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**GROUND NETWORK INTERFACE (GNI) TO
VOICE SWITCHING AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT (VSCE)**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope

This Interface Requirements Document (IRD) is prepared in accordance with FAA-STD-025D. This IRD provides the requirements for an interface between the Next Generation Air/Ground Communication System's (NEXCOM's) Ground Network Interface (GNI) equipment and existing or planned Voice Switching and Control Equipment (VSCE), as listed in Table 1-1. The interface described herein contains the full set of signaling specified by the NEXCOM SRD. This IRD identifies which of these signals are supported by each of these voice switches. The signaling and electrical characteristics of each of the existing voice-switch radio cards are also described.

1.2 Subsystem Responsibility

Table 1.1
Subsystem Equipment Responsibility

Subsystem/Equipment	Common Name	Responsible Organization
NEXCOM Ground Network Interface	GNI	AND-360
Voice Switching and Control System (Harris)	VSCS	AND-320
Rapid Deployment Voice Switch (Litton-Denro)	RDVS	AND-320
Small Tower Voice Switch (Litton-Denro)	STVS	AND-320
Enhanced Terminal Voice Switch (Litton-Denro)	ETVS	AND-320
Integrated Communications Switching System (Litton-Denro)	ICSS	AND-320
Automated Flight Service Station Voice Switch (TBD)	AFSSVS	AND-320

1.2.1 List of Interfaces

Each type of voice switch listed in Table 1-1 supports multiple interfaces in order to accommodate legacy radios. Table 1-2 lists all existing types of interface that are relevant to NEXCOM¹. This IRD incorporates all interfaces listed in Table 1-2.

¹ Local Radio interfaces, which connect voice switches directly to radios without intervening equipment, will not be a NEXCOM configuration.

Table 1.2
List of Interfaces

Switch Name	Interface Name
VSCS	VSCS/RCE Type B (GRIM)
VSCS	VSCS/RCE Type C (Intelect)
VSCS	VSCS/BUEC
AFSS	AFSS/RCE
ICSS	ICSS Type 1A
ICSS	ICSS Type 1B
ICSS	ICSS Type 2
STVS	STVS
ETVS	ETVS
RDVS	RDVS 3080C
RDVS	RDVS 3080E
RDVS	RDVS 3080F
RDVS	RDVS 3080H

1.3 Document Organization

This document is organized as follows:

Section 1, SCOPE, identifies the interfacing systems and provides a summary of the contents of this document.

Section 2, APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS, provides a list of referenced documents, including both Government and Non-government documents.

Section 3, INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS, provides the general, functional, and physical requirements of the interface.

Section 4, QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS, provides a description of the verification process for the requirements presented in Section 3.

Section 5, PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY, specifies any special preparation requirements for delivery.

Section 6, NOTES, provides a list of applicable definitions used in this document.

Appendix A, INTERFACE MATRIX, lists all signaling for each of the interfaces listed in Table 1-2.

Appendix B provides a list of abbreviations and acronyms.

Appendix C provides the Verification Requirements Traceability Matrix for document requirements.

2.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The following documents form a part of this IRD to the extent specified herein. In the event of conflict between the documents referenced herein and the contents of this IRD, the contents of this IRD **shall** be the superseding requirements.

2.1 Government Documents

2.1.1 FAA Standards

FAA-STD-025D	Preparation of Interface Documentation, October 1995.
FAA-STD-039B	NAS Open Systems Architecture and Protocols, May 1, 1996.
FAA-STD-043A	National Airspace System (NAS) Open System Interconnection (OSI) Priority, May 10, 1994.
FAA-STD-047	National Airspace System (NAS) Open System Interconnection (OSI) Conformance Testing, December 29, 1993.
FAA-STD-048	National Airspace System (NAS) Open System Interconnection (OSI) Interoperability, July 7, 1995.

2.1.2 FAA Specifications

FAA-G-2100G	Electronic Equipment, General Requirements, October 22, 2001.
FAA-E-2958	NEXCOM System Requirements Document, April 16, 2002, V1.0.
NAS-IC-42014000	VSCS to the Existing Radio Control Equipment ICD, October 1997.
NAS-IR-64024201	VSCS to Backup Emergency Communication (BUEC) Interface Control Document, August 8, 1997.
FAA-AND-320-C	System Specification, Automated Flight Station Voice Switch (AFSSVS), July 2, 2001.
FAA-E-2894A	System Specification, Enhanced Terminal Voice Switch, March 3, 1999.
FAA-E-2874A	System Specification, Small tower Voice Switch, June 8, 1993.
FAA-E-2767	System Specification, Integrated Communications Switching System (ICSS), October 30, 1987.
FAA-E-2885	System Specification, Down Scoped radio Control Equipment (DSRCE) (including SCN1), December 15, 1993.
NAS-SR-1000	National Airspace System (NAS) System Specification, October 3, 1990.

2.2 Non-government Documents

ANSI/IEEE 1100-1999. Grounding, Shielding and Bonding, March 22, 1999.

RTCA DO-224A

Signal-in-Space Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) for Advanced VHF Digital Data Communications, Including Compatibility with Digital Voice Techniques, September 13, 2000.

2.3 Document Sources

2.3.1 FAA Documents

Copies of FAA specifications, standards, and publications may be obtained from the Contracting Officer, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20591. Requests should clearly identify the desired material by number and date, and state the intended use of the material.

2.3.2 American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and International Organization of Standardization (ISO) Documents

Copies of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and International Organization of Standardization (ISO) documents may be obtained from the American National Standards Institute, 11 West 42nd Street, New York, NY, 10036, or through the web site <http://www.ansi.org>.

2.3.3 RTCA, Inc. Documents

Copies of RTCA, Inc. documents may be obtained from RTCA, Incorporated, 1828 L Street N.W., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036-4001, by phone (202) 833-9339, or through the web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

3.0 INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 General Requirements

This IRD describes the interface requirements for voice and control between NEXCOM GNI and VSCE. This includes both current analog and future digital systems. The GNI and VSCE **shall** exchange communications in order to support the following functions:

- a) Communications between Area Control Facility (ACF) controllers or specialists and mobile users via air-ground (A/G) radio equipment.
- b) Control by ACF controllers or specialists of A/G radio equipment.
- c) Indication to ACF controllers or specialists of the identified status of the A/G radio equipment.

