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2014 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR ON CAPITOL HILL SHOWCASES U.S. INNOVATION AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

WASHINGTON, DC – SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 – Following is a statement by Michael Drobac, executive director, of the Small UAV Coalition:

"We are pleased to participate in the Congressional UAS Caucus's 2nd Annual Technology Fair today, where the increased emphasis on small commercial UAS demonstrates its growing importance to the industry as a whole.

"The remarkable technology on display and the extraordinary talent behind it underscore America's leadership in the research, development, and production of small unmanned aerial vehicles will benefit consumers in all walks of life.

"Small unmanned aerial vehicles hold the promise of helping farmers monitor their crops and livestock, companies view their physical plant assets such as gas and oil pipelines in remote areas, first responders meet community needs during disasters and other emergency situations, and everyday consumers take delivery of goods in incredibly timely fashion.

We thank Congressmen McKeon and Cuellar for hosting this important event."

Among the organizations presenting at the 2014 Science and Technology Fair are Small UAV Coalition members DJI Innovations and Parrot. The Fair is the first time many Members of Congress and their staff will meet civilian small UAV manufacturers, operate a small UAV, or discuss with manufacturers the proactive role Congress can play to facilitate growth in the industry.

The Fair, held today in the Rayburn House Office Building from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., is open to Members of Congress and invited guests.

The Small UAV Coalition is composed of leading consumer and technology companies to advance the commercial use of unmanned aerial vehicles. Founding members are (in alphabetical order): Airware, Amazon Prime Air, DJI Innovations, Google's Project Wing, GoPro, Parrot, and 3D Robotics. For more information on the Small UAV Coalition, please visit smalluavcoalition.org or contact Executive Director Michael Drobac at mdrobac@akingump.com.

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