— Breakout Session Summary —

Collaboration & Standards

Session #9C Session Chair: Peter Shames NASA / JPL

Session Goals

- Identify benefits of collaboration to develop standards
- Clarify incentives for developing standards
- Understand barriers and problems from organizational point of view
- Identify standards issues that could usefully be tackled

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Key Points - Barriers

- Standards are for the next guys, not us
- Need industry to pick up the ball on standards, but industry needs customer "pull" and \$\$\$
- We are all solving the same problems, over and over again
- Funding, timing, and loss of control are barriers to use / development of standards
- Certification is a major problem
- Large vendors don't want standards, small ones can't afford to support development
- Hard to get govt acceptance of standards

Conclusions

- Stakeholder involvement in standards forum is essential, govt, civil, and commercial partners, each must benefit
- Need to consider "branding", certification, independent validation process
- A standard reference architecture or framework with identified interoperability points is required to understand how pieces fit together
- Need "architecture board" to hold vision and ensure consistency and integration
- Functional elements in most approaches are very similar, but need to clarity boundaries and terms
- Standards must be validated, demoed, and have reference implementations made freely available