

LONWORKS Technology Update

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LONWORKS

Presentation Overview

- LonWorks Terminology & Overview
- UFGS and UFC status
- LonWorks Benefits
- Lessons Learned
- UMCS/DDC Plan
- LonMark – What's new



Terminology

- LONWORKS®: General term for the **technology** related to the ANSI-709.1 protocol
- ANSI-709.1: Standard communications protocol; a set of rules for communication between devices
- LonTalk®: Name for the Echelon implementation of ANSI-709.1 on a Neuron® chip
- ANSI/EIA-852: Standard for using ANSI-709.1 communications over an IP Network



Terminology

- LonMark[®] International: An industry organization that develops Interoperability Guidelines and certifies LONWORKS devices



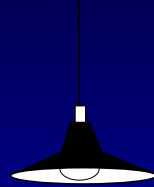
- LonMark Certification:

- LONWORKS[®] Network Services (LNS[™]): A network management and database standard developed by the Echelon Corporation

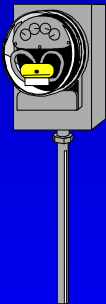
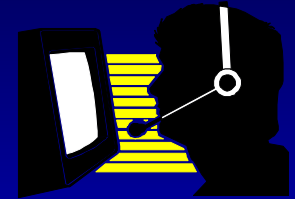


LONWORKS Applications

- HVAC controls
- Lighting
- Power management
- Remote monitoring
- Electric sub-metering



- Access control
- Security
- Elevators
- Fire/life safety



Only HVAC controls are included in the current design and specification criteria. Metering/Power Mgmt are 'supported'.



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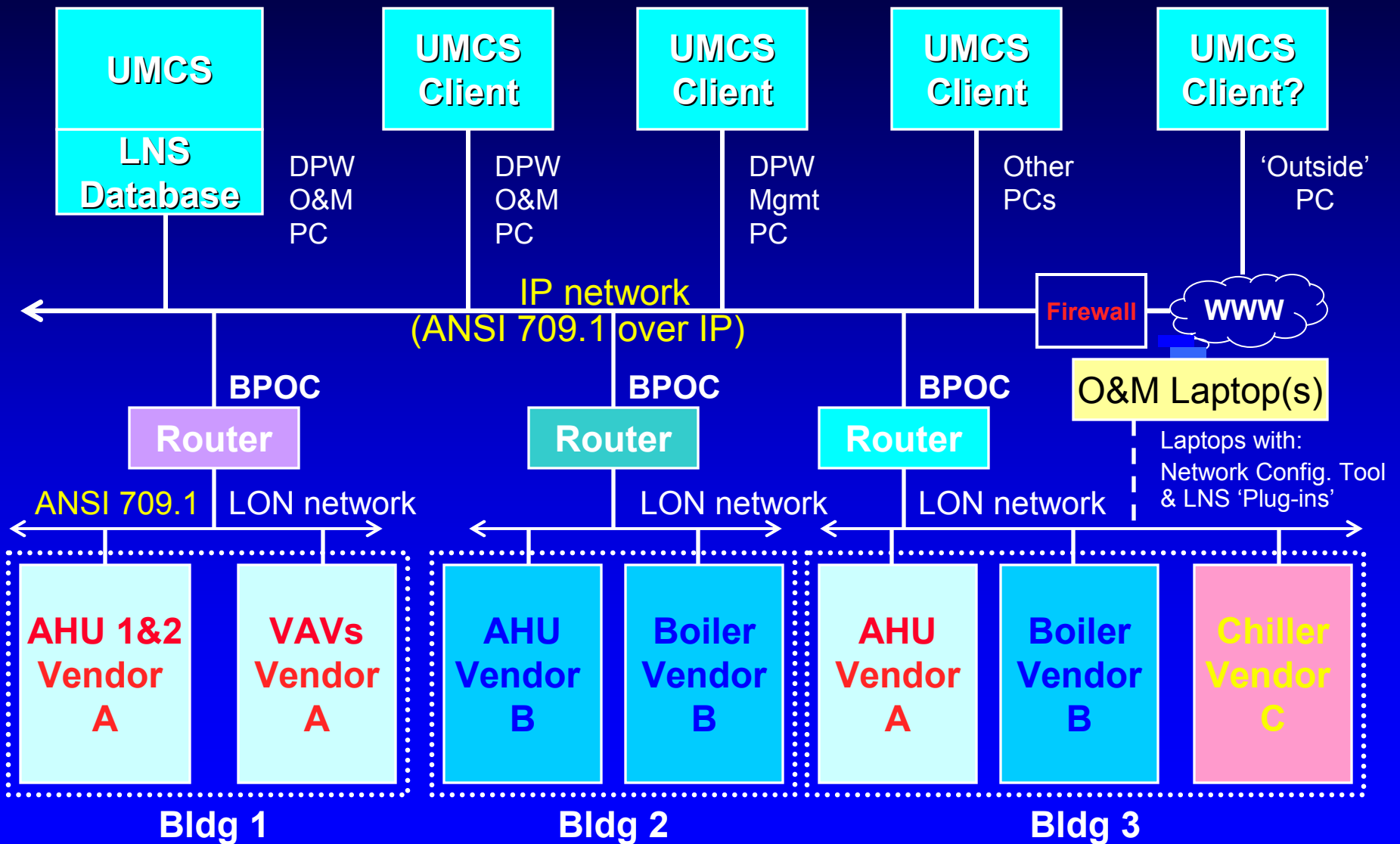
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UMCS & DDC

