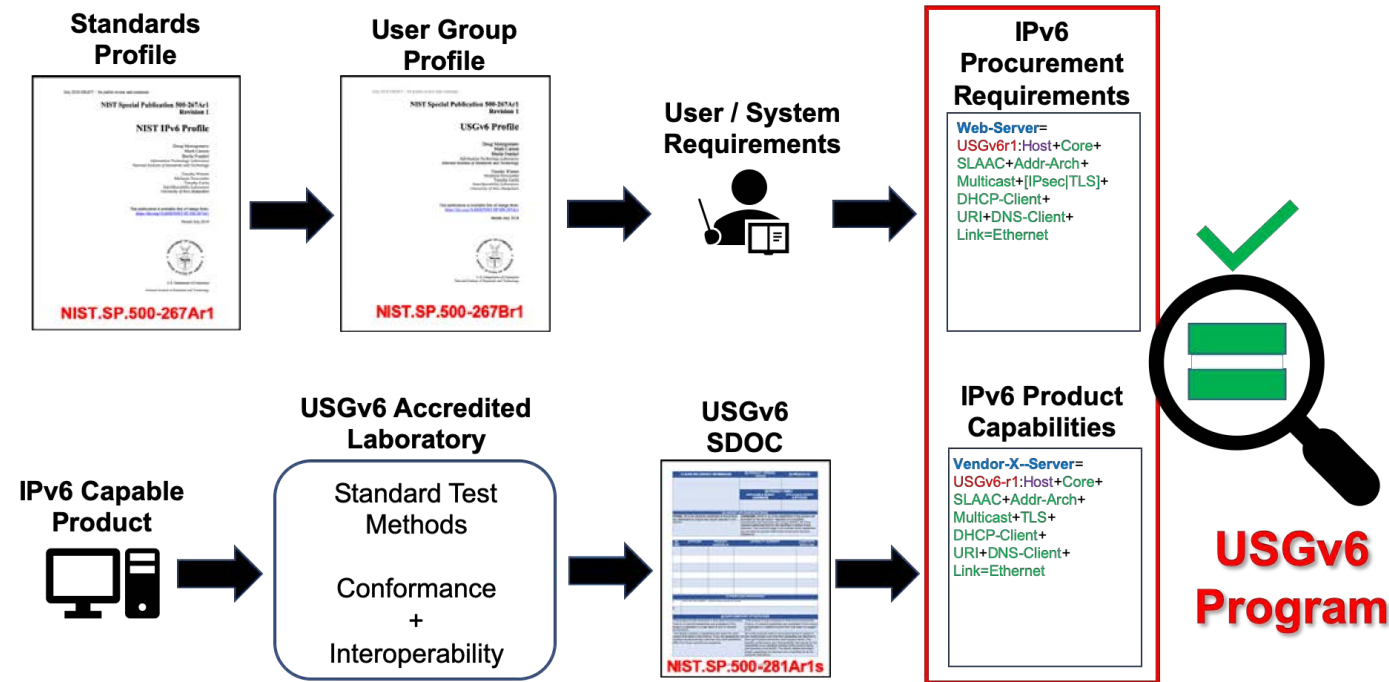


USG IPv6 Initiative

Completing the Transition to IPv6-Only Networks



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USG Transition to IPv6-Only Networks

