Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Issues and Opportunities

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About AUVSI

AUVSI’s mission is to advance the unmanned systems and robotics community through education, advocacy and leadership.

AUVSI’s vision is to improve humanity by enabling the global use of robotic technology in everyday lives.

- In its 41st year, AUVSI is the world’s largest non-profit association devoted exclusively to unmanned systems and robotics
  - Air, Ground and Maritime
  - Defense, Civil and Commercial
- AUVSI represents more than 7,500 members, including more than 600 corporate members from more than 60 allied countries
  - We add a new corporate member every 3.2 days
- Diverse membership from industry, government and academia
AUVSI Events

- **AUVSI’s Unmanned Systems Symposium and Exhibition**
  (Orlando, FL, 12-15 May 2014)
  - The World’s Largest Unmanned Systems and Robotics Event
  - 8,000 Delegates and 600 Exhibitors from more than 40 Countries
  - Renowned keynote speakers from industry and government
  - 100+ other presentations, panels, workshops and posters
  - Air, Ground and Maritime system demos
  - International pavilions

- **AUVSI’s Unmanned Systems Program Review**
  (Washington, DC, 4-6 November 2014)
  - Military and Civilian Government Agency Updates on Unmanned Systems Programs
AUVSI Events Cont.

- AUVSI Hill Day: National Robotics Week
  (Capitol Hill, 2nd Week April)
  - Meetings and Reception with Members of Congress and Staff

- AUVSI’s Driverless Car Summit
  - Dedicated to understanding and working to solve the core challenges impacting driverless vehicle integration onto tomorrow's roadways.

- AUVSI’s Unmanned Systems Europe Conference
  - Brings international UAS leaders from Europe together to address the most important trends, advancements and information impacting the UAS industry in Europe.

- Global Reach and Participation in Events in Australia, Canada, Europe, Asia, South America, the Middle East and the United States

- Webinars, Roundtables, Workshops and more
AUVSI Advocacy

- AUVSI advocates for the interests of the entire unmanned systems community with Members of Congress, the FAA, and other stakeholders.

- **House Unmanned Systems Caucus**, Co-chaired by Reps. McKeon (R-CA) and Cuellar (D-TX) which has more than 50 members.

- **Senate Unmanned Aerial System Caucus**, Co-chaired by Senators Inhofe (R-OK) and Manchin (D-WV), which already has 7 members.

- Testifying at Congressional hearings.

- AUVSI hold numerous events on Capitol Hill every year to educate Members of Congress and their staff.

- AUVSI works with other US federal agencies (DHS, DOJ, DOD, NASA, USGS...)

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AUVSI Products and Services

- **Publications**
  - *Unmanned Systems* Magazine – readership of 18,000
  - *Mission Critical* – more than 250,000 individual page views
  - eBrief – distributed to more than 40,000 individuals

- **Communications**
  - Media Outreach
  - Public Awareness and Education Campaign
    - [www.increasinghumanpotential.org](http://www.increasinghumanpotential.org)
  - Social Media
    - LinkedIn Group – 9,000 members
    - Twitter – more than 4,100 followers
    - Facebook – 2,500 followers

- **Knowledge Resources**
  - Knowledge Vault
  - Market Reports
    - US Jobs Report
  - Unmanned Systems & Robotics Directory
    - More than 3,800 platforms

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What is an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

- There is nothing unmanned about an unmanned system!

- What are they called:
  - Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)
    - FAA and Congress
  - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)
  - Remotely Piloted Aircraft Sys (RPAS)
    - ICAO and Air Force

- Public perception is somewhat skewed:
  - Drones
  - Military
  - Hostile
  - Weaponized
  - Autonomy
# Unmanned Systems Potential Applications

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UAS Economic Potential

- AUVSI’s 2013 Economic Report:
  - www.auvsi.org/econreport

- The UAS global market is currently $11.3 billion

- Over the next 10 years, the UAS global market will total $140 billion

- The economic impact of US airspace integration will total over $13.6 billion in the first three years and will grow sustainably for the foreseeable future, cumulating to more than $82.1 billion between 2015 and 2025

- Every year that airspace integration is delayed will cost the U.S. over $10 billion in lost potential economic impact, which translates to $27 million per day
UAS Job Potential

- US airspace integration will create **more than 34,000 manufacturing jobs** and **more than 70,000 new jobs** in the first three years.

- By 2025, total job creation is estimated at **103,000**.

- The manufacturing jobs created will be high paying and require technical degrees.

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<td>Intel/Imagery Analyst</td>
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UAS Industry on the Rise

Precision agriculture totals approximately 80% of the potential commercial market for UAS
- Drought management
- Disease detection
- Watering
- Spraying pesticides

UAS in agriculture has the potential to have an $11 billion economic impact in the first three years following integration. Almost $66 billion over 11 years.

