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AUVSI appreciates the interest in furthering the understanding and normalization of infrastructure for uncrewed aircraft operations. As the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of uncrewed systems, autonomy, and robotics, we would expect to be included among the conversations associated with this information collection activity.

AUVSI represents corporations and professionals from more than 60 countries that are involved in industry, government, and academia. AUVSI's primary markets span the defense, civil, and commercial industries. Our membership also includes many of the leading companies in the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) industry, including Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), components suppliers, and supporting vertiport/infrastructure companies. Uncrewed systems of all sizes and missions represent an expansive market within the transportation system, and it is our mission to ensure all types of uncrewed systems, autonomy, and robotics companies that work with us have access to the resources they need to be successful in such a highly competitive industry.

At this time, AUVSI has a concern relevant to the scoping of the effort and the questions that may be considered: Specifically, the addition of "droneport" as a separate type of infrastructure brings a risk of unintended consequences. Care should be taken to ensure that such a change is truly additive and not ultimately restrictive, or unnecessarily complicated, when it comes to the ability of uncrewed aircraft to utilize existing infrastructure, including airports, seaplane bases, and heliports. Many larger uncrewed aircraft have the same infrastructure needs as comparable manned aircraft and should be able to interoperate at the same infrastructure as their manned counterparts based on their performance capabilities and existing operational rules and procedures.



Provided that the conversations proceed towards the outcome of increased available infrastructure options for uncrewed aircraft operations, AUVSI supports this effort and sees it as a potentially beneficial activity for our membership. We look forward to participating and continuing to support the growth of the uncrewed aircraft industry.