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Subject: Unmanned Systems Canada participates with Transport Canada in new UAV safety awareness campaign

Unmanned Systems Canada was pleased to participate with Transport Canada as Minister Raitt announced the new UAV safety awareness campaign earlier this week <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=895629>

Upon initially being briefed on this initiative, the Chairman of Unmanned Systems Canada, Mr. Stewart Baillie, responded:

“Unmanned Systems Canada applauds Transport Canada and Minister Raitt for taking this initiative to raise public awareness of the regulatory structure regarding UAV and model aircraft. It underscores the philosophy that true widespread compliance with rules only arises when everyone understands how compliance will lead to a safer and more effective environment for all.”

This initiative by Transport Canada is just one step in the long process of developing a regulatory framework for Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Since its formation in 2003, and on behalf of the UAV industrial sector, Unmanned Systems Canada has enjoyed a very positive and collaborative dialog with Transport Canada on these matters. A continuation of that dialog with further announcements on the enhancement of the current regulations, and a discussion of concepts for Beyond Visual Line Of Sight operations are planned for the upcoming Unmanned Systems Canada conference taking place in Montreal, November 4th to 6th, 2014.

Unmanned Systems Canada is the focal point for Unmanned Vehicle Systems in Canada. We are a Canadian-registered not-for-profit association with over 500 members, representing the interests of the UVS community.

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