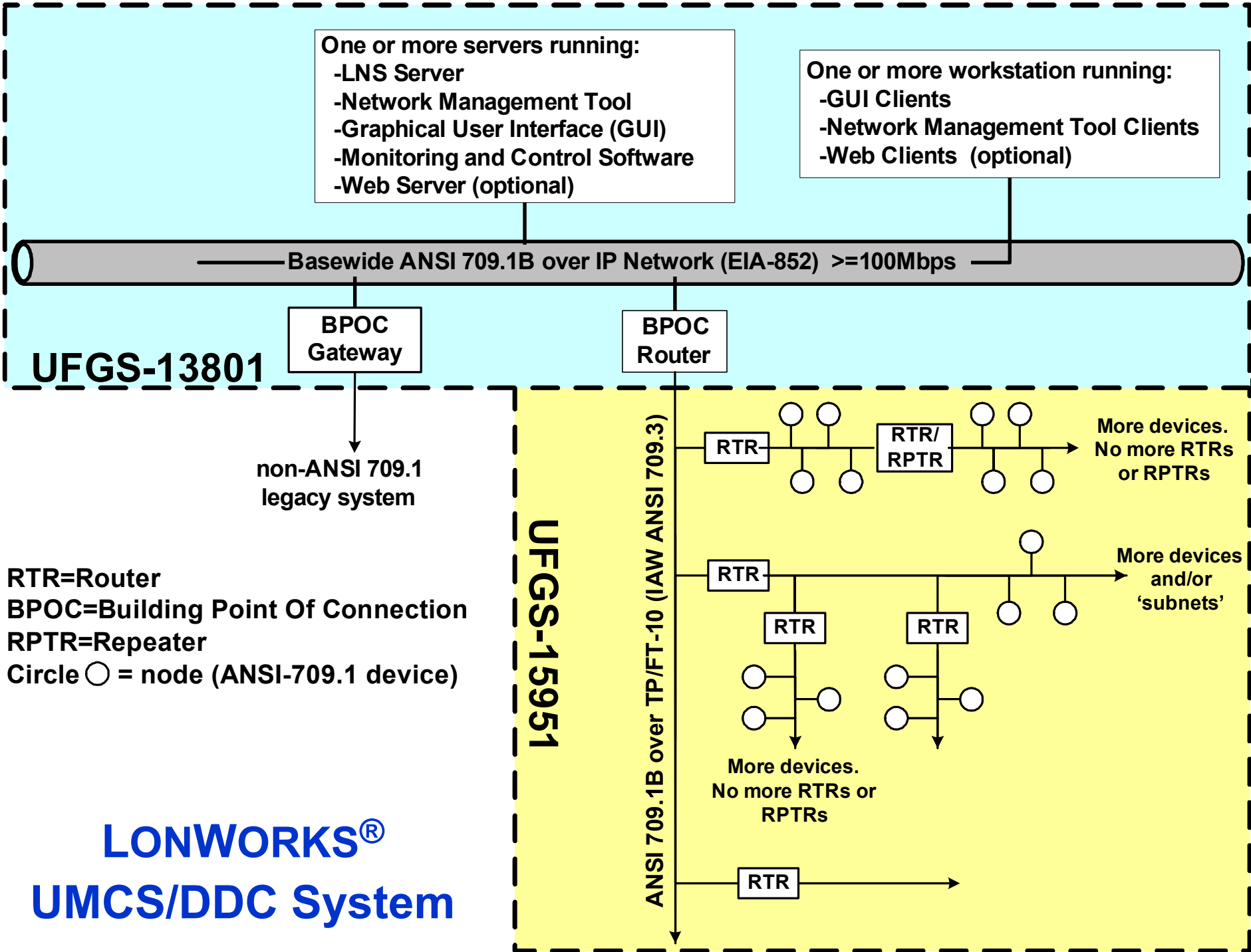
- Utility Monitoring and Control System (UMCS)
 - Specification: **UFGS-13801**
 - Central supervisory monitoring and control system
 - Interface to one or more multi-vendor building-level DDC systems
 - Unlike the old EMCS specs, does not specify/include the building-level controls
- Direct Digital Control For HVAC & Other Local Building Systems
 - Specification: **UFGS-15951**
 - Building-Level control systems and communications network (based on ANSI-709.1 communications protocol)
 - Focus is on HVAC controls (but supports other technologies)