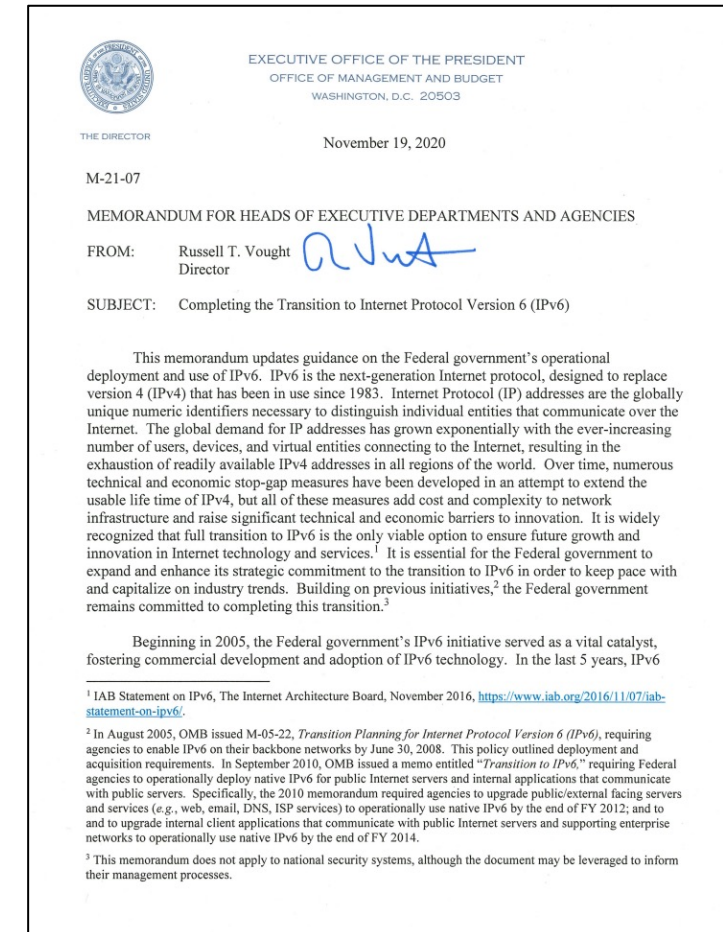
• Completing the USG Transition to IPv6

- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/M-21-07.pdf>

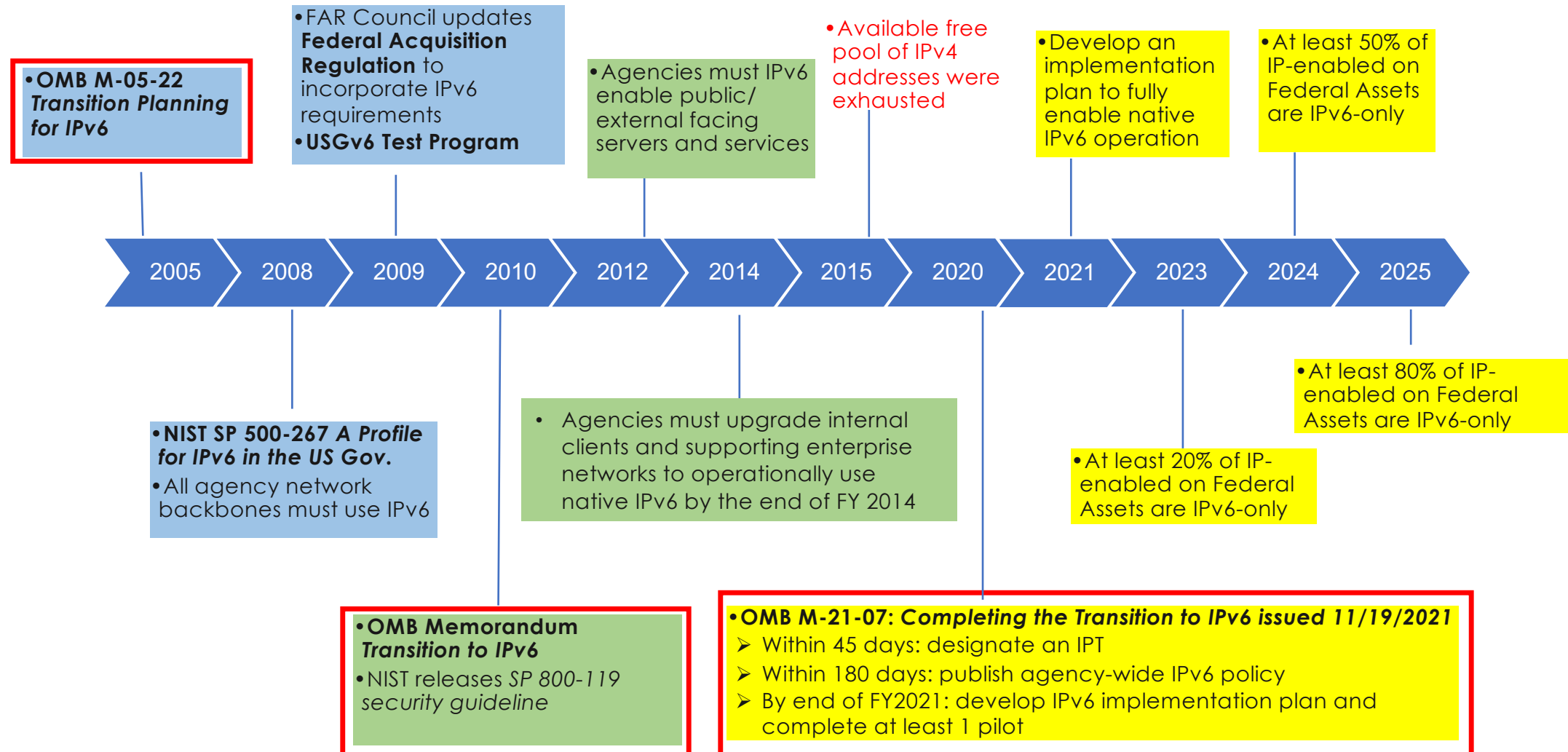
• ***“The strategic intent is for the Federal government to deliver its information services, operate its networks, and access the services of others using only IPv6”***

- *At least 20% IPv6-only by the end of FY 2023*
- *At least 50% IPv6-only by the end of FY 2024*
- *At least 80% IPv6-only by the end of FY 2025*

• *Identify and justify Federal information systems that cannot be converted to use IPv6 and provide a schedule for replacing or retiring these systems;*

