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## IETF 107

# Drone Remote Identification Protocol (DRIP) WG

formerly Trustworthy Multipurpose Remote Identification (TM-RID) BoF

**Background/Context & Use Cases ⇒ draft-card-drip-reqs**

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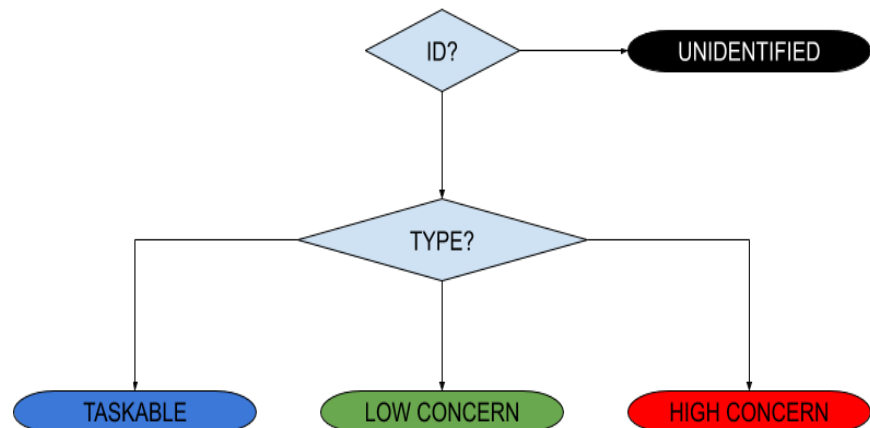
Identify & track [cooperative] [dangerous]  
[mobile] physical objects

# Some acronyms (sorry, mostly use case related)

- UA: Unmanned Aircraft (“drone”)
- GCS: Ground Control Station (pilot uses to operate UA)
- UAS: Unmanned Aircraft System (UA + GCS)
  
- USS: UAS Service Supplier
- SDSP: Supplemental Data Service Provider
- UTM: UAS Traffic Management (distributed system inc. many USS, SDSP, etc., hoped to scale better than humans using voice comms for Air Traffic Control [ATC])
- UVR: UAS Volume Reservation (temporary no-fly zone for most operators)
- UAS RID: UAS Remote Identification [&Tracking]
  
- SDO: Standards Development Organization
- ASTM: ASTM International, formerly American Society for Testing and Materials (SDO)
- CTA: Consumer Technology Association (SDO)
- CAA: Civil Aviation Authority (regulator)
- EASA: European Union Aviation Safety Agency (CAA)
- FAA: United States Federal Aviation Administration (CAA)
- NPRM: Notice of Proposed Rule Making
  
- PII: Personally Identifiable Information (more generally, information to be kept private)
- AAA: Attestation, Authentication, Authorization, Access Control, Accounting, Attribution, Audit

# UAS Remote ID is Critical for UTM

- Observing UA at a particular location, need to learn WHO (ID)
  - Using that ID, observer can look up WHAT, WHY, “friendly”, etc.
- Relevant for many entities for various reasons
  - Air Traffic Control (ATC), Public Safety Officials, Homeland Security, General Public, Private Security Personnel, Drone Operators...
  - Vehicle to Infrastructure (V2I) + Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V) = V2X
  - Command & Control (C2) of UA
  - coordinated separation / collision avoidance / Detect And Avoid (DAA)
  - payload mission...
- Trust begins with identity
  - So identity needs to be trustworthy!