In order to meet these requirements, the GNI and VSCE will exchange voice signals and control signals. To support legacy VSCE, the signal formats are analog voice and discrete control signals. In the future, VSCE will be equipped with a common digital interface. It is envisioned that the future GNI/VSCE interface will replace the analog voice and discrete control signaling with an all-digital, message-oriented format common to all switches. The intent of this IRD is to facilitate the development of a single interface that supports the legacy equipment and can be reconfigured to support an all-digital format when new VSCE is deployed.

Functionally, the basic subunit of the GNI/VSCE interface, whether analog or digital, consists of audio (voice) and control signals. For the analog interface, signaling format corresponds with each of the functional groups: voice is analog; controls and alarms/alerts are discrete. With an all-digital interface, both voice and control/alert/alarm will be binary serial data. The total interface will be built up of a number of these, that number varying, depending upon the configuration of the control facility. Figure 3-1 depicts several of these basic subunits.

3.1.1 Computer-Human Interface Requirements

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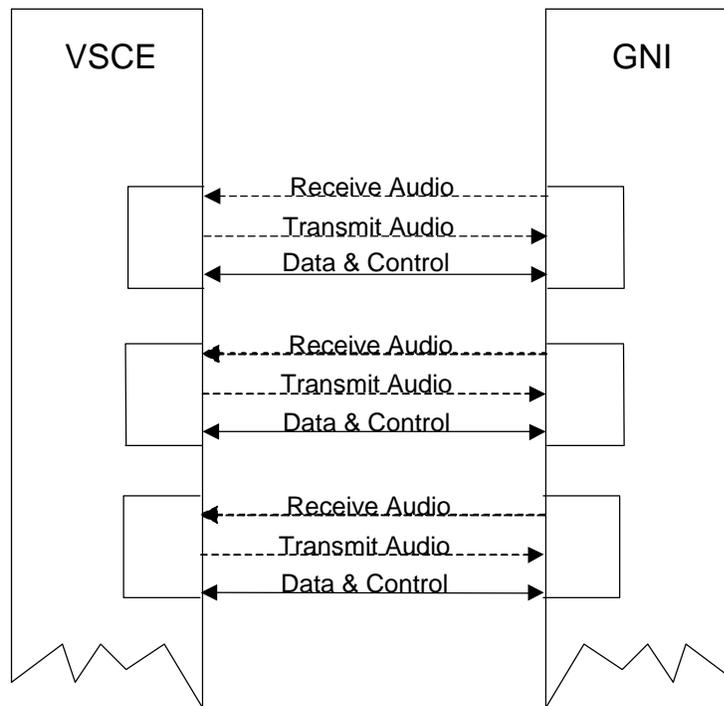


Figure 3-1

GNI Functional Connectivity

3.2 Functional Requirements

Functional requirements of the GNI/VSCE interface are presented in the following subsections. This IRD covers multiple interface subtypes. Not all functions described in the following subsections are required for a given interface subtype. Appendix A describes the variations in the signaling sets for each of the interface subtypes listed in Table 1-2. The requirements of this interface are written to accommodate future voice switch developments:

- a) The GNI **shall** be configurable to support each discrete interface subtype in Table 1-2. [SRD 3.6.1]
- b) The GNI **shall** provide for a common digital interface. [SRD 3.4.3.1.1]

3.2.1 Application Process

The digital interface is intended to provide a common interface for voice, command/control signaling, status, and alert/alarm to support the current basic voice operation between Controllers and Mobile Users using the emerging VDL Mode 3 technology.

3.2.1.1 Identification of Application Processes (AP)

The Application Processes are:

- a) Digital voice delivery
- b) Talk group communication management (command/control signaling)
- c) Talk group communication monitoring (status, alert, alarm)

3.2.1.2 Types of Service Required by the AP

The services across the digital GNI/VSCE interface are critical services per NAS-SR-1000.

The types of service are:

- a) Digital voice delivery
- b) Delivery of control signaling
- c) Delivery of NEXCOM system status
- d) Delivery of alerts and alarms

3.2.1.3 Information Units

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.1.3.1 Information Code/Structure

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.1.3.2 Information Unit Segmentation

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.1.3.3 Information Flow

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.1.3.4 Frequency of Transmission

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.1.3.5 Responses

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.1.3.6 Quality of Service

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.1.3.7 Information Priority

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.1.3.8 Information Security

Reference FAA-STD-045 for specific security requirements for systems that implement OSI protocols.

3.2.1.3.9 Residual Error Rate

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.1.3.10 Transfer Time Constraints

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.1.3.11 Throughput

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.1.4 AP Error Handling

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.2 OSI-Type Interface Requirements

FAA guidance on using standards specified in this section is provided in FAA-HDBK-002: Open Systems Management, and FAA-STD-039: Open Systems Architecture and Protocols. Specific aspects of these guidance documents are cited as appropriate in the VSCE-approved ICDs.

3.2.2.1 Application Layer

From digital interface point of view, VSCE is the End System on one side of the A/G ground communication.

3.2.2.2 Presentation Layer

VSCE is an End System for the A/G communication link between ATC Controller and mobile users of a talk group. For uplink activities, VSCE will receive the voice (analog or digital) and the control/command signaling originated from the controller and converted them into the designated message format to be delivered through the link layer service. Similarly, the downlink messages received from GNI through the data link service will be converted to the proper form to be presented to the ATC Controller.

3.2.2.3 Session Layer

This topic not applicable to this document.