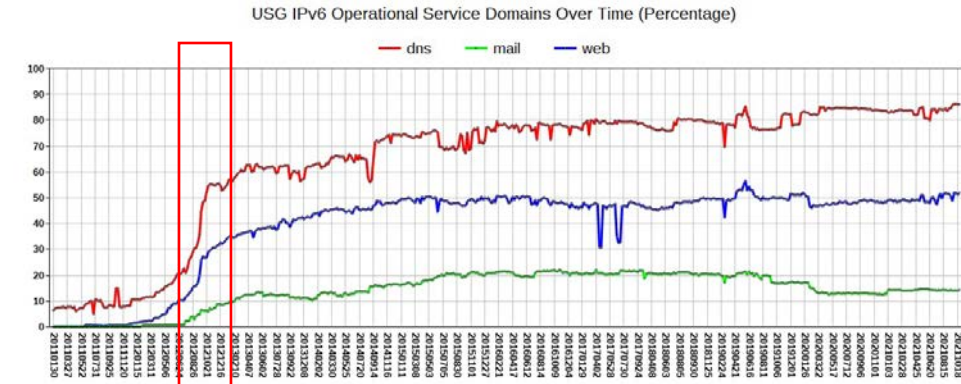
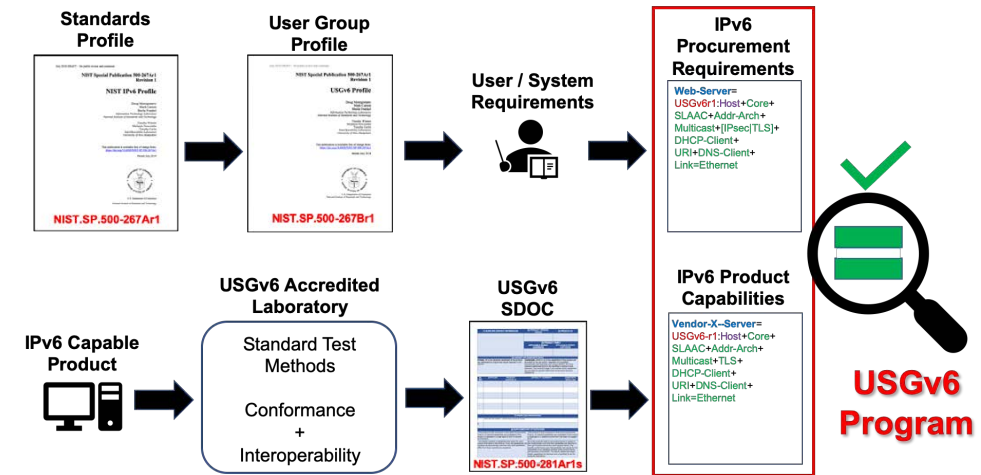


USG IPv6 Policy Timeline



Policy Lessons Learned

- **Common Acquisition Requirements Drive Industry Advancement**
 - Common requirements across large user groups have greater impact.
- **Standards Profiles and Product Testing Protects Investments**
 - Programs must be simple enough to be used in acquisitions while insuring the completeness, correctness and interoperability of IPv6 products.
 - Programs should minimize testing burden on vendors.
- **Specific Milestones and Measurable Metrics Drives Deployment**
 - Continuous test and measurement facilitates deployment.
 - Automated policy metrics motivates progress towards milestones.



<https://fedv6-deployment.antd.nist.gov/>

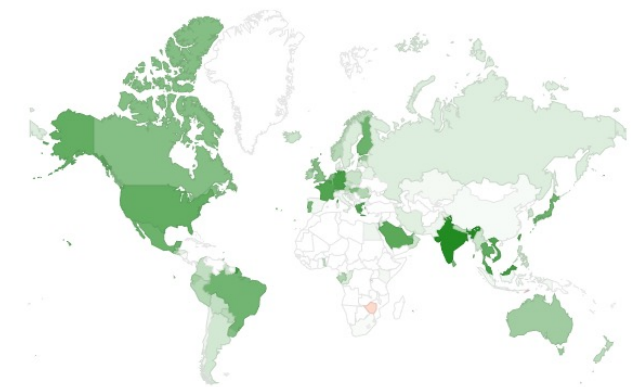
Why Complete the Transition to IPv6?

- **Enable Internet growth and innovation.**
 - Remove technical and economic barriers to innovation.
 - Provide a modern network protocol as the global barer service for interoperability.
- **Ensure Internet security and stability.**
 - The use of globally unique network addresses significantly improves the effectiveness of today's network defense technologies and cyber forensics.
 - IPv6 and its vast address space enables innovation in network security technologies.
- **Reduce cost and complexity in networks.**
 - Engineering around address exhaustion has had a significant impact on protocol design and system architectures for years.

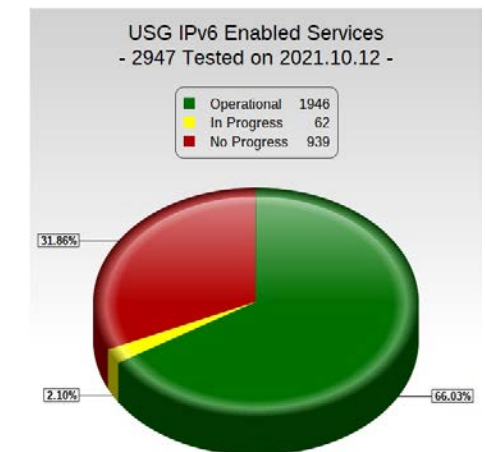


Why Now?

- **In short, it is doable and needs to be done.**
 - Significantly easier than in 2010.
- **Significant advances in both the state of technology and deployment of IPv6 over the last 10 years.**
 - Major operating systems include mature IPv6 implementations.
 - Major ISPs and service providers have IPv6 services.
- **IPv6 deployment and use is growing throughout the Internet.**
 - Various measurement efforts (with differing techniques) show significant growth in IPv6 adoption and use
 - USG agencies have gained operational IPv6 deployment experience over the last 10 years.
- **Industry and Governments aligned on strategic direction.**
 - Numerous large enterprises, service providers, governments / DoD have stated plans to migrate to IPv6-only environments in the next 5-10 years.



