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To Jim Huddle, BoG VP-Technical

Subject: Systems Engineering Panel BoG Activity Report

Conversations were had between the AIAA DATC and the Systems Engineering Panel on DASC planning. An open issue is the 2006 DASC. A "Findings" Committee has been established by several AIAA and IEEE AESS members to investigate Alaska as a potential site for the 26th DASC.

A number of discussions have been held with ITS individuals regarding the relationship between avionics/ATM and avionics/ITS. It appears that there are close and mutually beneficial technology and goal relationships. These are being explored further in order to expand the scope of the applications of systems engineering principals in the commercial and defense worlds and find commonality. The undersigned has personally visited Ford's Visteon Plant that makes Ford's vehicle electronics. We are finding that the aerospace world (e.g., Boeing) is copying automotive technical and business technologies and processes and vice versa.

Paul Gartz, Chair