Service Providers should utilize the Springboard specification as the testing guideline for the [\_arg\_ServiceName\_] ([\_arg\_ServiceAbbreviation\_]) service interface. The Springboard Conformance Specification concentrates exclusively on the interoperable aspects of the service interface specification in order to assert that a participating system conforms to the [\_arg\_ServiceAbbreviation\_] Specification. The conformance specification and the associated test cases define a series of tests designed to exercise each interoperability aspect of the specification at least once. The inclusion of positive and negative test responses as well as single contrasted with multiples responses is intended to verify different aspects of interface interoperability not application functionality.

The Springboard Conformance Specification document identifies the conformance targets, associated requirements and the related test suite / test cases (with assertions) for all aspects of the information exchange architecture. In addition to documenting the conformance targets, requirements and assertions, the Springboard Conformance Specification also provides guidelines for using the Conformance Test Tool. The Conformance Test Tool, soapUI, is an open-source, cross-platform, web service test application, which provides a number of features that will facilitate the [\_arg\_ServiceAbbreviation\_] conformance testing and reporting process. soapUI provides well established test scenarios which issue requests, receive responses, apply assertions and generate fully automated, built-in conformance test reports.

Figure 1: Conformance Overview