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## Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

### **FAA Makes Progress with UAS Integration** (<http://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=68004>)

The FAA has achieved the first unmanned aircraft systems milestone included in the 2012 FAA reauthorization – streamlining the process for public agencies to safely fly UAS in the nation's airspace.

### **Certification of Authorization (COA) Sponsors**

**April 26, 2012** – The following federal, state, or local agencies currently hold or have held a certificate of authorization to operate an unmanned aircraft system between November 2006 and June 30, 2011:

**COA Sponsor List** ([media/COA\\_Sponsor\\_List\\_042412.pdf](#)) (PDF)

### **Webinars on FAA's Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Test Site Request for Comments**

**April 25, 2012** – The FAA hosted two identical webinars on UAS Test Sites on April 10 and April 11, 2012. FAA officials answered online and phone questions from nearly 500 participants on the Request for Comments published in the Federal Register on March 9, 2012. Interested parties may **submit comments** ([https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/03/09/2012-5735/unmanned-aircraft-system-test-sites?utm\\_content=header&utm\\_medium=slideshow&utm\\_source=homepage](https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/03/09/2012-5735/unmanned-aircraft-system-test-sites?utm_content=header&utm_medium=slideshow&utm_source=homepage)) until May 8, 2012.

### **(UAS) Test Site Selection**

**March 7, 2012** – The FAA is asking for the public's input on our selection process for six UAS test sites. Your feedback will help us develop UAS test site requirements, designation standards and oversight activity, as well as provide valuable experience to help us safely and efficiently integrate UASs into the same airspace with manned airplanes. For more information, see below:

**FAA News Release** ([http://www.faa.gov/news/press\\_releases/news\\_story.cfm?newsId=13393](http://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=13393))

**Questions and Answers for the UAS Test Site Selection Process** ([site\\_selection\\_faq/](#))

**Federal Register Request for Comment** ([https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/03/09/2012-5735/unmanned-aircraft-system-test-sites?utm\\_content=header&utm\\_medium=slideshow&utm\\_source=homepage](https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/03/09/2012-5735/unmanned-aircraft-system-test-sites?utm_content=header&utm_medium=slideshow&utm_source=homepage)) – Comment period closes 5/08/2012.

### **General Information about UASs**

Unmanned Aircraft Systems — previously referred to as "unmanned aerial vehicles", "UAVs", "remotely operated aircraft/vehicles", or just "unmanned aircraft" — come in a variety of shapes and sizes, and serve diverse purposes. They may have a wingspan as large as a Boeing 737 or smaller than a radio-controlled model airplane. UAS operations always have a pilot in command who is flying the aircraft. Read more of the **Fact Sheet – Unmanned Aircraft Systems** ([media/UAS\\_FACT\\_Sheet.pdf](#)) (PDF).

**Certifications and Authorizations** ([cert/](#))

**Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)**

([http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ato/service\\_units/systemops/aaim/organizations/uas/coa/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ato/service_units/systemops/aaim/organizations/uas/coa/)) – ATO

UAS description of the COA process

**UAS COA Online System** (<http://ioeaaa.faa.gov/>) , used by applicants to request a COA. Applicants must obtain an account to access the system.

**Regulations & Policies** ([reg/](#))

**Roadmap** ([media/FAA\\_Civil\\_Roadmap.ppt](#)) (MS PowerPoint)

**Evaluation of Candidate Functions for TCAS On UAS** ([media/TCASonUAS\\_FinalReport.pdf](#)) (PDF)

**Questions and Answers** ([uas\\_faq/](#))

**UAPO Contacts** ([media/uapo\\_contacts.pdf](#)) (PDF)

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