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Subject: Government of Canada Announces Support for the Unmanned Vehicle Systems Industry at WestDef 2015

Unmanned Systems Canada is pleased to inform you that today, the Honourable Michelle Rempel, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification, announced three investments in support of the Western Canadian Unmanned Vehicle sector, through Unmanned Systems Canada. The announcement took place at the 2015 WestDef Conference in Calgary, Alberta.

“The Government of Canada is proud to be a supporter of the Western Canadian Unmanned Vehicle sector and Unmanned Systems Canada. Through these investments, we are supporting innovation, international competitiveness and growth of the western Canadian Aerospace Research & Development sectors and unmanned vehicle systems industry.”

- *The Honourable Michelle Rempel, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification*

Unmanned Systems Canada will receive \$105,000 from the federally funded Western Diversification Program (WDP) to support conferences and marketing activities. This support will allow the association to have a sustained program to further enable the rapid growth of unmanned systems companies and capabilities in Western Canada and increased visibility on the world stage.

“Unmanned Systems Canada (USC) is pleased to receive a Western Economic Diversification 3 year funding grant to support marketing activities and international exposure for one of the fastest growth industries in Western Canada. The Canadian unmanned vehicle sector is currently valued at 500 million dollars and Western Canada is a leader in this important emerging sector of the economy.”

- *Stewart Baillie, Chairman, Unmanned Systems Canada*

The USC conference, over the next 3 years, will feature a showcase of Western companies in Ottawa in 2017 and see the 2016 and 2018 events hosted in Western Canada to achieve the shared goals of the association and Western Economic Diversification.

Additional Link: [WestDef 2015](#)

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