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Northern Plains UAS Test Site, ND Department of Commerce, Announce Speakers for Statewide UAS Network Industry Day

GRAND FORKS, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Commerce and the Northern Plains UAS Test Site (NPUASTS) have announced a final speaker list for the upcoming event, *BVLOS in ND: Building a Statewide UAS Network*, on October 15th. Featuring experts from the State of North Dakota, NASA, and the FAA, this day is designed to bring together stakeholders for insights and updates on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) network design and implementation requirements.

In May of this year, the state of North Dakota invested \$28 million in funding for a statewide network supporting UAS (drone) flights beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS). The network will build on previous UAS advancements in the state and support the safe integration of unmanned aircraft into the National Airspace System (NAS). As we move forward towards procurement and beginning implementation, this industry day is an opportunity to gather information and collaborate with other stakeholders.

Panels will focus on network customers, the organizations and agencies who will use the statewide network; state assets and investments, the reuse of existing infrastructure for the statewide network to build upon; and UAS traffic management and performance based standards, discussing emerging capabilities and standards envisioned as part of the future network.

“BVLOS in ND is an opportunity for us to share our vision for the statewide UAS network with interested stakeholders and to provide insights and updates on where this project is going, what is coming next, and how to get involved,” said Nicholas Flom, Executive Director of the Northern Plains UAS Test Site. “We’re excited to share what we’ve been working on and to continue moving forward in building this unprecedented UAS infrastructure.”

A full speaker list is available at www.bvlosnd.org/industryday, along with a link to register to be a part of this historic event. Online registration will close on October 10th at 12:00 pm CDT so that preparations for the day can be made with adequate time, so register soon! A small number of walk-in participants will be accepted on the day of the event, but to secure your place and be among the first to gain these valuable insights, you must register online by October 10th.

Join us on October 15, 2019 at the Delta Marriott in Fargo, ND.