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Statement on Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program

WASHINGTON –The GPS Innovation Alliance has issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Department of Transportation's [announcement](#) that it had selected 10 teams led by state, local and tribal governments to participate in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration Pilot Program (IPP), which will explore the further integration of drone operations.

"It is very encouraging that this effort is up and running and that participants have been selected," said J. David Grossman, executive director of the GPS Innovation Alliance. "GPS is an integral component in the emerging area of unmanned aircraft systems, including drones. Further research into their potential will ensure untold opportunities for a variety of sectors including, but not limited to, those identified in the Transportation Department's announcement: commerce; photography; emergency management; public safety; precision agriculture and infrastructure inspections."

The GPS Innovation Alliance was founded by Deere & Company, Garmin International, Inc. and Trimble Inc. The Alliance recognizes the ever increasing importance of Global Positioning System (GPS) and other Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) technologies to the global economy and infrastructure and is firmly committed to furthering GPS innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship. The GPS Innovation Alliance seeks to protect, promote and enhance the use of GPS. For more information, please visit www.gpsalliance.org.

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