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Pendleton UAS Range Announced as Finalist for AUVSI XCELLENCE Awards

Awards ceremony to be held at AUVSI XPONENTIAL 2023 in Denver, CO

ARLINGTON, Va. — Pendleton UAS Range has been named as a finalist in the Xcellence in Operations category of the XCELLENCE Awards by the Association for Uncrewed Vehicles Systems International (AUVSI). Pendleton UAS Range was selected from a pool of accomplished applicants as one of several finalists. **Winners will be announced at XPONENTIAL 2023 on May 8-11 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO.**

In 2014, the Pendleton UAS Range (PUR), part of the Pan Pacific UAS Test Range Complex (AK, OR & HI), set out to develop an exceptional and affordable solution to flight testing in rural Oregon. It has now become one of the busiest UAS ranges in the US, supporting over 23,000 UAS ops last year alone. The range airspace covers 14,000 s.q. miles of northeastern Oregon, offering very diverse testing environments, and it allows operations to 15,000 ft. MSL. PUR is based at a towered public airport (PDT) and boasts 16 UAS test pads and a 150-acre UAS industrial park, all equipped with power, water and access to high-speed fiber (10 Gbps). The range has revitalized a dying airport, attracting thousands of new airport users and stimulating substantial regional commerce. Annually, PUR supports dozens of UAS companies and leases out hundreds of thousands of square feet of ground and facilities.

“This year, XPONENTIAL is all about designing a shared plan for the future of autonomy,” said Brian Wynne, President and CEO of AUVSI. “There’s no better place to announce the 2023 XCELLENCE award finalists. Together, they are redefining what’s possible with uncrewed and robotic technology.”

AUVSI’s XCELLENCE Awards honor innovators with a demonstrated commitment to advancing autonomy, leading and promoting safe adoption of uncrewed systems and developing programs that use these technologies to save lives and improve the human condition.

According to Steve Chrisman, Pendleton’s Economic Development Director, “Our success stems from hiring great people and maintaining a laser focus on customer satisfaction, understanding that conducting R&D can be expensive and offers no guarantee of an ROI. Being fast and affordable has proven extremely popular with clientele. We’re proud when they’re blown away by how fast we get things accomplished here. It may seem simple, but speed and convenience sell really well.”

Learn more about the AUVSI XCELLENCE awards [here](#).

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About Pendleton UAS Range

Pendleton UAS Range (PUR) is headquartered at Eastern Oregon Regional Airport (PDT) and is owned and operated by the City of Pendleton (Oregon). The City and State of Oregon have invested millions of dollars in developing a premier UAS flight test center. PUR's mission is to stimulate the regional economy by providing companies with an affordable solution to the high cost of flight testing. The UAS range offers full-time professional staff, UAS training, onsite machining, a wide variety of testing environments, and nearly unparalleled UAS infrastructure. For more info, visit www.pendletonuasrange.com.

About AUVSI

The Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) — the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of uncrewed systems and robotics — represents corporations and professionals from more than 60 countries involved in industry, government, and academia. AUVSI members work in the defense, civil and commercial markets. For more information, visit AUVSI.org.

About XPONENTIAL

Co-hosted by AUVSI and Messe Düsseldorf North America, XPONENTIAL is the leading annual gathering for global leaders and end users of uncrewed technologies. Founded on a belief that cross-pollination drives innovation, it's the only event designed to advance the entire autonomy ecosystem. Each year, the show welcomes thousands of the industry's top minds to cultivate collaboration, spark new ideas, and this year, build the blueprint for autonomy. XPONENTIAL is a catalyst – helping each attendee transform their vision into real opportunities. For more information, visit <https://www.xponential.org>.