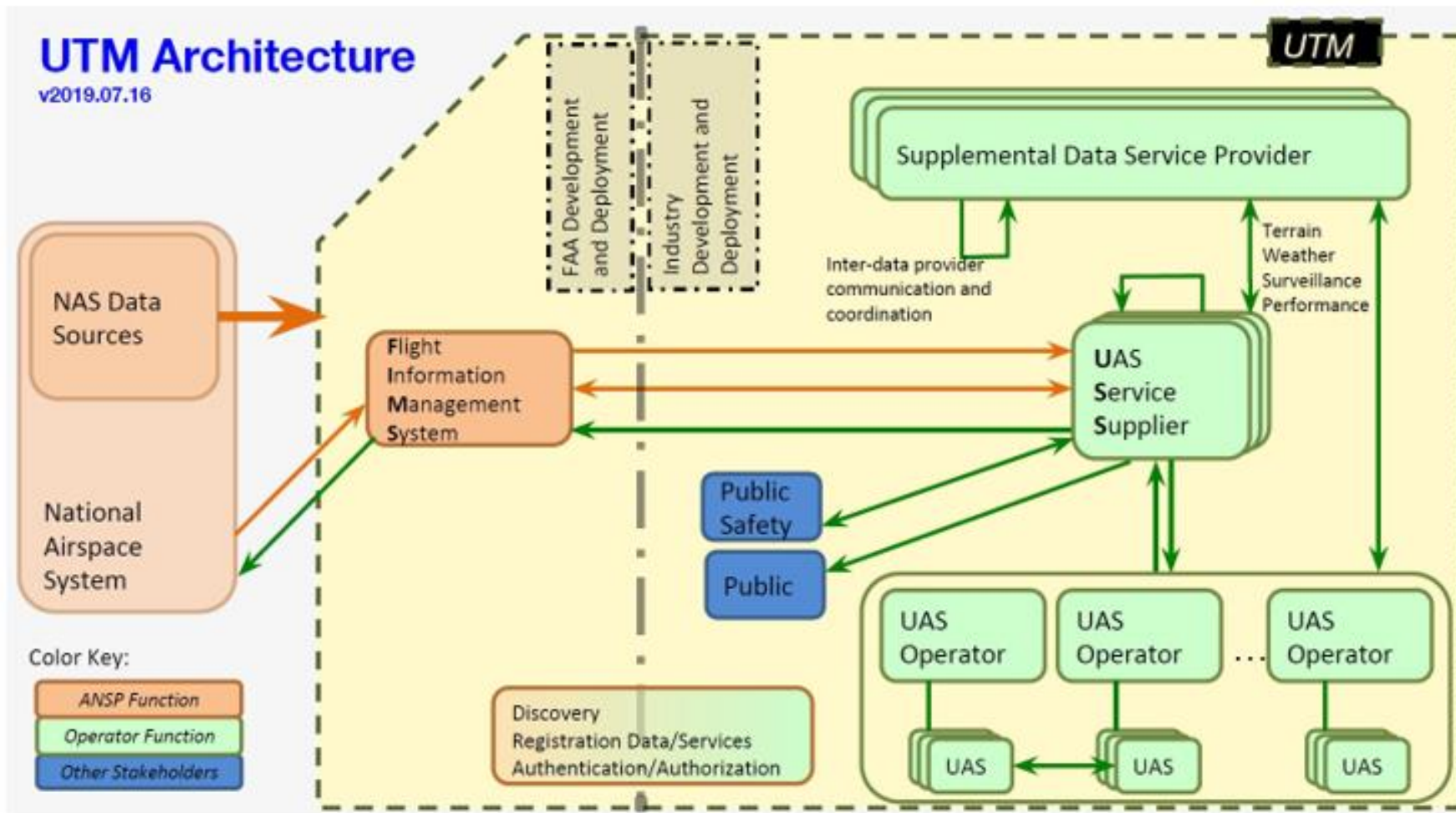


# Complex, rapidly evolving environment...

- Constituent systems/technologies in loosely coupled development – RID, DAA, V2X, Comm Protocols/Radios/Spectrum...
- UTM is a moving target... but we still need to hit it...
  - 2 architectures still being debated – federated vs global
  - USS Discovery & Synch. Service – most current USS prototypes don't yet interoperate
  - SDSPs – no standardized interface
  - Flight Priority/Deconfliction – not well defined
  - Government / Public Safety Access & Priority – required, but unspecified
  - Operator & UAS registries/databases – unaddressed
  - Information Sharing – InterUSS protocol defined, but who can share what with whom...
- Cybersecurity, Access Control & Trust Frameworks – still being defined
  - International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Trust Framework (IATF) / Global Resilient Aviation Interoperable Network (GRAIN)
- Urban/Advanced Air Mobility (UAM, AAM: think robotic air taxi) requirements – just beginning to be considered...