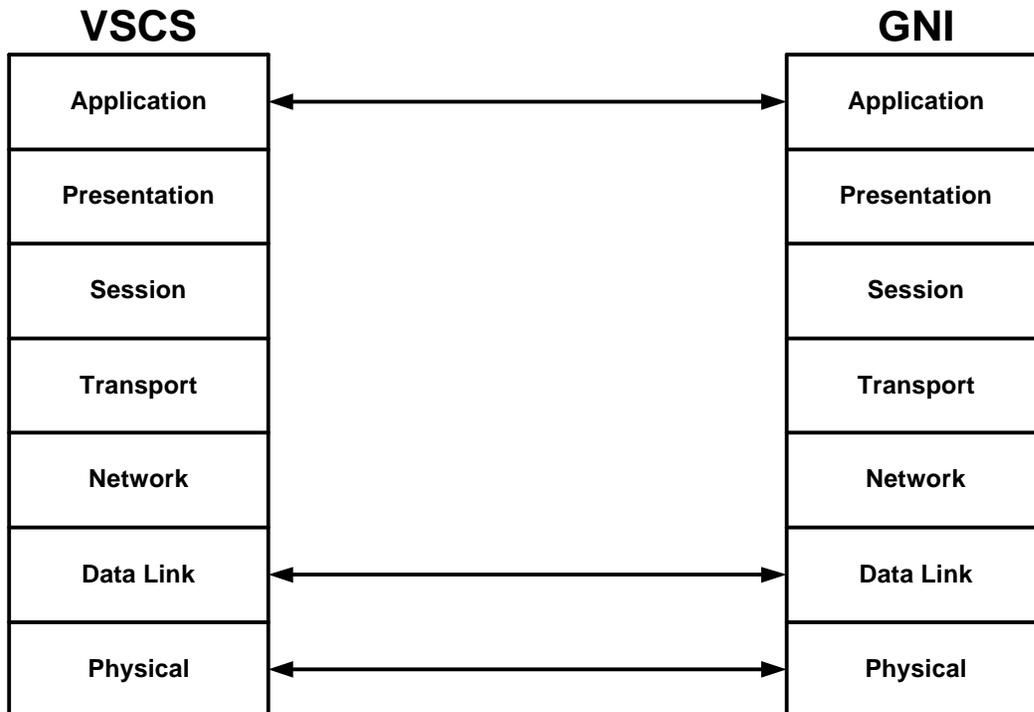


Figure 3-2
VSCS/GNI OSI Reference Model

3.2.2.4 Transport Layer

This topic not applicable to this document.

3.2.2.5 Network Layer

This topic not applicable to this document.

3.2.2.6 Data Link Layer

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.2.7 Physical Layer

To be determined through development efforts.

3.2.3 Analog-Type Interface Requirements

Specification details of the GNI/VSCS analog voice interface are given in the following subsections.

3.2.3.1 Voice Path

The voice path is a pair of full duplex audio interfaces for transmission of voice from the VSCE to the GNI (two-wire transmit audio) and for the transmission of voice from the GNI to VSCE (two-wire receive audio.) The signal labeling is different for different switch models (See *Matrix of GNI/VSCE Signals*, Appendix A.)

Table 3-1
Analog Interface Summary

Signal	Paragraph	Direction
Transmit Audio, Main/Frequency 1	3.2.3.2	VSCE to GNI
Transmit Audio, Standby/Frequency 2	3.2.3.2	VSCE to GNI
Receive Audio, Main/Frequency 1	3.2.3.3	GNI to VSCE
Receive Audio, Standby/Frequency 2	3.2.3.3	GNI to VSCE

3.2.3.2 Transmit Audio to GNI

- a) The GNI/VSCE interface **shall** provide audio from the VSCE to the GNI to convey voice communications over A/G radio transmitter equipment. [SRD 3.2.3.1.2.a.1]
- b) The transmit audio level at the GNI/VSCE interface, as measured at the GNI/VSCE IDF, **shall** be within ± 1 dB of -8 dBm.

3.2.3.3 Receive Audio to VSCE

- a) The GNI/VSCE interface **shall** provide audio from the GNI to the VSCE to convey voice communications from remote A/G radio receiver equipment. [SRD 3.2.3.1.2.a.1]
- b) The receive audio level, as measured at the GNI/VSCE IDF, **shall** be -8 dBm ± 1 dB.

3.2.4 Discrete-Control Interface Requirements

Discrete control signals are employed on the GNI/VSCE interface for the purpose of controlling and confirming the configuration of the A/G communications channel and reporting equipment status. Electrical characteristics of each of these discrete signals are defined in Section 3.3.1.2 for each type of VSCE covered by this IRD.

Figure 3-3 depicts the discrete control signal exchanges that are requirements of the GNI/VSCE interface. Table 3- 2 provides cross-references to paragraphs describing the electrical characteristics of each discrete signal. This set of discrete control signals represents a combined set from all currently fielded voice switch A/G interfaces, and includes new discrete control signaling imposed by NEXCOM. Each new NEXCOM-imposed requirement is identified by the annotation “**NEXCOM New**”.

3.2.4.1 VSCE to GNI Discrete Control Signaling

- a) The GNI/VSCE Interface **shall** support each discrete control listed in Table 3-2

- b) Each discrete control signal **shall** have two states: ON and OFF. These states are defined in paragraphs given in Table 3.2.
- c) Each discrete control signal **shall** be a single signal that accommodates the various electrical characteristics outlined in paragraphs given in Table 3.2.

