

Unmanned Aerial Systems

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Background

- We have invested in UAS companies, test ranges and industry groups over the last six years
- Oregon is one of 13 states with an FAA approval to operate test ranges for commercial use
- Oregon is home to established industry suppliers Garmin, FLIR Systems, Northwest UAV
- Industry will grow with commercialization of UAS
- UAS innovation supports jobs at test ranges in Pendleton, Tillamook and Warm Springs

A group of people, including military personnel and civilians, are gathered around a large white cylindrical object, possibly a drone component, inside a tent or hangar. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the text overlay. The people are dressed in a mix of military uniforms and civilian attire. The background shows the interior of a large tent with various equipment and structures.

“We’ve made a significant investment as a community in unmanned aerial systems, and we believe this industry is about to take off. We think there are going to be some real opportunities for Pendleton and Eastern Oregon that will pay dividends for the state.”

Pendleton Mayor Phillip Houk

SOAR Oregon

- Non-profit economic development organization created to foster growth in the UAS industry
- Mission to support Oregon's test ranges, serve existing companies and recruit new businesses
- Launched in 2013-15 with \$900,000 in funding through the Oregon Innovation Council
- Legislature invested \$3 million in SOAR through the Oregon Innovation Council in 2015-17

UAS Business Development

- SOAR partners with Business Oregon and Oregon's three test ranges to grow jobs and companies
- SOAR's contract with Business Oregon includes detailed scope of work and performance metrics
 - Market test ranges and pay for staff to help the test ranges produce \$550,000 in total revenue
 - Provide grants to UAS companies with 3:1 private match
 - Create or retain 20 jobs at the test ranges and companies
- Oregon Innovation Council's audit committee completes SOAR's quarterly performance reviews

Questions?

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