# FAA UTM Pilot Project 2 (UPP2) Architecture

(DRIP must fit here as well as in EU equivalent)

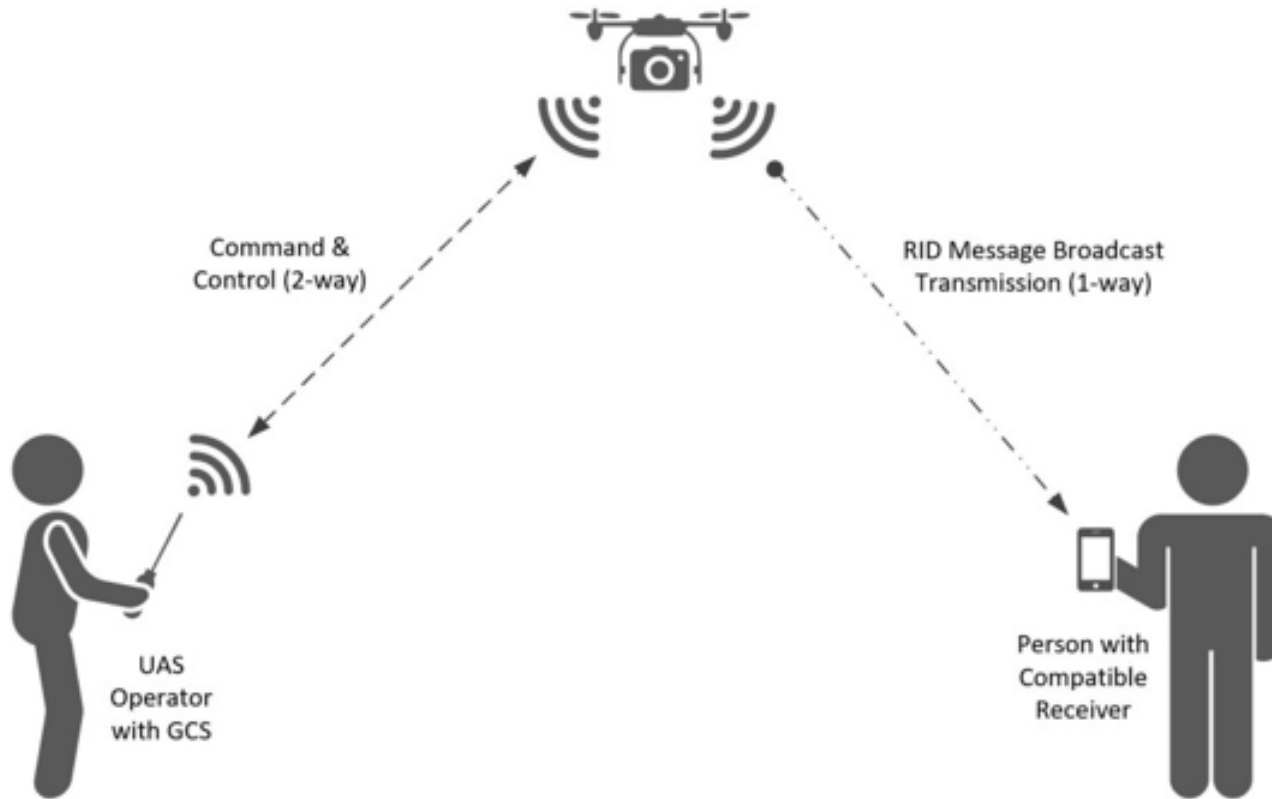


**Figure 4-1: Notional Architecture**

# ASTM F3411-19 Standard Specification for Remote ID and Tracking (1<sup>st</sup> version from F38.02 WK65041)

- Focused on message formatting & performance in Remote ID
- Broadcast RID
  - Direct from UA to observer device (data link, not network)
  - Bluetooth 4/5 & Wi-Fi w/Neighbor Awareness Networking (NAN)
    - “selected for compatibility with commonly carried hand-held devices”
    - BT4 Advertisement beacon payload limit of 25 bytes (24 usable)
  - Broadcast always while in flight
- Network RID
  - Typically LTE
  - Net-RID Service Provider (NETSP)
    - UTM USS to which the UAS is subscribed
    - Receives, stores & answers NETDP queries re: UAS ID, location, etc.
  - Net-RID Display Provider (NETDP)
    - Aggregates info from multi NETSP
    - Provides picture of airspace volume in response to client queries
    - May or may not itself be a USS
  - Uses JSON / RestAPI to exchange information
- Security methods punted to implementors, only framing specified