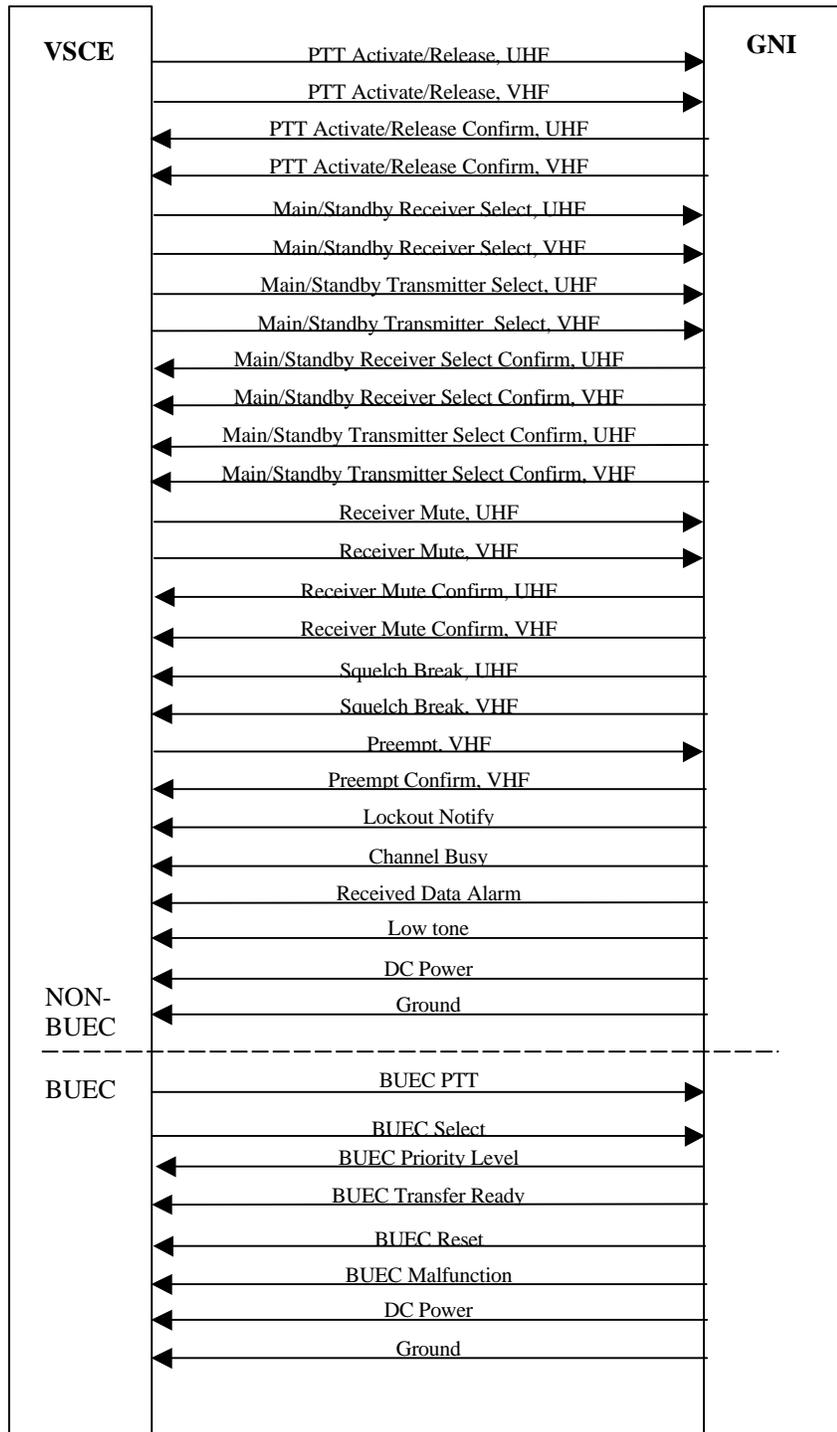


Figure 3-3
GNI/VSCE Discrete Control Interface

Table 3-2
Discrete Interface Summary

Signal	Paragraph	Direction
PTT Activate/Release UHF	3.3.1.2.1	VSCE to GNI
PTT Activate/Release VHF	3.3.1.2.1	VSCE to GNI
PTT Activate/Release Confirm UHF	3.3.1.2.2	GNI to VSCE
PTT Activate/Release Confirm VHF	3.3.1.2.2	GNI to VSCE
Main/Standby Receiver Select UHF	3.3.1.2.3	VSCE to GNI
Main/Standby Receiver Select VHF	3.3.1.2.3	VSCE to GNI
Main/Standby Transmitter Select UHF	3.3.1.2.3	VSCE to GNI
Main/Standby Transmitter Select VHF	3.3.1.2.3	VSCE to GNI
Main/Standby Receiver Select Confirm UHF	3.3.1.2.4	GNI to VSCE
Main/Standby Receiver Select Confirm VHF	3.3.1.2.4	GNI to VSCE
Main/Standby Transmitter Select Confirm UHF	3.3.1.2.4	GNI to VSCE
Main/Standby Transmitter Select Confirm VHF	3.3.1.2.4	GNI to VSCE
Receiver Mute UHF	3.3.1.2.5	VSCE to GNI
Receiver Mute VHF	3.3.1.2.5	VSCE to GNI
Receiver Mute Confirm UHF	3.3.1.2.6	GNI to VSCE
Receiver Mute Confirm VHF	3.3.1.2.6	GNI to VSCE
Squelch Break UHF	3.3.1.2.7	GNI to VSCE
Squelch Break VHF	3.3.1.2.7	GNI to VSCE
Preempt VHF **NEXCOM New**	3.3.1.2.8	VSCE to GNI
Preempt Confirm VHF **NEXCOM New**	3.3.1.2.9	GNI to VSCE
Site Lockout Notify	3.3.1.2.10	GNI to VSCE
Channel Busy **NEXCOM New**	3.3.1.2.11	GNI to VSCE
Low Tone Alarm	3.3.1.2.12	GNI to VSCE
Received Data Alarm	3.3.1.2.13	GNI or VSCE
BUEC PTT	3.3.1.2.14	VSCE to GNI
BUEC Select	3.3.1.2.14	VSCE to GNI
BUEC Priority Level	3.3.1.2.14	VSCE to GNI
BUEC Transfer Ready	3.3.1.2.14	GNI to VSCE
BUEC Reset	3.3.1.2.14	VSCE to GNI
BUEC Malfunction	3.3.1.2.14	GNI to VSCE

3.2.5 Interface Requirements

Table 3-3
Interface Requirements

Signal Name	Signal Format	Msg Size	BW or Rate	Direction
Analog Voice TX	Analog	N/A	3.000 KHz	VSCE to GNI
Analog Voice RX	Analog	N/A	3.000 KHz	GNI to VSCE
Digital Voice TX	Digital	[TBD]	[TBD]	VSCE to GNI
Digital Voice RX	Digital	[TBD]	[TBD]	GNI to VSCE
PTT Activate/Release UHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
PTT Activate/Release VHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
PTT Confirm UHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
PTT Confirm VHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
M/S TX Select UHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
M/S TX Select VHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
M/S RX Select UHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
M/S RX Select VHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
M/S TX Sel UHF Confirm	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
M/S TX Sel VHF Confirm	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
M/S RX Sel UHF Confirm	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
M/S RX Sel VHF Confirm	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
RX Mute UHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
RX Mute VHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
RX Mute Confirm UHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
RX Mute Confirm VHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
Squelch Break UHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
Squelch Break VHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
Preempt VHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
Preempt Confirm VHF	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
Site Lockout Notify	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
Channel Busy	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
Low Tone Alarm	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
Received Data Alarm	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
BUEC PTT	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
BUEC Select	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
BUEC Priority Level	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
BUEC Transfer Ready	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE
BUEC Reset	Discrete	N/A	N/A	VSCE to GNI
BUEC Malfunction	Discrete	N/A	N/A	GNI to VSCE

Note: TBD in this table is to be interpreted as an item to be determined through development efforts.

3.3 Physical Requirements

3.3.1 Electrical Power/Electronic Requirements

The requirements specified in this section are described in accordance with FAA-G-2100g.

The current VSCE interfaces support the following power and ground resources. Interfaces that do not require power are marked N/R (not required.)