<https://www.google.com/intl/en/ipv6/>



<https://fedv6-deployment.antd.nist.gov/>

Why IPv6-Only?

- **Ubiquitous dual-stack networking is a necessary transition phase in IPv6 deployment ...**
 - ... but it is not designed, nor desired, to be a final state.
- **Why would you operate two protocol stacks if you did not have to?**
 - Reduce cost, complexity, and attack surfaces
- **Commercial implementations of scalable transition mechanisms are readily available.**
- **Getting to IPv6-only networks will require work in some areas.**

USG IPv6 Initiative - FAQs

• How do we define and measure “IPv6-Only”?

- M-21-07 is clear about the intent.
- The technical details still remain a bit uncertain.
 - IPv4 not present in product?
 - IPv4 administratively disabled?
 - IPv4 not provisioned with address?
 - IPv4 native and tunneled blocked by the network?
- How to will we measure progress against the milestones?
 - Metrics need to be meaningful, automated and scalable

• IPv6-Only in cloud / shared services?

- What does it mean for a cloud service to be IPv6-Capable, IPv6-Enabled, IPv6-Only?
- How to test could IPv6 capabilities?

• Interaction with other policies?

- Zero trust networks
- Trusted Internet connections
- Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation
-

Summary of USG Initiative Status

75% of CFO Act agencies have chartered an IPv6 Integrated Project Team (IPT)

83% of CFO Act agencies, with chartered IPTs, have a publicly-available IPv6 Policy

54% of CFO Act agencies have an identified IPv6 Pilot

71% of CFO Act agencies have completed an Implementation Plan

USGv6 Profile & Test Program

USGv6 Profile and Test Program

• How to evolve IT infrastructure?

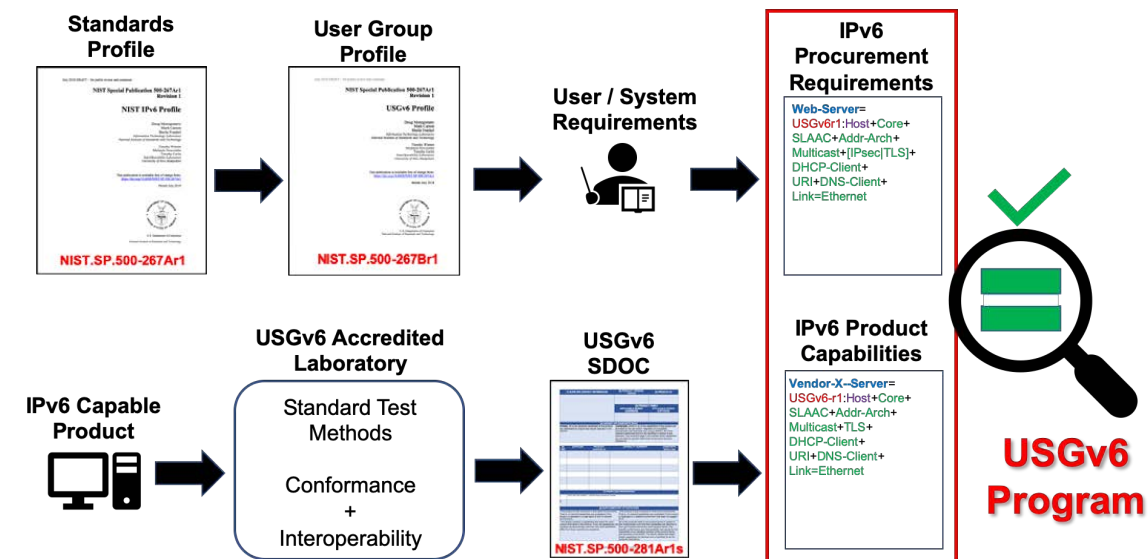
- Establish policies to always buy IPv6-capable products / services.
 - Long term, proactive tech refresh cycles.

• How to define IPv6-capable?

- Establish means for specifying detailed IPv6 capability requirements in individual procurements.

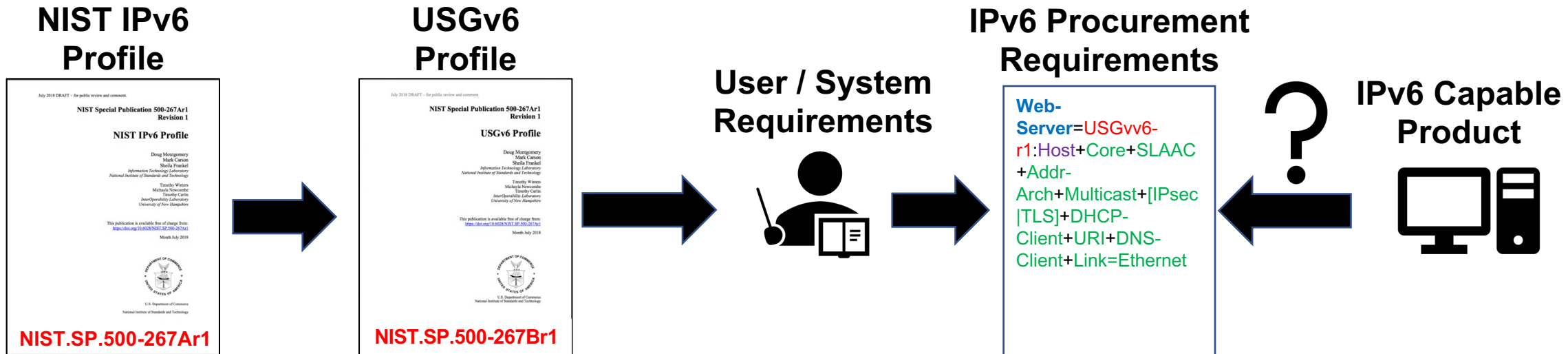
• How to protect IPv6 investments?