# UPP2 Use Case 4



**Figure 9-2: Remote ID Message Transmission via Broadcast**

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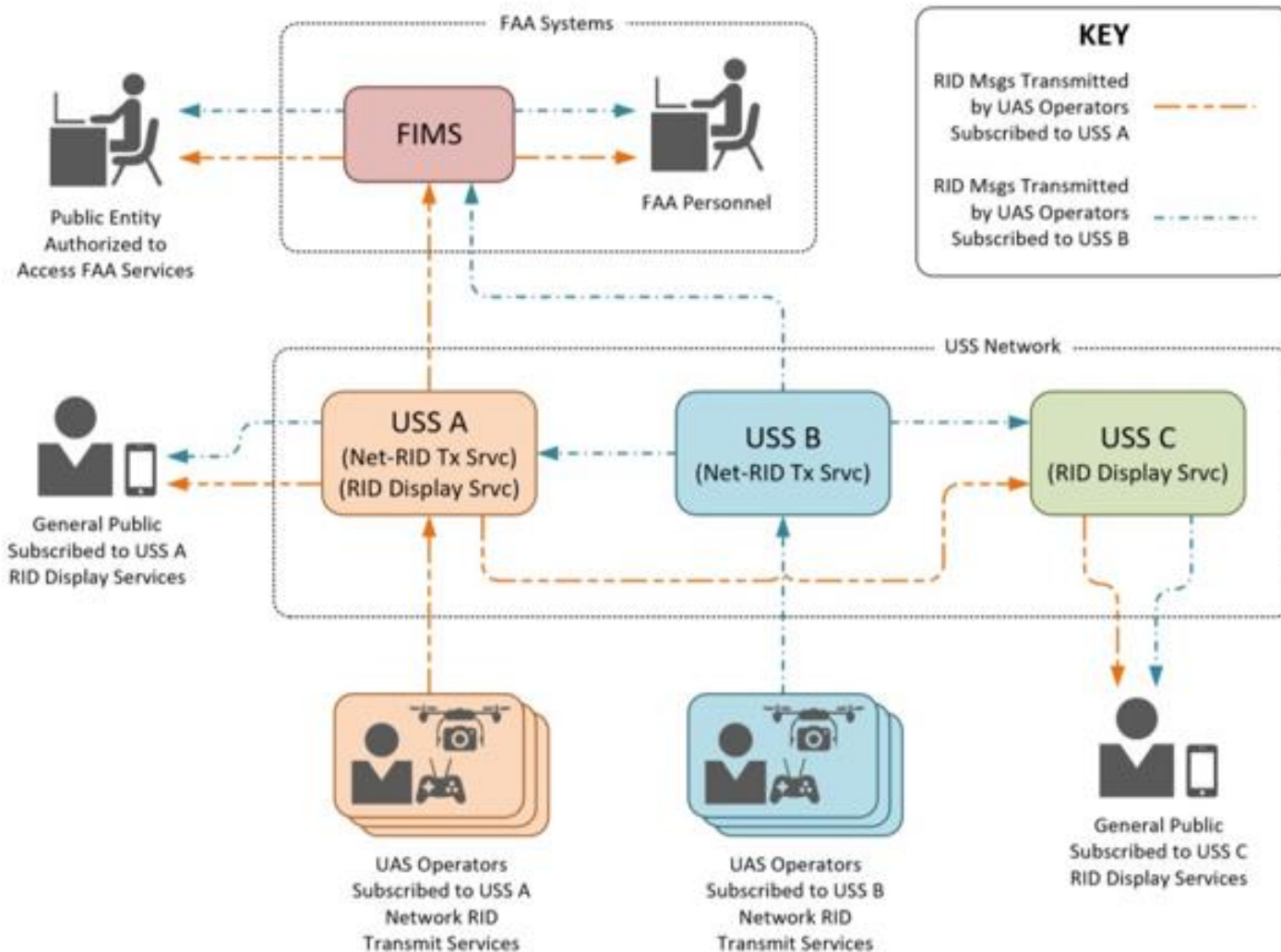