Table 3-4
Interface Power Requirements

Equipment	Voltage	Current	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	+12 VDC \pm 5%, adj	3.6 A	0.1% NL-FL regulation ¹ 1.5mV RMS ripple and noise.
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	N/R	N/R	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	N/R	N/R	
VSCS/BUEC	+24 VDC	[NAv] ²	
AFSSVS/RCE	+24 or +48 VDC	[NAv]	Power provided by AFSSVS
ICSS/RCE	+12VDC	[NAv]	
ETVS/RCE	+24 VDC	[NAv]	
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	[NAv]	[NAv]	
RDVS 3080H/RCE	[NAv]	[NAv]	
STVS/RCE	[NAv]	[NAv]	

¹ NL-FL = no-load to full-load ² = Information not available

3.3.1.1 GNI/VSCE Analog Audio Interface Electrical Characteristics

The GNI/VSCE audio circuit interface has the characteristics identified in the following subsections.

3.3.1.1.1 Transmit Audio

- The GNI/VSCE interface **shall** support a 600 Ohm impedance \pm 10%, balanced, transformer-coupled, two-wire pair, isolated from ground, per FAA-E-2731.
- The bandwidth of the transmit audio over the GNI/VSCE interface **shall** be flat to within 1dB from 300 Hz to 3,000 Hz into a resistive load of 600 Ohms.
- The GNI/VSCE interface **shall** accept transmit audio levels between -16 dB and +12 dB of a nominal VSCE output level of -8 dBm.

3.3.1.1.2 Receive Audio

- The GNI/VSCE interface **shall** support a 600-Ohm impedance \pm 10%, balanced, transformer-coupled, two-wire pair, isolated from ground, per FAA-E-2731.

- b) The bandwidth of the receive audio over the GNI/VSCE interface **shall** be flat to within 1dB from 300 to 3,000 Hz into a resistive load of 600 Ohms.
- c) The GNI/VSCE interface mean audio level **shall** be -8 dBm \pm 6 dB.

3.3.1.2 GNI/VSCE Discrete Control Interface Electrical Characteristics

The VSCE radio cards provide several electrical interface standards for discrete control. The following subsections list the characteristics of each type of radio card for each control signal

Note 1: VSCE, as legacy equipment, constrains the control signaling means across the GNI/VSCE interface. Discrete control will continue to be used until new voice switching equipment is procured and new telecommunications gear is in place to provide for message-oriented signaling within VSCE and between VSCE and NEXCOM equipment. Accordingly, the electrical characteristics of the GNI/VSCE given here are those of the existing equipment.

Note 2: For the Intellect interfaces, when the control originates on the GNI side of the interface, the GNI interface circuitry sinks current in the ON state and does not sink current when in the OFF state. The Intellect equipment implemented these controls via dry-contact relays. RCE implemented these controls via switching transistors. NEXCOM vendor is not constrained to any particular implementation.

3.3.1.2.1 PTT Activate/Release Interface Electrical Characteristics

The VSCE actuates this control and presents the result to the interface. The PTT Activate/Release interface electrical characteristics **shall** be as defined in table 3-5 below:

Table 3-5
PTT Activate/Release Interface Electrical Characteristics

Equipment	PTT Activated (ON)	PTT Released (OFF)	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	+12 VDC @0.5mA	Open Circuit	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	Contacts Closed	Contacts Open	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	Contacts Closed	Contacts Open	
VSCS/BUDEC	--	--	See Table 3-16
AFSSVS/RCE	Contacts Closed	Contacts Open	Two wire
ICSS/RCE	+12 VDC @0.5mA	Open Circuit	
ETVS/RCE	Contacts Closed	Contacts Open	See Note below
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	+12 VDC @0.5mA	Open Circuit	
RDVS 3080H/RCE	+12 VDC @0.5mA	Open Circuit	
STVS/RCE	Contacts Closed	Contacts Open	Two wire

Note: ETVS has an alternative configuration where +24VDC is applied over the transformer-coupled audio when PTT is asserted, and 0VDC is applied when PTT is released. In this configuration, PTT and the Transmit Audio share the transmit audio connection.

3.3.1.2.2 PTT Activate/Release Confirm Interface Electrical Characteristics

The GNI actuates this control and presents the result to the interface. The PTT Confirm Interface electrical characteristics **shall** be defined as in table 3-6 below:

Table 3-6

PTT Activate/Release Confirm Interface Electrical Characteristics

Equipment	Assert Confirmed (ON)	Release Confirmed (OFF)	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	N/A	N/A	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	Closed switching circuit	Open switching circuit	See sec 3.3.1.2, Note 2
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	Closed switching circuit	Open switching circuit	See sec 3.3.1.2, Note 2
VSCS/BUEC	N/A	N/A	
AFSSVS/RCE	+12 VDC	0 VDC	Into 10KOhm
ICSS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
ETVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	N/A	N/A	
RDVS 3080H/RCE	N/A	N/A	
STVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	

3.3.1.2.3 Main/Standby Receiver/Transmitter Select Interface Electrical Characteristics

The VSCE actuates this control and presents the result to the interface. The Main/Standby Select interface electrical characteristics **shall** be as defined in table 3-7 below:

Table 3-7

Main/Standby Receiver/Transmitter Select Interface Electrical Characteristics

Equipment	Main Selected (ON)	Standby Selected (OFF)	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	Contacts Open	+12 VDC \pm 25% @0.5mA	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	Contacts Open	Contacts Closed	See Note below
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	Contacts Open	Contacts Closed	See Note below
VSCS/BUEC	N/A	N/A	
AFSSVS/RCE	Contacts Open	Contacts Closed	
ICSS/RCE	+12 VDC @0.5mA	Open Circuit	
ETVS/RCE	Contacts Open	Contacts Closed	
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	+12 VDC @0.5mA	Open Circuit	

RDVS 3080H/RCE	+12 VDC @0.5mA	Open Circuit	
STVS/RCE	Contacts Open	Contacts Closed	

Note: For the Intellect interface, a successive application of 1 second pulses ± 100 ms causes receiver/transmitter to alternate between main and standby.

3.3.1.2.4 Main/Standby Receiver/Transmitter Select Confirm Interface Electrical Characteristics

The GNI actuates this control and presents the result to the interface.

