Fuel Burn goals
- Design Mission



• Provide concept data packages for all designs

# Tasks 3 & 4



- Technology Maturation Plans (TMP's)
  - 15 year Roadmap for each of the critical technologies
    - Key research, analyses, tool and method development
    - Necessary ground and flight tests
  - Starting and ending TRL & SRL
  - Cost, schedule and technical outcome
  - Useful for advocacy beyond ERA Project timeframe
  - "Is the problem physics, or is it money?"
- FY 2013 2015 Critical Technology Demonstrations
  - Long poles, enabling technologies, or first victories
  - Scalability beyond PSC

Airframe

– Sorted by:

- Integrated Propulsion/Airframe
- Propulsion
  Subscale Testbed
- How to de-scope from deluxe to bare bones (cost, complexity, schedule, risk)
- Provides guidance to Phase II of ERA Project

# Task 5



- Conceptual Design of a Subscale Testbed Vehicle (STV)
- Proposal for completing Preliminary Design of the STV
- <u>ROM</u> cost and schedule for completing design, construction and initial flight testing of the STV
- STV requirements
  - Same configuration as the PSC
  - Same Mach and cruise speed as PSC
  - Retractable Landing Gear
  - Sufficient scale to demonstrate noise, emissions & fuel burn goals
    - Notionally ~ 50% or larger
  - Adaptable for future modifications
    - Engines
    - To demonstrate UAS in the NAS technologies
  - Projected 20 year research life

#### **Schedule** 2010 2011 Aug Sep Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Oct Nov Dec **Contract Start** Option 1 Award Down Select Kick-Off 3 Month TIM PSC **Final Presentations** Conceptual Review Design Review Public, Location: TBD





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- The Lockheed Martin ERA design is a non-traditional "Box Wing" concept for improved structural and aerodynamic efficiency.
- It incorporates advanced technologies in the areas of:
  - advanced propulsion for significant fuel burn and noise reduction
  - new light weight materials
  - laminar wing aerodynamics
  - other efficiency technologies
- The concept is envisioned to integrate into existing airport infrastructure without significant changes and to provide a passenger experience consistent with the best of today's airliners.

#### **Northrop Grumman**





Innovative Configurations and Technologies Frable Efficient Long-Endurance Performance Systems





- Technologies and configurations that improve energy efficiency are beneficial to both military and civil aircraft
  - Civil or military applications only become important in the integration of the technologies
  - Application can affect the degree of benefit the system sees from a particular technology
- Technologies and configurations that improve energy efficiency generally work in one of three ways
  - Reducing drag
  - Reducing weight
  - Increasing efficiency of propulsion systems
- Reductions in drag and weight, and increases in efficiency of propulsion systems are just as applicable to civil aircraft as military aircraft

# Boeing





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- Boeing's Blended Wing Body (BWB) proposal takes advantage of the improved L/D of the BWB platform, and will use many of the technologies that have previously been identified with the BWB:
  - PRSEUS lightweight, damage arresting composite structure
  - Laminar flow
  - Acoustic shielding inherent in the configuration
  - Proven low speed flight controls
  - High efficiency, new technology engines
- Boeing's study will investigate both geared turbo fans and open rotors