- Establish means to test vendor products against requirements statements.
 - Conformance, Interoperability, and Functional tests to insure completeness, correctness and interoperability.



USGv6 Profile: IPv6 Capability Vocabulary

- **<Label>=Profile:<Host|Router|NPP>+<Capabilities>**
 - Capability Summary String (CSS) – Named set of IPv6 requirements for a specific system.
 - Can specify capability choice. e.g. [DHCP-Client|SLAAC]
 - A single product might have multiple capability strings for different stacks / management.
- **Agency-Web-Server=USGv6-r1:Host+Core+SLAAC+Addr-Arch+Multicast+[IPsec|TLS]+DHCP-Client+URI+DNS-Client+Link=Ethernet**



USGv6 Profile – Details

Defines Capability Choices for Products

NISTv6-r1:Host Capabilities Template:

- **IPv6-Only Capabilities** - see section 4.1
 - [O] - **IPv6-Only** - support for full product functionality on an IPv6-only network.
- **Basic Capabilities** - see section 4.2
 - [M] - **Core** - support for IPv6 core functions.
 - [O] - **Extended-ICMP** - support for ICMPv6 extended messages.
 - [O] - **PLPMTUD** - support for Packetization Layer Path MTU Discovery.
 - [O] - **ND-Ext** - support for Neighbor Discovery enhanced DAD and First-Hop Selection.
 - [O] - **ND-WL** - support for packet-loss for router solicitations.
 - [O] - **SEND** - support for neighbor discovery security extensions.
 - [M] - **SLAAC** - support for stateless global address auto-configuration.
 - [O] - **PrivAddr** - support for SLAAC privacy extensions.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Stateless** - support for stateless (DHCP) configuration.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Client** - support for stateful (DHCP) address auto-configuration.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Client-Ext** - support for additional DHCP options including SIP.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Prefix** - support for stateful (DHCP) prefix delegation.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Prefix-Ext** - support for additional DHCP options for prefix exclude using prefix delegation.
 - [O] - **6Lo** - support for IPv6 over low power networks.
 - [O] - **Happy-Eyeballs** - support for Happy Eyeballs algorithm for dual stack environments.
- **Addressing Capabilities** - see section 4.7
 - [M] - **Addr-Arch** - support for address architecture and selection.
 - [O] - **CGA** - support for cryptographically generated addresses.
- **Network Support Capabilities** - see section 4.11
 - [O] - **DNS-Client** - support for DNS client/resolver functions.
 - [O] - **URI** - support for IPv6 uniform resource identifiers.
 - [O] - **NTP-Client** - support for NTP client capabilities.
 - [O] - **NTP-Server** - support for NTP server capabilities.
 - [O] - **DNS-Server** - support for DNS server capabilities.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Server** - support for DHCP server capabilities.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Server-Ext** - support for DHCP server additional DHCP options and Bulk Leasequery.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Relay** - support for DHCP relay capabilities.
- **Security Capabilities** - see section 4.8
 - [O] - **IPsec** - support for the IP security architecture.
 - [O] - **IPsec-IoT** - support for IoT Cryptographic Algorithms.
 - [O] - **IPsec-CHACHA** - support for ChaCha20 Cryptographic Algorithms.
 - [O] - **IPsec-SHA-512** - support for SHA-512 Cryptographic Algorithms.
 - [O] - **SSHv2** - support for SSHv2 over IPv6.
 - [O] - **TLS** - support for Transport Layer Security architecture version 1.2.
 - [O] - **TLS-1.3** - support for Transport Layer Security architecture version 1.3.

