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AUVSI XPONENTIAL 2020 to Convene Virtually Next Week

Largest global gathering of unmanned, autonomous, and robotic technologies, October 5 – 8

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Association for Unmanned Vehicles Systems International (AUVSI) will host its annual trade show, XPONENTIAL 2020, on October 5 – 8 as a fully virtual experience. In its 48th year, the event will bring together thousands of technologists, regulators and users from commercial and defense sectors around the world for the largest, most comprehensive conference and trade show focused on the unmanned and autonomous systems industry.

“During the past seven months, we have found inspiration in the vital need to deliver solutions for new problems related to a global pandemic,” said Brian Wynne, president and CEO of AUVSI. “COVID-19 has highlighted the benefits unmanned systems can provide in support of essential services and for society. We are privileged to help make connections between those critical operations and our industry, and honored to bring our community this forum to continue connecting with new partners, with new ideas, and with new innovations.”

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s event will take place within an immersive virtual event platform and will feature all of the programming elements attendees have grown to expect and value, including:

Industry Visionaries — Setting the tone for the program of all things unmanned, keynotes will feature trailblazers from across industry, government, and academia lending their vision to inspire attendees to move forward and advance the unmanned industry together.

Educational Content — More than 120 panels, sessions, and workshops will provide the opportunity to engage with experts and other attendees on the latest technical, operational, and policy issues facing the industry.

XPO Hall — Explore technologies and solutions for more than 20 user markets through interactive demos and live chats with product experts, and easily navigate the hall through an expedited category search.

Networking — Connect directly with attendees and speakers on the topics that matter most in 100+ roundtable sessions, source the collective knowledge of XPONENTIAL in the Community Q&A, and expand professional circles through 1:1 conversations.

AUVSI XCELLENCE Awards — Recognize the technologies and operators that are advancing autonomy and promoting the safe adoption of unmanned technologies to save lives and improve the human condition.

Several new features have also been added to enhance the program for XPONENTIAL 2020, including:

I.D.E.A. Workshop — The Inclusion, Diversity + Equity in Autonomy Workshop will provide the data behind why a diversity of people are critical to shaping the future of technology and innovation, and give attendees tools and resources to identify gaps, biases, and blind spots in their tech and teams.

Spotlight Sessions — Look to what's next in unmanned with special sessions that will spotlight important new ideas from unmanned integration, enablement of advanced air mobility (AAM), and the finals of the annual Startup Showdown.

DRONERESPONDERS Global Public Safety Summit — Produced in partnership with AIRT, this track will unite first responders, public safety, emergency services, and disaster response professionals to expand the deployment and capabilities of UAS for emergency operations.

Registration starts at \$20 for an XPO Hall Pass, which includes keynotes and spotlight sessions, and \$279 for a Full Conference Pass giving access to the entire event.

For more information, visit www.xponential.org or [click here for media registration](#).

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About AUVSI

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.