“Precision application, a practice especially useful for crop farmers and horticulturists, utilizes effective and efficient spray techniques to more selectively cover plants and fields. This allows farmers to provide only the needed pesticide or nutrient to each plant, reducing the total amount sprayed, and thus saving money and reducing environmental impacts.”
- UAS global defense spending is expected to be $11.3 billion in 2013.
- Defense spending will not grow as it has in the last 10 years:
  - Likely to stagnate over next several years.
  - Defense spending will increase in 5-10 years as commercial systems drive capability, reliability, and price points.
- As legislation barriers lessen over next several years, commercial spending will exceed defense spending:
  - Current commercial UAS use vary greatly between countries, limited by legislation.
  - Countries that delay airspace integration will lag in technology development and manufacturing, relying on imports to gain UAS benefits.
- Over the next 10 years, total UAS spending will reach $140 billion.
Unmanned Air Platforms – Geographic Distribution
Recent Examples of UAS Use

- UAS credited with first live save in vehicle rollover in Canada
- Japan is using unmanned helicopters for spraying crops for pest control
- Predator B aircraft provided aerial surveillance for Yosemite National Park wildfire
- Predator surveyed flood waters in the upper Midwest
- USGS used small UAS to monitor Sandhill cranes, Pygmy rabbits and several other wildlife species
- NOAA using UAS to monitor ice and weather conditions in the U.S. Arctic, in addition to wildlife monitoring
- Police using small UAS for public safety
Recent Examples of UAS Use

- Aurora Flight Sciences is using the Skate UAS to study archeological sites in Peru
- Nepal, Russia, South Africa, Thailand testing UAS to save endangered animals from poachers
- Nicholls State University testing UAS to map coastline
- Colorado State University, Univ. of Oklahoma testing UAS to fly into tornados
- NASA launched three UAS into smoke plume of Turrialba volcano in Costa Rica
- Kansas State University, Virginia Tech University using UAS for agriculture research
- New Caledonia using UAS for nickel ore mine mapping surveys
Emerging Commercial UAV Uses

**Agriculture**
- UAV use for crop-dusting minimizes possibility of fatalities
- Manned crop-dusting costs up to $8.00 per acre, compared to UAV crop-dusting for just $2.00 per acre

**News Media**
- Over $200 million spent in media helicopter gasoline every year
- 2007: two news helicopters collide in Phoenix, Arizona; four passengers killed

**Wildlife Monitoring**
- 2011: 25-year veteran pilot dies in crash while conducting wildlife survey
- Flights can cost upwards of $200,000 every year
- UAVs well equipped to monitor wildlife
Federal Legislation in 2013

**H.R.972**: Preserving Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act of 2013  
Sponsor: **Rep Scott, Austin [GA-8]** (introduced 3/5/2013) Cosponsors (None)

**H.R.637**: Preserving American Privacy Act of 2013  

**H.R.1083**: No Armed Drones Act (NADA) of 2013  
Sponsor: **Rep Burgess, Michael C. [Texas-26]** (introduced 3/12/2013) Cosponsors (1)

**H.R.1242**: To prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within the United States.  
Sponsor: **Rep Ribble, Reid J. [Wis.-8]** (introduced 3/18/2013) Cosponsors (2)

**S.505**: A bill to prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within the United States.  
Sponsor: **Sen Cruz, Ted [Texas]** (introduced 3/7/2013) Cosponsors (3)

**H.R.1262**: To amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to provide guidance and limitations regarding the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into United States airspace, and for other purposes.  

**H.R.637**: Preserving American Privacy Act of 2013  
UAS Test Sites

- Establish a program for **Six UAS test sites**
  - On 14 Feb (the one year anniversary of the FAA bill) the FAA released its Request for Proposals

- **25 Applicants from 24 Different States**

- Each applicant must file seven (7) documents on different deadlines, which will be scored, outlining:
  - Safety Plan
  - Experience
  - Risk Mitigation
  - Existing ground infrastructure
  - Airspace design
  - Economic impact assessment
  - Privacy plan

- The FAA is expected to pick the winners by December 31, 2013

- The FAA will lower scores for states that have passed restrictive UAS legislation

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State Support

- State leaders continue to recognize the benefits of unmanned systems
  - "Unmanned Aerial Systems will play a large role in the future economy of Southwest Ohio… I look forward to continuing to advocate for the development and research of UAS in our region." – Rep. Mike Turner (R-Ohio)
  - "Lots of economic activity, lots of jobs, lots of national attention -- leading the way forward not just for the country but for the world in aviation." – Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.)
  - “It's clear to me that the tremendous potential of this technology to create jobs…cannot be overstated.” – Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.)
  - "Within [the aerospace] industry, unmanned aircraft systems represent the fastest growing part of the aerospace sector. For that reason, Oklahoma is committed to becoming the number one place for UAS operations, research, experimentation, design and testing in the country.“ – Gov. Mary Fallin (R-Okla.)
AUVSI’s Position on UAS Privacy

All stakeholders can work together to advance UAS technology, while protecting Americans’ safety, as well as their rights. AUVSI supports:

• **Transparency Measures**
  • Register unmanned aircraft and pilots with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

• **Prohibiting Weaponization**
  • The FAA already prohibits the deployment of weapons on civil aircraft

• **Data Retention Policies**
  • Governing the collection, use, storage, sharing, and deletion of data
  • Policies should be available for public review and comment
  • Policies should outline strict accountability
  • AUVSI supports the International Association of Chiefs of Police model guidelines

• **Accountability**
  • The Fourth Amendment already protects against unreasonable searches
  • People should be prosecuted for violating privacy laws

• **Technology Neutral Laws**
  • Any new laws or regulations should focus on whether the government can collect and use data, not how it is collected
Questions?

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