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Winners Named for Third Annual AUVSI XCELLENCE Awards

Awards presented to companies, organizations and individuals demonstrating achievement in the unmanned systems field.

ARLINGTON, Va. — Winners for the third annual XCELLENCE Awards by the Association for Unmanned Vehicles Systems International (AUVSI) have been named and will be announced during an awards ceremony on October 6 during AUVSI XPONENTIAL 2020. Recipients represent the accomplishments by companies, organizations and individuals across the unmanned systems community.

"The rapid growth of the unmanned systems industry is reshaping our future by solving problems caused by a global pandemic, expanding business markets, providing consumers with innovative solutions and ultimately, saving lives," said Brian Wynne, president and CEO of AUVSI. "The XCELLENCE awards recognize companies and individuals who are achieving remarkable results with unmanned systems technology to benefit our communities."

The AUVSI XCELLENCE Awards honor innovators with a demonstrated commitment to advancing autonomy, leading and promoting safe adoption of unmanned systems and developing programs that use these technologies to save lives and improve the human condition. These are the winners in each category:

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

Commercial/Enterprise Operation or Solution

- First Place: **UPS**, UPS Flight Forward Drone Delivery
- Second Place: **Matternet, Inc.**, Matternet M2 Medical Logistics UAS
- Third Place: **Iris Automation**, Casia

Hardware – Platform

- First Place: **Air Force Research Laboratory-led Team**, SkyVision Ground-Based Detect and Avoid System
- Second Place: **FIRST iZ**, FIRST Port™
- Third Place: **Kongsberg Maritime**, HUGIN Autonomous Underwater Vehicle

Hardware – Component

- First Place: **LightWare Lidar**, SF45 microLiDAR
- Second Place: **Velodyne Lidar, Inc.**, Velabit™
- Third Place: **Ouster, Inc.**, OS2-128

Services

- First Place: **InNovo Partners, LLC**, iPaaS - InNovo Platform as a Service
- Second Place: **SqwaQ**, SqwaQbox

Software

- First Place: **Verity**, Failsafe by Verity
- Second Place: **Airbus**, Project Wayfinder
- Third Place: **Perceptive Automata**, Bringing Human Intuition to Autonomous Trucks

XCELLENCE in Innovation

- First Place: **Iris Automation**, Casia
- Second Place: **Emesent**, Hovermap
- Third Place: **Dynetics**, The Gremlins Program

AUVSI XPONENTIAL is the largest, most significant event for the unmanned systems industry. The 2020 virtual event will showcase hundreds of cutting-edge companies from around the world and feature educational programming by unmanned systems experts, providing information about the future of policy, technology and business solutions. The AUVSI XCELLENCE Awards honor innovators with a demonstrated commitment to advancing autonomy, leading and promoting safe adoption of unmanned systems and developing programs that use these technologies to save lives and improve the human condition.

For more information about XPONENTIAL and the XCELLENCE Awards, visit xponential.org.

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The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) — the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of unmanned systems and robotics — represents corporations and professionals from more than 60 countries involved in industry, government and academia. AUVSI members work in the defense, civil and commercial markets. For more information, visit [AUVSI.org](https://auvsi.org).