LONWORKS® UMCS/DDC - Overview



BPOC=Building Point of Connection (UMCS to Building Control Network)



RTR=Router
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LONWORKS®
UMCS/DDC System

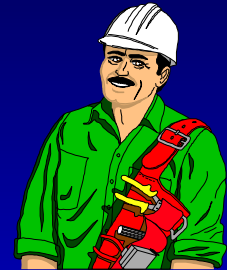
LONWORKS – UFGS & UFC Status

- Specs: UFGS-15951 & 13801 released FY04
- Draft UFCs <http://www.cecer.army.mil/KD/HVAC/>
 - UMCS DDC System Overview
 - Project Implementation Summary
 - Control System ACAD dwgs (A/E/C CAD Std 2.0 compliant)
 - Points Schedule (drawing) Instructions
 - AutoCAD Drawing User's Guide
- PROSPECT Training (Crs 094, 340, and 382)



LONWORKS Benefits

- UMCS front-end provides opportunity to better manage facilities/buildings
 - Monitoring capability, alarms, scheduling, etc.
 - Support for technologies other than HVAC
- Use of a single Network Configuration Tool
 - Helps O&M staff to be more effective
 - Will minimize training needs over the long term
- Simplifies the overall mix of softwares, dongles, and controllers (simpler for both construction and O&M staff)
- Supports open competition, but will likely limit the mix and variations of DDC
- Provides choice/options in replacing substandard controls (due to standard *'building control network'*)



LONWORKS Installations

- Fort Sill
- Fort Hood
- Sheppard AFB
- Fort Bragg – Planning stage
- Fort Stewart – Planning stage
- Successful projects use a long-term-contracted **Systems Integrator** to execute UFGS-13801 requirements via Huntsville IDIQ, local IDIQ, or ESPC contract mechanism



LONWORKS Lessons Learned

**Most importantly...
You really do need a plan**



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UMCS/DDC Plan

- Select, define, & document a strategy/plan, including how to...
- Find a **System Integrator (SI)** to manage front-end
- Obtain LONWORKS® **UMCS front-end** software package
- Obtain **LNS™ Network Tool** (software)
- Require LONWORKS controls for all building-level projects
- Identify Contractors/products that meet LONWORKS reqmts
- Define in-house (Govt.) support mechanisms/strategy
- Coordinate with DOIM (Important & must be done early!)