The Main/Standby Select Confirm electrical characteristics **shall** be as defined in table 3-8 below:

Table 3-8

Main/Standby Receiver/Transmitter Select Confirm Interface Electrical Characteristics

Equipment	Main Confirmed (ON)	Standby Confirmed (OFF)	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	0 VDC ± 1 V	12 VDC $\pm 25\%$ @ 0.5mA	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	Closed switching circuit	Open switching circuit	See Note below and sec3.3.1.2 Note 2
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	Closed switching circuit	Open switching circuit	See Note below and sec 3.3.1.2 Note 2
VSCS/BUEC	N/A	N/A	
AFSSVS/RCE	+12 VDC $\pm 25\%$	0 VDC ± 1.0 VDC	Into 10KOhm
ICSS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
ETVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	N/A	N/A	
RDVS 3080H/RCE	N/A	N/A	
STVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	

Note: For the Intellect interfaces only, there are separate Main Select and Standby Select control signals. For this case, column 2 (ON) is to be interpreted as either main or standby select confirmed, and column 3 (OFF) is to be interpreted as main or standby not confirmed.

3.3.1.2.5 Receiver Mute Electrical Characteristics

The VSCE actuates this control and presents the result to the interface. The Receiver Mute interface electrical characteristics **shall** be as defined in table 3-9 below:

Table 3-9
Receiver Mute Electrical Interface Characteristics

Equipment	Mute ON	Mute OFF	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	+12 VDC \pm 25% @0.5mA	Open Circuit	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	N/A	N/A	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	N/A	N/A	
VSCS/BUDEC	N/A	N/A	
AFSSVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
ICSS/RCE	+12 VDC @0.5mA	Open Circuit	
ETVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	N/A	N/A	
RDVS 3080H/RCE	N/A	N/A	
STVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	

3.3.1.2.6 Receiver Mute Confirm Electrical Interface Characteristics

The GNI actuates this control and presents the result to the interface. The Receiver Mute Confirm interface electrical characteristics **shall** be as defined in table 3-10 below:

Table 3-10
Receiver Mute Confirm Interface Electrical Characteristics

Equipment	Mute Confirm ON	Mute Confirm OFF	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	+12 VDC \pm 25% @0.5mA	0 VDC \pm 1.0 VDC	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	N/A	N/A	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	N/A	N/A	
VSCS/BUDEC	N/A	N/A	
AFSSVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
ICSS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
ETVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	N/A	N/A	
RDVS 3080H/RCE	N/A	N/A	
STVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	

3.3.1.2.7 Squelch Break Interface Electrical Characteristics

The GNI actuates this control and presents the result to the interface. The Squelch Break interface electrical characteristics **shall** be as defined in table 3-11 below:

Table 3-11
Squelch Break Interface Electrical Characteristics

Equipment	Squelch Break ON	Squelch Break OFF	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	+12 VDC \pm 25% @0.5mA	0 VDC \pm 1.0 VDC	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	Closed switching circuit	Open switching circuit	See sec 3.3.1.2 Note 2
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	Closed switching circuit	Open switching circuit	See sec 3.3.1.2 Note 2
VSCS/BUEC	N/A	N/A	
AFSSVS/RCE	+12 VDC	0 VDC	Into 10KOhm
ICSS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
ETVS/RCE	NA _v	NA _v	
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	N/A	N/A	
RDVS 3080H/RCE	N/A	N/A	
STVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	

3.3.1.2.8 Preempt Electrical Interface Characteristics **NEXCOM New**

The VSCE actuates this control and presents the result to the interface. The Preempt interface electrical characteristics **shall** be as defined in table 3-12 below:

Table 3-12
Preempt Electrical Interface Characteristics

Equipment	Preempt Select ON	Preempt Select OFF	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	TBD	TBD	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	TBD	TBD	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	TBD	TBD	
VSCS/BUEC	TBD	TBD	
AFSSVS/RCE	TBD	TBD	
ICSS/RCE	TBD	TBD	
ETVS/RCE	TBD	TBD	
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	TBD	TBD	
RDVS 3080H/RCE	TBD	TBD	
STVS/RCE	TBD	TBD	

Note: New NEXCOM signaling does not exist on any current VSCE. Vendor will describe these interfaces in an ICD.

3.3.1.2.9 Preempt Confirm Interface Electrical Characteristics **NEXCOM New **

The GNI actuates this control and presents the result to the interface. The Preempt Confirm interface electrical characteristics **shall** be as defined in table 3-13 below:

**Table 3-13
 Preempt Confirm Interface Electrical Characteristics**

Equipment	Preempt Confirm ON	Preempt Confirm OFF	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	TBD	TBD	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	TBD	TBD	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	TBD	TBD	
VSCS/BUEC	TBD	TBD	
AFSSVS/RCE	TBD	TBD	
ICSS/RCE	TBD	TBD	
ETVS/RCE	TBD	TBD	
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	TBD	TBD	
RDVS 3080H/RCE	TBD	TBD	
STVS/RCE	TBD	TBD	

Note: New NEXCOM signaling does not exist on any current VSCE. Vendor will describe these interfaces in an ICD.

3.3.1.2.10 Site Lockout Notify Interface Electrical Characteristics

The GNI actuates this control and presents the result to the interface. The Site Lockout Notify interface electrical characteristics **shall** be as defined in table 3-14 below:

**Table 3-14
 Site Lockout Notify Interface Electrical Characteristics**

Equipment	Locked (ON)	Unlocked (OFF)	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	N/A	N/A	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	N/A	N/A	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	N/A	N/A	
VSCS/BUEC	N/A	N/A	
AFSSVS/RCE	+12 VDC	0 VDC	Into 10KOhm
ICSS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
ETVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	N/A	N/A	
RDVS 3080H/RCE	+12 VDC	0 VDC	Into 10KOhm
STVS/RCE	N/A	N/A	

3.3.1.2.11 Channel Busy Interface Electrical Characteristics **NEXCOM New **

The GNI actuates this control and presents the result to the interface. The Channel Busy interface electrical characteristics **shall** be as defined in table 3-15 below:

Table 3-15
Channel Busy Interface Electrical Characteristics

Equipment	Channel Busy (ON)	Channel Not Busy (OFF)	Notes
VSCS/GRIM	TBD	TBD	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134A	TBD	TBD	
VSCS/INTELECT 5134C	TBD	TBD	
VSCS/BUEC	TBD	TBD	
AFSSVS/RCE	TBD	TBD	
ICSS/RCE	TBD	TBD	
ETVS/RCE	TBD	TBD	
RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	TBD	TBD	
RDVS 3080H/RCE	TBD	TBD	
STVS/RCE	TBD	TBD	

Note: New NEXCOM signaling does not exist on any current VSCE. Vendor will describe these interfaces in an ICD.