Figure 9-1: Remote ID Message Transmission via Network Publication Flow



# Regulations vs Industry Consensus Standards

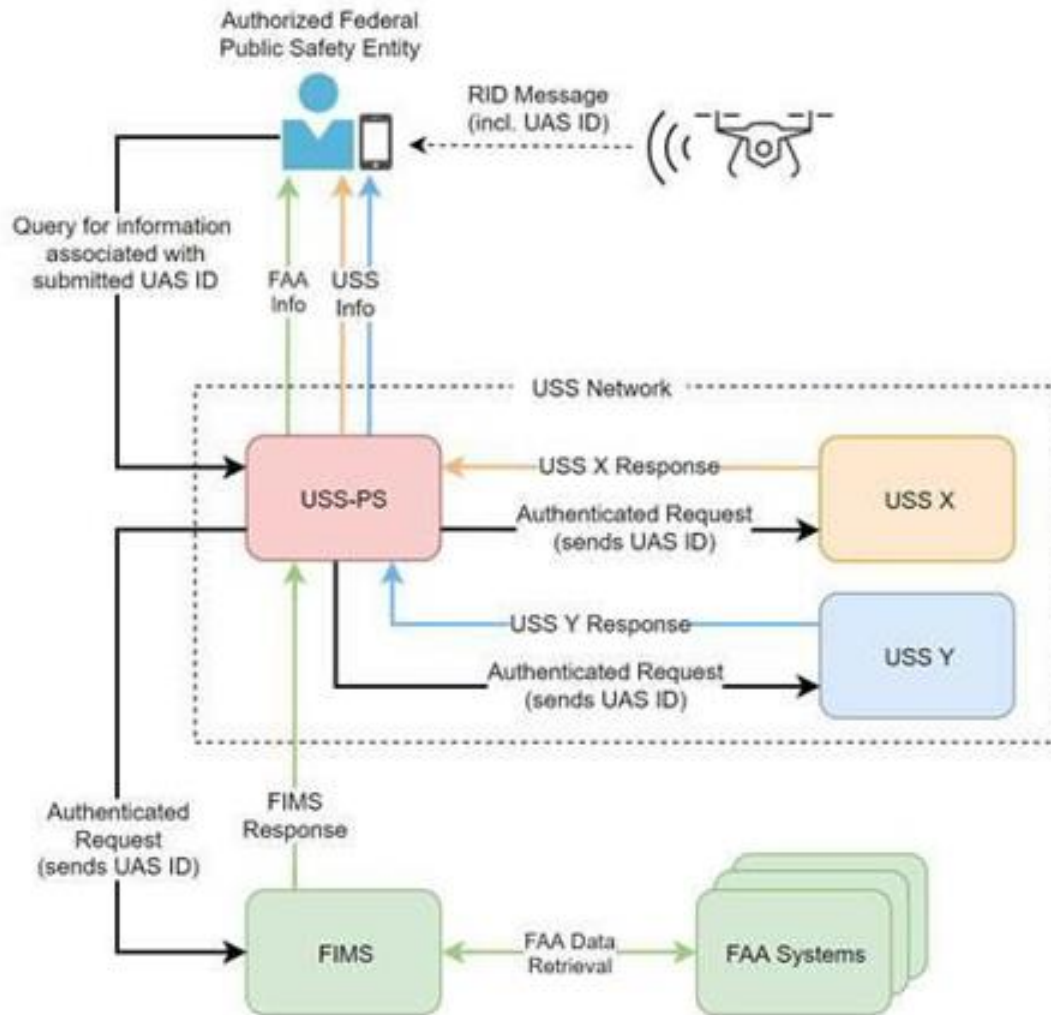
- Overall they are intended to complement each other
  - EASA, FAA, *et al* rules mandate what must be done & performance requirements
  - ASTM *et al* technical specifications detail one or more means that might be used
  - Regulators may designate industry standards as “accepted means of compliance”, relieving operators who buy gear whose manufacturers assert they follow such standards from each having to prove their own compliance
- Slightly different terminology, e.g.
  - FAA NPRM “Remote ID USS” == ASTM “Net-RID Service Provider”
  - FAA NPRM “Session ID” which could be an ASTM “UTM Assigned ID” == UUIDv4
- Acceptability of tech spec options vary per regulators, e.g. ASTM F3411-19 UAS ID Types
  - Type 1: Manufacturer assigned Hardware Serial # per ANSI/CTA-1063-A: required by EASA; allowed by FAA
  - Type 2: CAA assigned ID (e.g. aircraft registration number): not allowed by either
  - Type 3: not allowed by EASA; “randomly-generated alphanumeric code that is used only for one flight”) Session ID encouraged by FAA (p. 21, NPRM)
- Stakeholder needs recognized by regulators will influence standards that manufacturers will follow in producing aircraft & ground systems that will remain in use for many years