Fort Bragg's plan is described in Technical Report.
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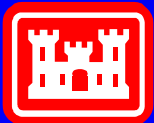
LONWORKS Lessons Learned

- Application specific controllers (ASC)
 - Prevalent in the Lon 'World'
 - Simple. O&M folks love them compared to programmable.
 - Dumb down your control schemes to get ASCs. Permit contractors to submit alternate control sequences.
- LonWorks Network Services (LNS) platform
 - Used to launch/configure multiple vendors ASCs using 'plug-in'
- ASC's with LNS plug-ins:
 - Circon, Distech, Honeywell, Johnson Controls, TAC
 - Lots of others (for lighting, power management, etc.)
- Insist on LNS and LNS plug-ins
 - Enforce specs. Minimizes software tools. Simplifies O&M.



LONWORKS Lessons Learned

- Open systems involves complexity
 - Welcome to the world of interoperability
 - All controls are complex. Pick your poison.
 - Government competitive procurement rules dictates need for open systems
 - LonWorks/open systems not a silver bullet. But with UFGS much of the work has been done for you.
- Trend toward networked systems will continue
 - Networked systems and controls are complex
 - We need to get used to it and get a grip
 - Networking requires DOIM involvement. Get to know them.
 - Evolving security issues & requirements (i.e. 'Networthiness')
 - On plus side: Guidance, training, expertise available



LONWORKS Lessons Learned

- IP network security:
 - Army “Networthiness” requirements
 - New. Based out of Fort Huachuca.
 - 79 item checklist. ~80 manhour effort by Contractor.
 - Networthiness Certificate issued to ‘system’
 - Can avoid if IP network is dedicated to UMCS/DDC



LONWORKS Lessons Learned

- LonWorks weak on some supervisory functions
 - Scheduling (occ/unocc etc.). UFGS is very prescriptive to provided necessary functionality.
 - Alarms: LonWorks supports, but not efficient.
 - Trends: Bulk data transfer not standardized. Front-end PC used to capture trend data.
 - On plus side: Don't always have need for supervisory functions and LonWorks negates the need for beefy proprietary building controllers that would otherwise perform these functions



LONWORKS Lessons Learned

- You will need a System Integrator (SI)
 - Original intent. Executes UFGS-13801 requirements.
 - Obtain through Huntsville IDIQ contract or local sources
 - A list of SI's: <http://osa.echelon.com/Solutions/FindNI.htm>
- Don't let 15951 Contractors give you front-end software with each new project. Use UFGS-13801 (existing front-end software) and SI services.
- Your alternative? Proprietary systems: Use UFGS-15910A (Navy spec) or dust off old UFGS-15951A.



UMCS Front-end & Network Configuration Tool (Acceptable* Vendors)

- UMCS front-end software vendors*
 - Circon (Visual Integrator 3)
 - Honeywell (EBI or SmmetrE)
 - Wonderware (Intouch)
 - *Intellution (FIX)*
 - TAC (VISTA)
- LNS Network Tool vendors*
 - Circon (Network Integrator)
 - *Honeywell (CARE 4.0) {Writes LNS, but not doesn't use/read LNS}*
 - **Richards Zeta** (PerfectHOST for LNS)
 - **Visual Control** (VC Network Manager)
 - Echelon (LonMaker) *{TAC uses this tool}*
 - **Distech** (LonWatcher)
 - **Johnson Controls** (MCL Tool) *{Not on Echelon** Website}*

*Incomplete list. Others may be acceptable. Underlined=More confidence

**<http://www.echelon.com/products/development/lms/pwrtools.htm>



LONMARK – What's New

- Over 670 products have been LonMark certified to date
- 'Utility Meter' Functional Profile (FP)
- Developing an Open Spec template
 - May provide perspective (comparison to UFGS) / options
- Systems integrator testing/certification program being developed to improve the quality & availability of integrators