3.3.1.2.12 Low Tone Alarm

The GNI actuates this control and presents the result to the interface.

3.3.1.2.13 Received Data Alarm

The GNI actuates this control and presents the result to the interface.

3.3.1.2.14 VSCE/BUEC Interface Electrical Characteristics

The electrical characteristics of discrete signaling across the VSCS/BUEC Radio interface **shall** be as defined in table 3-16.

Table 3-16
VSCE/BUEC Interface Electrical Characteristics

Equipment	ON	OFF	Notes
BUEC PTT	0 VDC (-0 + 0.6)	+5 VDC (-2.0 + 0 V)	
BUEC Select	0 V Pulse (-0 + 0.6 V)	+5 VDC (-2.0 + 0 V)	
BUEC Priority Level	0 VDC at all times	0 VDC at all times	No longer used to select priority
BUEC Transfer Ready	Closed Contact	Open Contact	
BUEC Reset	0 V Pulse (-0 + 0.6 V)	+5 VDC (-2.0 + 0 V)	
BUEC Malfunction	+1 VDC (-0.8 +1.0 V)	+5 VDC (\pm 0.5 V)	

3.3.1.3 Connectors

To be determined through Development Effort

3.3.1.4 Wire/Cable

To be determined through Development Effort

3.3.1.5 Electrical Power/Electronic Referencing (Grounding)

Grounding, bonding and shielding **shall** be as specified in ANSI/IEEE STD 1100-1999.

3.3.1.6 Fasteners

Fasteners **shall** be as specified in FAA-G-2100.

3.3.1.7 Electromagnetic Compatibility

Electromagnetic compatibility **shall** be as specified in FAA-G-2100.

4.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

Compliance with the requirements stated in this IRD are deemed met when all the requirements specified in a paragraph are verified by one or more of the methods outlined in the subsequent subparagraphs. The results of the verification activities **shall** be expressed as either pass or fail.

4.1 Responsibility For Verification

4.2 Special Verification Requirements

4.2.1 ISO Conformance

The system under test (SUT) **shall** consist of all ISO protocols specified in this document, along with that part of the physical device required to support these protocols. Proof of ISO conformance **shall** be provided by the contractor, indicating that the product has been certified as ISO conformant by an accredited testing agency. Any ISO protocol specified in this document, and not tested in the test suite used by the testing agency, must be demonstrated to be conformant, by the contractor, using some other test method, subject to FAA approval. Conformance testing information is contained in FAA-STD-047.

4.2.2 ISO Interoperability

This topic not applicable to this document.

4.2.3 Non-ISO Interoperability

Prior to the start of integration level verification, functional interoperability not related to ISO protocols **shall** be demonstrated at the William J Hughes Technical Center (WJHTC) System Support Computer Complex (SSCC), or other appropriate demonstration site.

4.3 Verification Requirements Traceability Matrix

Verification Requirements Traceability Matrix may be found in Appendix C.

4.4 Verification Levels And Methods

The levels and methods of verification appropriate for use in the VRTM, presented in Section 4 of the IRD, are defined in the following paragraphs.

4.4.1 Verification Levels

- a) Subsystem Level. This level of verification is usually accomplished at the contractor's facility and culminates in the formal acceptance of a contractual end-item.
- b) Integration-level. This level of verification is conducted at the WJHTC, or at a key site. The verification conducted will determine if the hardware, software, or subsystem to be deployed for site installation will perform in a NAS environment and in accordance with NAS system-level operational and functional requirements.

- c) Site-level. This level of verification is usually performed at the designated site. The verification portion of the subsystem installation and checkout will emphasize demonstration of the overall system performance requirements. It includes the demonstration of an end-item, subsystem and/or system, the final acceptance demonstrations, and commissioning activities.

4.4.2 Verification Methods

There are four verification methods that can be used at any of the three verification levels. Verification methods are:

- a) **INSPECTION**. Inspection is a method of verification to determine compliance without the use of special test equipment, procedures, or services, and consist of a non-destructive static-state examination of the hardware, software, and/or the technical data and documentation.
- b) **TEST**. Test is a method of verification wherein performance is measured during or after the controlled application of functional and/or environmental stimuli. Quantitative measurements are analyzed to determine the degree of compliance to the success criteria stipulated in the IRD or project specification. The process uses standardized laboratory equipment, procedures, hardware, and/or services.
- c) **DEMONSTRATION**. Demonstration is a method of verification where qualitative determination of properties is made for configuration items, including software, and/or technical data and documentation measured, in a dynamic state.
- d) **ANALYSIS**. This method of verification consists of comparing hardware or software design with known scientific and technical principles, procedures, and practices to estimate the capability of the proposed design to meet the mission and system requirements. When certain elements of design are comprised of previously qualified elements such as commercial OFF the shelf (COTS) equipment, then analysis of previous qualification testing in meeting specification requirements may be used to reduce the amount of qualification testing.

5.0 PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY

This topic not applicable to this document.

6.0 NOTES

6.1 Definitions

6.2 Abbreviations And Acronyms

The list of abbreviations and acronyms may be found in appendix B.

APPENDIX A

Matrix Of GNI/VSCE Signals

Table A-1

Matrix Of GNI/VSCE Signals

GROUP	SIGNAL NAME	VSCS/GRIM	VSCS/INTELLEC 5134A	VSCS/INTELLEC 5134C	VSCS/BUEC	AFSSVS/RCE	ICSS/RCE	ETVS/RCE	RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	RDVS 3080H/RCE	STVS/RCE
Audio	Transmit Audio (Main)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Audio	Receive Audio (Main)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Audio	Transmit Audio (Standby)							x			
Audio	Receive Audio (Standby)							x			
PTT	PTT Frequency 1	x	x	x			x				x
PTT	PTT Frequency 2	x	x	x			x				
PTT	PTT Main					x		x	x	x	
PTT	PTT Standby								x	x	
PTT	PTT Confirm Frequency 1		x	x			x				
PTT	PTT Confirm Frequency 2		x	x			x				
PTT	PTT Confirm Main					x					
PTT	PTT Confirm Standby										
PTT	PTT Return		x	x							
PTT	PTT Confirm Return Frequency 1									x	
PTT	PTT Confirm Return Frequency 2										
M/S Select	M/S Select Receiver 1	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x
M/S Select	M/S Select Receiver 2	x	x				x				
M/S Select	MS/Verify Receiver 1	x				x					
M/S Select	MS/Verify Receiver 2	x									
M/S Select	M/S Select Transmitter 1	x	x			x	x	x	x		x
M/S Select	M/S Select Transmitter 2	x	x				x				
M/S Select	MS/Verify Transmitter 1	x				x					
M/S Select	MS/Verify Transmitter 2	x									
M/S Select	Transmitter Frequency 1 Main Confirm		x	x							
M/S Select	Transmitter Frequency 2 Main Confirm		x	x							
M/S Select	Transmitter Frequency 1 Standby Confirm		x	x							
M/S Select	Transmitter Frequency 2 Standby Confirm		x	x							
M/S Select	Transmitter Frequency 1 Standby Select			x							
M/S Select	Transmitter Frequency 2 Standby Select			x							
M/S Select	Receiver Frequency 1 Standby Select			x							
M/S Select	Receiver Frequency 2 Standby Select			x							