Maps Capabilities to Technical Requirements

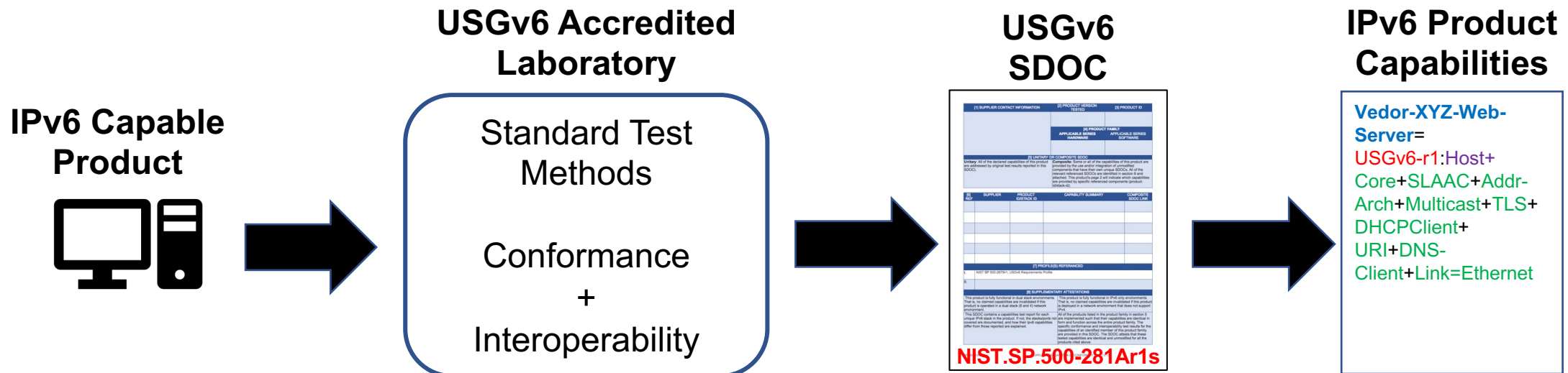
Basic Capabilities						
Flag	Host	Router	Other	Capability	Definition	
	✓	✓		Core	support for IPv6 core functions.	
U	✓	✓			RFC8200 Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Specification	
	✓	✓			RFC4443 Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMPv6) for the Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Specification	
U	✓	✓			RFC8201 Path MTU Discovery for IP version 6	
	✓	✓			RFC4861 Neighbor Discovery for IP version 6 (IPv6)	
	✓	✓			RFC4861 Section: 8 Redirect Neighbor Discovery for IP version 6 (IPv6)	
N	✓	✓			RFC6437 IPv6 Flow Label Specification	
N	✓	✓			RFC5942 IPv6 Subnet Model: The Relationship between Links and Subnet Prefixes	
N	✓	✓			RFC6980 Security Implications of IPv6 Fragmentation with IPv6 Neighbor Discovery	
N		✓			RFC7608 IPv6 Prefix Length Recommendation for Forwarding	
N	✓	✓			RFC4191 Default Router Preferences and More-Specific Routes	
	✓	✓			RFC4862 Section: 5.3 Creation of Link Local Addresses IPv6 Stateless Address Autoconfiguration	
	✓	✓			RFC4862 Section: 5.4 Duplicate Address Detection IPv6 Stateless Address Autoconfiguration	
	✓	✓		Extended-ICMP	support for ICMPv6 extended messages.	
	✓	✓			RFC4884 Extended ICMP to Support Multi-Part Messages	

Mandates support for optional feature

Groups requirements in logical / testable sets

USGv6 Test Program

- USG defined and managed - operated by independent test laboratories.
- USGv6 Test Program committed to converge / harmonize
 - IPv6 Ready Logo Test Specifications
 - NIST and IPv6 Forum sign MOU
- Claims of compliance documented using Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC)



- **Example requirement statements**

- **Default requirement statements**

- [illegible]

USGv6 Revision 1 – Updates

- **USGv6-r1 Profile Published Nov 2020**

- <https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/usgv6-program/usgv6-revision-1>

- **USGv6 Test Program Evolving**

- Continuing to update test plans for new profile / requirements.

- **Beginning to test products against the new profile.**

- Nov 2022 – Users should stop accepting the previous version of SDoCs/Profiles.

- **New Test Labs**

- 2nd Lab is considering becoming an USGv6 accredited lab.

- **Specifications**

- **"NIST IPv6 Profile"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-267Ar1](#), November 2020.
- **"NISTv6 Capabilities Table"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-267Ar1s](#), November 2020.
- **"USGv6 Profile"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-267Br1](#), November 2020.
- **"USGv6 Capabilities Table"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-267Br1s](#), November 2020.
- **"USGv6 Test Program Guide"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-281Ar1](#), November 2020.
- **"USGv6 Suppliers Declaration of Conformity"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-281Ar1s](#), November 2020.
- **"USGv6 Test Methods: General Description and Validation"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-281Br1](#), November 2020.

Evolving Test Plans

• Updating Test Plans

- To address new / changed USGv6-r1 profile requirements.
- Adding test plans for new requirements
 - Please review and comment on test plan for the IPv6-Only capability.



USGv6-r1 Test Selection Tables

Capability	Conformance Tests	Interoperability Tests	Functional Tests
IPv6-Only			DRAFT IPv6_Only_F.pdf
Core	Core_v1.2_C.pdf	Core_v1.2_I.pdf	
Addr_Arch	Addr_Arch_v1.1_C.pdf	Addr_Arch_v1.1_I.pdf	
SLAAC	SLAAC_v1.1_C.pdf	SLAAC_v1.2_I.pdf	
DHCP_Client			
DCHP_Server			
IPsecv3			
ESP			
IKEv2			
OSPFv3		OSPFv3_v1.0_I.pdf	
BGP		BGP4_v1.0_I.pdf	
NPP_FW	NPP_FW_v1.0_C.pdf		
NPP_IDS	NPP_IDS_v1.0_C.pdf		
NPP_IPS	NPP_IPS_v1.0_C.pdf		
NPP_APFW			
Application / Service			App_v1.0_F

Testing Against New Profile

- **USGv6-r1 Test Registry**
 - <https://www.iol.unh.edu/registry/usgv6r1>
- **Vendors testing against new requirements / RFCs.**
 - Most vendors tasking basic capabilities.
- **Need user requirements to drive more complete testing.**
 - Vendors will elect to test more capabilities if they are specified as requirements in RFPs.

USGv6 Revision 1 Tested Registry

We offer ISO/IEC 17025 accredited testing designed specifically for the USGv6 test program. The devices listed below indicate the specific product with their tested IPv6 capabilities and are listed at the request of the Company. The included SDoC files and their contents are written and signed by the Company, and are included here as a convenience and do not represent the views of the UNH-IOL.