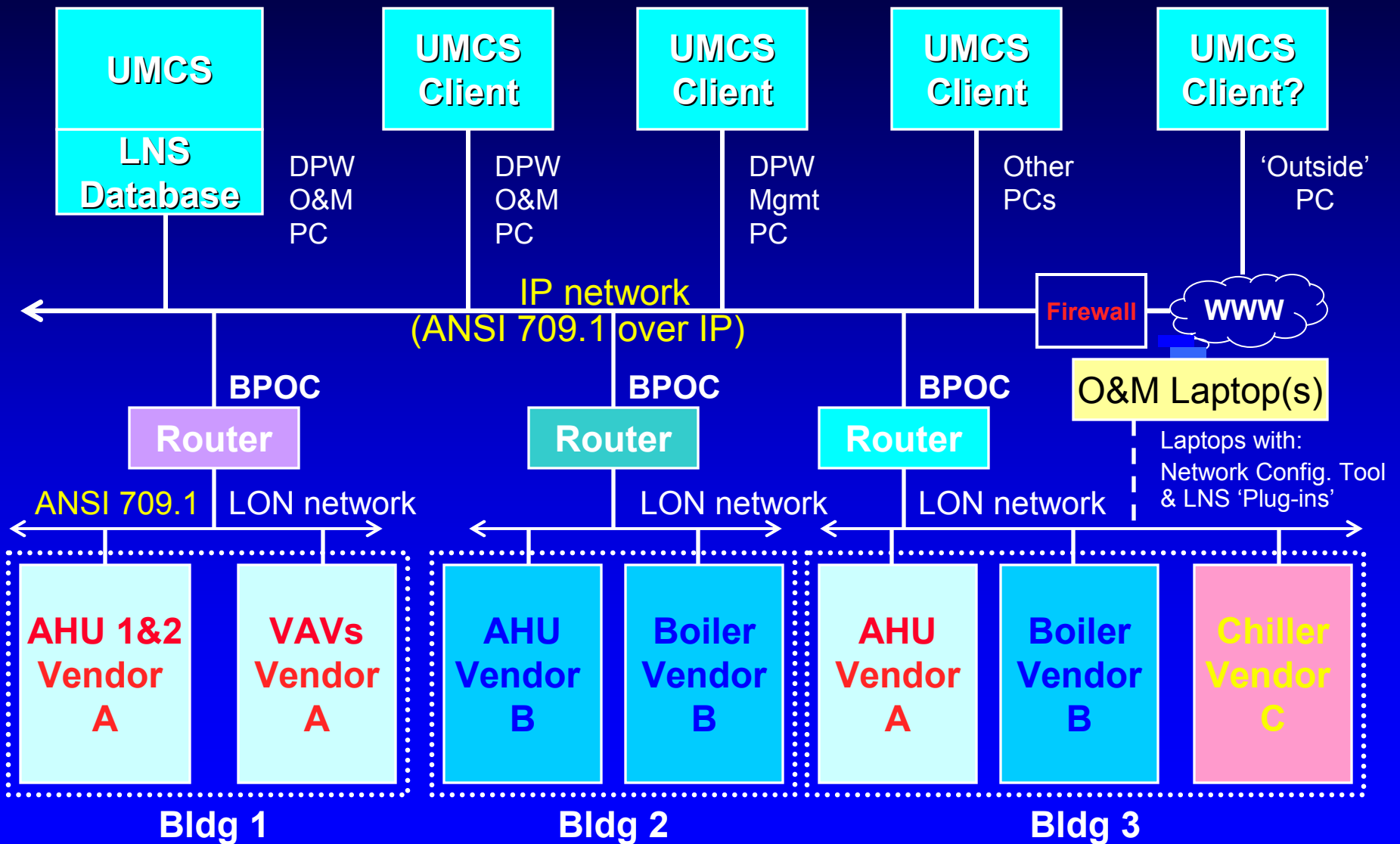
LONWORKS Summary

- Open systems provide non-proprietary options
 - Big benefit & Must adhere to procurement rules.
- Our challenges...
 - Building Automation Systems (controls) aren't rocket science, but are far from simple. Always have been always will be.
 - Open systems are not turn-key. Proprietary systems can be but the Vendor/Contractor owns the key.
 - Most DDC vendors not willing to provide open systems
 - Technology and 'know how' exist, but openness is not their goal
 - There are Exceptions (1 or 2 vendors and System Integrators)
- Develop a plan
 - Need a vision/goal. Controls require attention.

