

Small UAV Coalition Welcomes New Members

Hazon Solutions, Drone Deploy join growing coalition

Washington, DC – Today, the Small UAV Coalition announced the addition of two new members, Hazon Solutions and Drone Deploy, to its growing alliance of technology companies advocating for the safe integration of small UAVs in the National Air Space (NAS).

“We are excited to have these two innovative companies join us for what will be a crucial year for our coalition. Hazon Solutions has developed key programs to put safety, management and training at the forefront of this industry and the innovative cloud-based services of Drone Deploy are being used around the UAV community. Their membership will continue to strengthen our coalition,” said Executive Director Michael Drobac.

Hazon Solutions’ mission is to support, develop and validate unmanned system operations. It aims to achieve this by developing standards and programs for UAV operations, training, safety and management. For example, it has designed complete training programs for UAV pilots, sensor operators, and safety observers. It also plans to become an independent verifier and validator of UAV programs for insurers or investors. Hazon Solutions has a COA to test at the Virginia Tech UAS Test Site. It is currently using UAVs to inspect utility infrastructure. It also expects to test procedures, platforms, and sensors related to precision agriculture.

DroneDeploy has created a cloud-based command platform that can control multiple UAVs at one time, and can transmit, process, and share data in real-time. DroneDeploy has raised \$2 million in seed funding and has partnerships with Parrot, AgEagle, and SteadiDrone. Its software can be used for multiple applications, including agriculture, construction, and surveying. DroneDeploy is working with 3DR, SkyWard, DJI, and Sky-Futures on the Urban Skyways Project.

About the Coalition:

Leading technology companies founded the Small UAV Coalition to pave the way for commercial, philanthropic, and civil use of small UAVs in the United States and abroad. Chief among the organization’s goals is to advance a regulatory environment that will support safe, reliable, and timely operation of small UAVs.

Hazon Solutions was founded by 2 ex-Navy pilots and is headquartered in Virginia Beach, Virginia. For more information, go to <http://hazonsolutions.com>

DroneDeploy is based in San Francisco and was founded by Nicholas Pilkington and Jono Millin, both PhDs. Its CEO, Mike Winn, previously worked at Google. Former AUVSI VP Gretchen West serves as director of business development and regulatory affairs, and would serve as the board designee. For more information, visit www.dronedeploy.com

Board Members are: 3DR, Aerialtronics, Airware, Amazon Prime Air, DJI Innovations, EHang, Google[x] Project Wing, GoPro, Parrot, PrecisionHawk, Sky-Futures, and SkyWard.

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