For more information, please refer to the IPv6 testing services.

Product Type

☐ Host
☐ Router
☐ NPP

Test Suites

☐ Basic
☐ Core
☐ SLAAC
☐ Addr Arch
☐ DHCPv6 Server
☐ ESP
☐ BGP
☐ FW
☐ IDS
☐ IPS
☐ DHCPv6 Client
☐ IKEv2
☐ IPsecv3
☐ OSPFv3
☐ IPv6 Application

Company	Product Name	Type	Version Tested	Hardware	Software	Test Suites	SDoC
Cisco Systems	CR200L-1N-4T	Router	IOS-XE 17.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CR200L-1N-4T CR200-1N-4T 	IOS-XE 17.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Interoperability v1.2 (34330) Core Conformance v1.2 (34328) SLAAC Interoperability v1.2 (34320) SLAAC Conformance v1.1 (34328) Addr Arch Interoperability v1.1 (34331) Addr Arch Conformance v1.1 (34329) 	View
Apple Inc.	macOS	Host	12		macOS Monterey version 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Interoperability v1.2 (34047) Core Conformance v1.1 (34046) SLAAC Interoperability v1.2 (34047) SLAAC Conformance v1.0 (34046) Addr Arch Interoperability v1.0 (34048) Addr Arch Conformance v1.0 (34048) 	View

New Test Reports (SDoCs)

USGv6 Profile Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC) R1.0

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[1] SUPPLIER CONTACT INFORMATION		Signature: <u>Prabhakar Lakhera</u> <small>Prabhakar Lakhera (Oct 20, 2021 13:36 PDT)</small>	
Apple Inc., One Apple Park Way, Cupertino, CA 95014, (408) 996-1010			
[2] PRODUCT VERSION TESTED	[3] PRODUCT ID		
12	macOS		
[4] PRODUCT FAMILY			
APPLICABLE SERIES HARDWARE		APPLICABLE SERIES SOFTWARE	
		macOS Monterey version 12	
[5] UNITARY OR COMPOSITE SDOC			
<input type="checkbox"/> Unitary: All of the declared capabilities of this product are addressed by original test results reported in this SDoC.		<input type="checkbox"/> Composite: Some or all of the capabilities of this product are provided by the use and/or integration of unmodified components that have their own unique SDoCs. All of the relevant referenced SDoCs are identified in section 6 and listed.	
[6] REF	SUPPLIER	PRODUCT ID/STACK ID	CAPABILITY SUMMARY
i.	Apple Inc.	macOS/12	USGv6-r1:Host+Core+SLAAC+Addr-Arch+Link=Ethernet
[7] USGv6-CAPABLE REQUIREMENTS			
<input type="checkbox"/> USGv6-r1-Capable-Host <input type="checkbox"/> USGv6-r1-Capable-Router <input type="checkbox"/> USGv6-r1-Capable-Switch <input type="checkbox"/> USGv6-r1-Capable-NPP			
[8] PROFILE(S) REFERENCED			
i. NIST SP 500-267Br1, USGv6 Profile			
[9] SUPPLEMENTARY ATTESTATIONS			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This product is fully functional in dual stack environments. That is, no claimed capabilities are invalidated if this product is operated in a dual stack (6 and 4) network environment.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This product has been tested for the IPv6-only capability. This product is fully functional in IPv6 only environments. That is, no claimed capabilities are invalidated if this product is deployed in a network environment that does not support IPv4.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This SDoC contains a capabilities test report for each unique IPv6 stack in the product. If not, the stacks/ports not covered are documented, and how their IPv6 capabilities differ from those reported are explained.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the products listed in the product family in section 4 are implemented such that their capabilities are identical in form and function across the entire product family. The specific conformance and interoperability test results for the capabilities of an identified member of this product family are provided in this SDoC. The SDoC attests that these tested capabilities are identical and unmodified for all the products cited above.	

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Host Capabilities

[10] PRODUCT ID/ STACK ID		CAPABILITY SUMMARY			
macOS/12		USGv6-r1:Host+Core+SLAAC+Addr-Arch+Link=Ethernet			
[11] SUPPORTED CAPABILITY	CAPABILITY	CONFORMANCE TEST SELECTION	RESULT ID	INTEROPERABILITY/FUNCTIONAL TEST SELECTION	RESULT ID
-	IPv6-ONLY			IPv6-ONLY_R1v1.*_F	
PASS	Core	Core_R1v1.*_C	UNH-IOL/34046	Core_R1v1.*_I	UNH-IOL/34047
-	Extended-ICMP	Self-Test		Self-Test	
-	PLPMTUD	Self-Test		Self-Test	
-	ND-Ext	Self-Test		Self-Test	
-	ND-WL	Self-Test		Self-Test	
-	SEND	Self-Test		Self-Test	
PASS	SLAAC	SLAAC_R1v1.*_C	UNH-IOL/34046	SLAAC_R1v1.*_I	UNH-IOL/34047
-	PriAddr				
-	DHCP- Stateless	DHCP- Stateless_R1v1.*_C		DHCP- Stateless_R1v1.*_I	
-	DHCP-Client	DHCP- Client_R1v1.*_C		DHCP- Client_R1v1.*_I	
-	DHCP-Client-Ext	Self-Test		Self-Test	
-	DHCP-Prefix	DHCP- Prefix_R1v1.*_C		DHCP- Prefix_R1v1.*_I	
-	DHCP-Prefix-Ext	Self-Test		Self-Test	
-	6Lo	Self-Test		Self-Test	

