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NUAIR to Host Upcoming ASTM International Meeting at New York UAS Test Site

Annual ASTM International meeting brings together international leaders in the uncrewed systems industry to collaborate and develop UAS standards.

(ROME, NEW YORK) – NUAIR will host the June meeting of ASTM International’s unmanned aircraft committee (F38) at the New York UAS Test Site in Rome, NY, June 1 through June 3. The meeting will bring together up to 100 international industry leaders in the uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS) industry focused on developing industry standards to advance the integration of UAS into the national airspace.

ASTM’s F38 committee addresses issues related to design, performance, quality acceptance tests, and safety monitoring for unmanned air vehicle systems. Stakeholders include manufacturers of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and their components, federal agencies, design professionals, professional societies, maintenance professionals, trade associations, financial organizations, and academia. Over 600 members are involved in this multinational initiative: all participating actively within a three-tiered subcommittee structure focusing on airworthiness, flight operations, and operator qualifications.

“NUAIR has had an active voice in ASTM International and many other UAS standards organizations for years, helping to develop the standards needed for safe, commercial drone operations,” said NUAIR CEO Ken Stewart. “We are looking forward to hosting and taking part in the next ASTM International meeting at the New York UAS Test Site.”

“Oneida County is happy to host ASTM International’s annual meeting at our UAS Test Site at Griffiss,” said Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr. “We welcome the industry leaders whose cutting-edge development is advancing the integration of unmanned aircraft into the national airspace. We are proud to conduct the research at our site that is aiding in their efforts to revolutionize the capabilities of drone delivery.”

One key standard that NUAIR has helped ASTM International establish was the small UAS Parachute Recovery Systems Standard (ASTM F3322-18). NUAIR has validated multiple parachute recovery systems on multiple drone platforms since the standard was published in late 2018. Having an sUAS parachute recovery system validated to the ASTM standard opens a wide range of commercial opportunities for companies by enhancing their safety case with the FAA when applying for their waiver to fly over people.

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About NUAIR

NUAIR (Northeast UAS Airspace Integration Research Alliance, Inc.) is a New York-based nonprofit with a mission to safely integrate uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS) into the national airspace, enabling scalable, economically viable commercial drone operations. NUAIR manages operations of the FAA-designated New York UAS Test Site at Griffiss International Airport, Rome, NY on behalf of Oneida County and is responsible for the advancement of New York's 50-mile UAS Corridor between Rome and Syracuse, NY. <https://nuair.org>

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