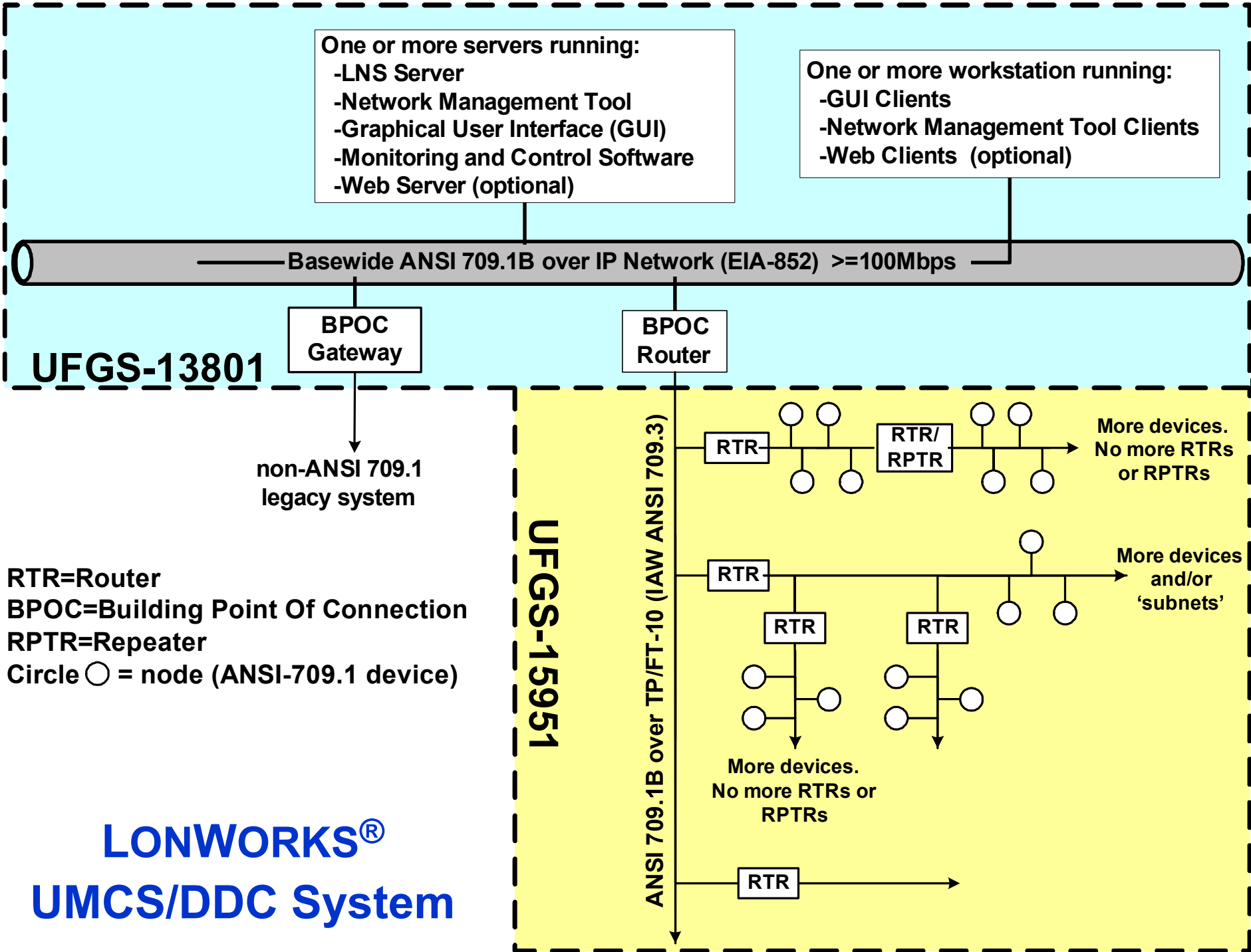


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