Supplemental information for: USGv6 Test Program Guide NIST SP.500-281Ar1

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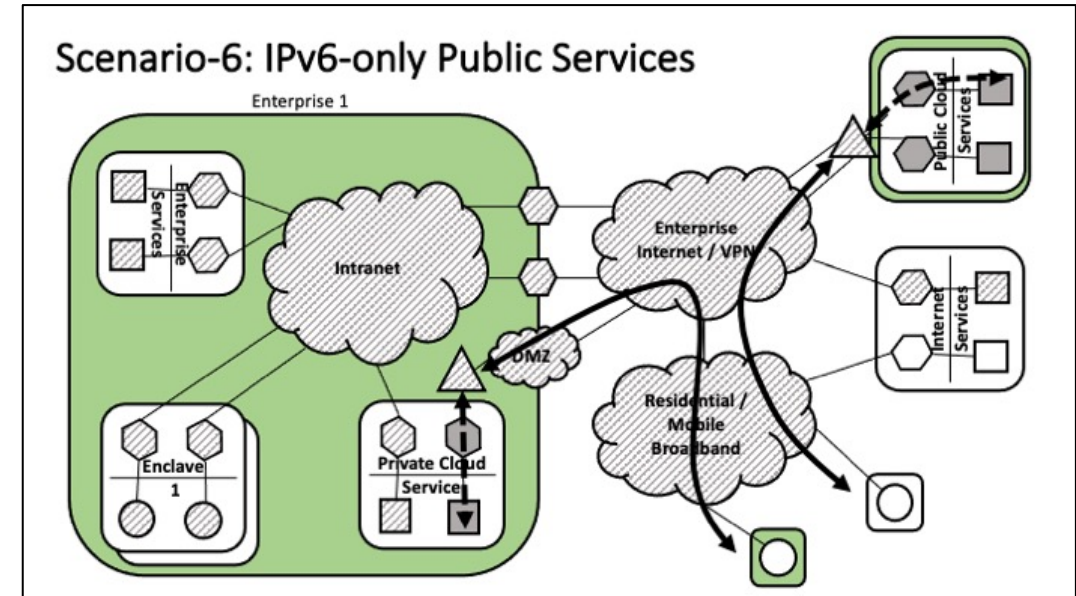
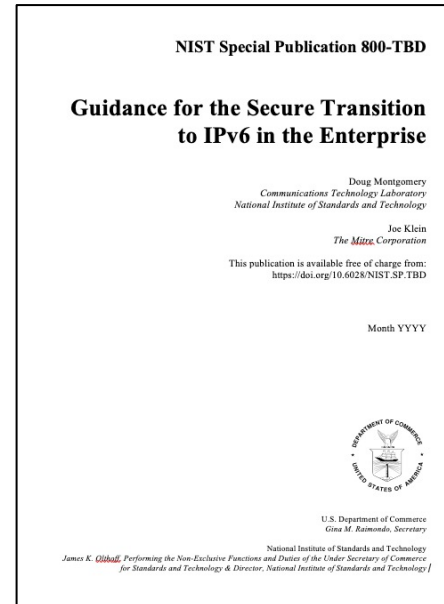
USGv6 Program Next Steps

- **Complete updating of test plans to new profile.**
 - Finalize IPv6-Only test plan and begin to require vendors to test for it.
- **Develop test plans for cloud services**
 - Current conformance and interop plans not well suited for testing IaaS and PaaS cloud services.
- **Develop USGv6 Usage Guidance**
 - Provide simple templates of acquisition language to help users write acquisition requirements that can best leverage the test program.
- **Continue discussion of USGv6 & DoD collaboration**
 - Resume discussions that were left off in Q2 of FY2021

Other IPv6 Activities

Secure IPv6-Only Implementation in the Enterprise

- **New NIST Guidance** on transition to IPv6-only in the enterprise.
 - Playbook as well as traditional technical guidance document.
 - Focus on challenges of transition technologies.
 - Focus on modern use cases – remote work, hybrid cloud & shared services, zero trust security, virtualized network services.



- **New NCCoE project focused on addressing these issues.**
 - **Focus on typical IPv6 evolution scenarios.**
 - Enabling ubiquitous dual-stack services.
 - Enabling IPv6-only enclaves in dual-stack dominant net.
 - Supporting IPv4-only services in a IPv6-only dominant net.
 - **Focus on impact on security services and technologies.**
 - **Focus on transition mechanisms that must be added to networks.**

Focus on modern enterprise use cases

- Scenario-1: Secure IPv4-Only Enterprise IT Environment
- Scenario-2: Secure IPv6-enabled Public Facing Services
- Scenario-3: Secure IPv6-enabled Enterprise Clients
- Scenario-4: Secure IPv6-enabled Enterprise Services
- Scenario-5: Secure IPv6-only Enterprise Clients
- Scenario-6: Secure IPv6-only Public Services
- Scenario-7: Secure IPv6-only Enterprise Infrastructure

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 - **Communications Technology Laboratory**
 - <https://www.nist.gov/ctl>
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