GROUP	SIGNAL NAME	VSCS/GRIM	VSCS/INTELLEC 5134A	VSCS/INTELLEC 5134C	VSCS/BUEC	AFSSVS/RCE	ICSS/RCE	ETVS/RCE	RDVS 3080C,E & F/RCE	RDVS 3080H/RCE	STVS/RCE
M/S Select	Receiver Frequency 1 Main Confirm		x	x							
M/S Select	Receiver Frequency 2 Main Confirm		x	x							
M/S Select	Receiver Frequency 1 Standby Confirm		x	x							
M/S Select	Receiver Frequency 2 Standby Confirm		x	x							
M/S Select	M/S Confirm Return		x	x							
Site Select	Primary/Secondary Site Select Frequency 1										
Site Select	Primary/Secondary Site Select Frequency 2										
Site Select	Primary/Secondary Site Select Confirm Frequency 1										
Site Select	Primary/Secondary Site Select Confirm Frequency 2										
Muting	Mute Frequency 1	x					x				
Muting	Mute Frequency 2	x					x				
Muting	Mute Verification Frequency 1	x									
Muting	Mute Verification Frequency 2	x									
Squelch Break	Activity (Squelch Break) Frequency 1	x	x	x				x			
Squelch Break	Activity (Squelch Break) Frequency 2	x						x			
Squelch Break	Vox (Squelch Break) Return		x	x							
Lockouts	Secondary Site Lockout Notify					x				x	
Lockouts	Preempt (VDL Mode-3)										
Lockouts	Preempt Confirm (VDL Mode-3)										
Lockouts	Channel Busy (VDL Mode-3)										
BUEC	BUEC PTT				x						
BUEC	BUEC Select				x						
BUEC	BUEC Priority Level				x						
BUEC	BUEC Transfer Ready				x						
BUEC	BUEC Reset				x						
BUEC	BUEC Malfunction				x						
Alarms	Received Data Alarm	x									
Alarms	Low Tone Alarm	x									
Power and Ground	+12 VDC	x					x				
Power and Ground	+24 VDC				x			x			
Power and Ground	+48 VDC					x					
Power and Ground	Ground	x			x	x	x				
Power and Ground	PTT and Change Common		x	x							
Power and Ground	M/S Confirm Common		x	x							

APPENDIX B

Abbreviations and Acronyms

B.1 Abbreviations And Acronyms

ACF	Area Control Facility
A/G	Air-to-Ground
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AP	Application Process
CDI	Common Digital Interface
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
GNI	Ground Network Interface (NEXCOM)
ICD	Interface Control Document
IRD	Interface Requirements Document
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
M/S	Main/Standby
NAS	National Airspace System
NEXCOM	Next Generation Air/Ground Communication System
PTT	Push To Talk
P/S	Primary/Secondary site
RX	Receiver
SRD	System Requirements Document (NEXCOM)
TX	Transmitter
UHF	Ultra-High Frequency
VDL	VHF Data Link
VHF	Very-High Frequency
VRTM	Verification Requirements Traceability Matrix
VSCS	Voice Switching and Control System (Harris Government Systems)
WJHTC	William J Hughes Technical Center (Atlantic City NJ)

APPENDIX C

Verification Requirements Traceability Matrix

Table C-1

Verification Requirements Traceability Matrix

(Verification Methods: D - Demonstration, I - Inspection, A - Analysis, T - Test, X - Not Applicable)

Section	Requirements	Verification Phase and Method			
		Sub-system Level	Integration Level	Site Level	Remarks
3.1.a	Support A/G communications	D	D	D	
3.1.b	Control A/G equipment	D	D	D	
3.1.c	Indicate A/G equipment status	D	D	D	
3.2.a	Be reconfigurable to meet requirements of each interface variation.	D	D	D	
3.2.b	Provide for a common digital interface	I, D	I, D	D	
3.2.3.2.a	Provide transmit audio connection	D	D	D	
3.2.3.2.b	Maintain transmit audio level	T	T	T	
3.2.3.3.a	Provide receive audio connection	D	D	D	
3.2.3.3.b	Maintain receive audio level	T	T	T	
3.2.4.1.a	Support discrete controls in table 3.2	D	D	D	
3.2.4.1.b	Discrete controls have ON/OFF states	D	D	D	
3.2.4.1.c	Discrete controls' electrical characteristics pointed to in table 3.2	D, T	D, T	D, T	
3.3.1	Provide power and ground resources	D, T	D, T	D, T	
3.3.1.1.1.a	Transmit audio impedance	T	T	T	
3.3.1.1.1.b	Transmit audio bandwidth	T	T	T	
3.3.1.1.1.c	Transmit audio level	T	T	T	
3.3.1.1.2.a	Receive audio impedance	T	T	T	
3.3.1.1.2.b	Receive audio bandwidth	T	T	T	
3.3.1.1.2.c	Receive audio level	T	T	T	
3.3.1.2.1	PTT Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.2	PTT Confirm Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.3	Main/Standby Select Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.4	Main/Standby Select Confirm Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.5	Receiver Mute Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	

3.3.1.2.6	Receiver Mute Confirm Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.7	Squelch Break Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.8	Preempt Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.9	Preempt Confirm Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.10	Site Lock Out Notify Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.11	Channel Busy Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.12	Low Tone Alarm Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.13	Received Data Alarm Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.2.14	VSCE/BUEC Interface Electrical Characteristics	D	D	D	
3.3.1.5	Electrical Power and Ground	I	I	I	
3.3.1.6	Fasteners	I	I	I	
3.3.1.7	Electromagnetic Compatibility	T	T	X	