## Regulations & Means of Compliance: Industry “Consensus” Standards

	<b>ASTM Broadcast RID Bluetooth/WiFi direct from UA</b>	<b>ASTM Network RID Internet from UAS (UA or GCS)</b>
<b>EASA</b> Europe likely to influence rest of world outside N. America	<b>Pilot/GCS &amp; UA locations UA serial # (manufacturer assigned)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>FAA NPRM Limited RID</b> Small UA, Visual Line of Sight (V-LOS) within 400' of pilot	<b>prohibited</b>	<b>Pilot/GCS location only UA serial # or 1-time session ID</b>
<b>FAA NPRM Standard RID</b>	<b>Pilot/GCS &amp; UA locations UA serial # or 1-time session ID</b>	<b>Pilot/GCS &amp; UA locations UA serial # or 1-time session ID</b>

- NPRM says RID is an enabler of DAA, V2X, etc.;  
but ASTM F38.02 says RID is just RID.
- NPRM calls for error correction;  
but ASTM F3411-19 does not specify any.
- NPRM calls for cybersecurity to protect integrity & authenticity;  
but ASTM F3411-19 specifies only the framing of authentication data.
- Everyone says protect operator privacy;  
but pilot/GCS location is broadcast in the clear &  
no one specifies how to protect PII in registries...

# UPP2 Use Case 5



**Figure 10-1: Direct Query to FAA and USS Network**

# 1. DRIP General Requirements

1. verify that messages originated from the claimed sender
2. verify that the UAS ID is in a registry & identify which one
3. lookup, from the UAS ID, public information
4. lookup, w/AAA, per policy, private information
5. structure information for both human & machine readability
6. provision registries with
  1. static information on the UAS & its Operator / Pilot In Command / Remote Pilot
  2. dynamic information on its current operation within the UTM
  3. Internet direct contact information for services related to the foregoing
7. close the AAA-policy registry loop by
  1. governing AAA per registered policies
  2. administering policies only via AAA
8. dynamically establish, w/AAA, per policy, E2E strongly encrypted communications w/the UAS RID sender & entities looked up from the UAS ID, inc. the GCS & USS

It is highly desirable that Broadcast RID receivers also be able to stamp messages with accurate date/time received and receiver location, then relay them to a network service (e.g. distributed ledger), *inter alia* for correlation to assess sender & receiver veracity.

## 2. DRIP UAS Identifier Requirements

1. 20 bytes or smaller
  2. sufficient to identify a registry in which the UAS is listed
  3. sufficient to enable lookup of other data in that registry
  4. unique within a to-be-defined scope
  5. non-spoofable within the context of Remote ID broadcast messages (some collection of messages provides proof of UA ownership of ID)
- A DRIP UAS ID MUST NOT facilitate adversarial correlation of UAS operational patterns; this may be accomplished e.g. by limiting each identifier to a single use, but if so, the UAS ID MUST support defined scalable timely registration methods.
  - Mechanisms standardized in DRIP WG MUST be capable of proving ownership of a claimed UAS ID, and SHOULD be capable of doing so immediately on an observer device lacking Internet connectivity at the time of observation.
  - Mechanisms standardized in DRIP WG MUST be capable of verifying that messages claiming to have been sent from a UAS with a given UAS ID indeed came from the claimed sender.

# DRIP Intro Recap



- Important: need means to identify nearby observed Unmanned Aircraft (UA)  
complicated by small size, hi speed (relative to size), remote operation, autonomy...
- Urgent
  - EASA (EU) regulations already issued, become effective July 01
  - FAA (US) NPRM comment period ended March 02, final rules expected in 1 year
  - Manufacturers will build to regs, locking in {good|bad} design for at least life of aircraft!
- Initial ASTM F3411-19 standard falls short in making information *immediately actionable*:
  - trustworthy
  - show whether operator is trusted, even if observer lacks Internet connectivity
  - enable instant Observer to Pilot & M2M secure comms, if endpoints have IP connectivity
- Aviators familiar w/radio comms, not networking; IETF can help
  - leverage existing Internet businesses/services/infrastructure/protocols (e.g. WHOIS/RDAP, EPP, DNS)
  - strengthen authentication, balance operator privacy w/genuine Need To Know
  - generalize to support V2X, C2, self-separation, collision avoidance, mission...
  - extend w/Broadcast->Network gateways & multilateration for tracks independent of self-reports
- (UA physical location : UA ID) ~ (host logical location (IP) : host ID)  
we have prototyped & flown a HIP based extension to OpenDroneID at the NY UAS Test Site
- **We need your help: reviewers, authors, implementers, testers...**