Industrial Material Handling Industrial Autonomous Vehicle

Goal

 Reduce costs and improve efficiency in industrial material handling by providing to the industrial AGV industry performance tests to support the use of non-contact safety sensors and appropriate control systems architectures and standards to enable the use of advanced navigation techniques based on such non-contact sensors.

Deliverables

• Support relevant voluntary standards:

Modify ANSI/ASME B56.5 to allow non-contact safety sensors, safety performance tests, system architecture for component and system interoperability

 Work with key industry partners to advance state-of-AGV technology

Demonstrate: technology transfer from DOD UGV projects; advanced navigation of AGV in factory

Customers and Collaborators

- Automated Guided Vehicles Users and Vendors
- Potential AGV Users
- Material Handling Industry of America
- Service Robot Manufacturers and Users

Military: **Transportation:** Army Demo III





DOT

Manufacturing: **NIST IAV Project**







Standards



- NIST is working to clarify ASME B56.5a-1994 standard to be more useful for AGV vendors and users
- · Advance standard to allow for the use of non-contact bumpers (e.g., laser ranging)

Measurements





- Fixed-Horizontal or Slightly Angled Ladar Mouting
- Information limited at sensor mount height but, can be dual-used as bumper

Advanced Technology

- Vision-Based, Lane-Following toward autonomous vehicle adaptation to large industrial facilities
- Facility Mapping toward autonomous vehicle world-modeling
- Advanced Sensors (e.g., 2D Ladar technology)

