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Integrating Advanced Air Mobility in the NAS

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Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)

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- First electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft expected to be FAA certified in 2025
- Predicted to be a \$30B market by 2030
- New venture capital funded “disruptive” manufacturers backed by traditional operators
- Initial business cases
 - Air taxi (airport to city pair)
 - Cargo (small market to hubs)
 - Medical transport
- Initial operations look like traditional helicopter/GA piloted aircraft, but plan rapid shift to autonomous
- Unique, yet-to-be-built “ecosystem” needs to support vertiports, charging, routes, & automation

Balancing the Pace of Innovation and Safe Operations



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Safety Focused Approach

- Whole of government approach needed to support integration of new class of aircraft, flying in constrained airspace, needing new support infrastructure, and accelerating to autonomous operations environment
- Updating a regulatory framework to address the unique aspects of new hybrid, non-traditional aircraft
- The FAA created a programmatic portfolio approach called Innovate28 that integrates all cross-agency-efforts toward user initial entry into service goals
- DOT-led AAM interagency working group developing national strategy for AAM, identifying key national issues for implementation: security, power/energy, infrastructure, community impacts, spectrum, and supply chain. Request For Information published in the Federal Register (comment period closed Aug 2023)

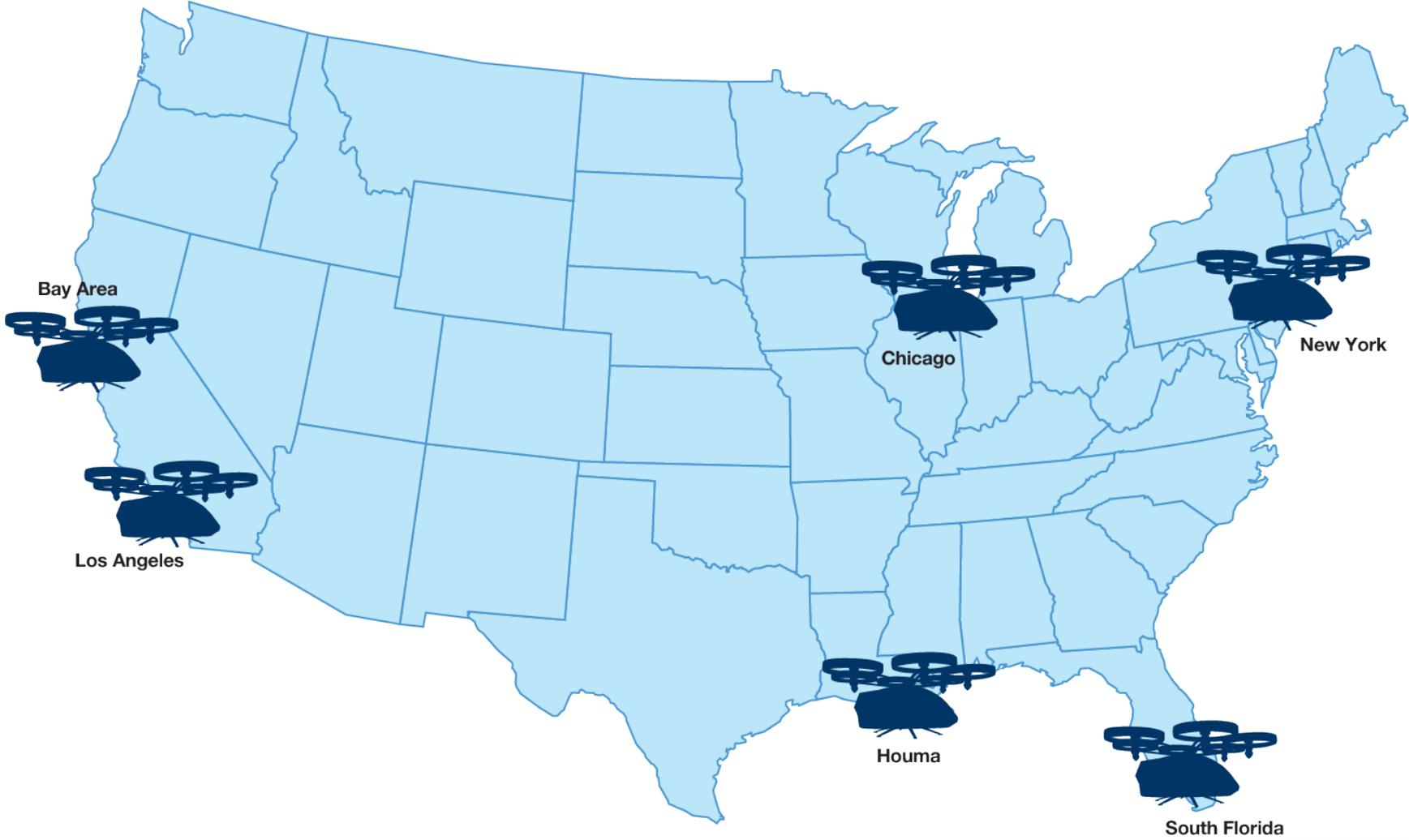


Ecosystem Enablers

- Aircraft Safety Rulemaking
 - Recognition of pilot in command experience in military/air carrier operations (final rule Sep 2022)
 - Update to air carrier definitions (Effective Sep 2023)
 - Airman certification standards (comment period closed Feb 2023)
 - Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), which proposes special federal aviation regulations (SFAR) for integration of powered-lift operations and associated pilot certification (comment period closed Aug 2023)
 - For type certification, the FAA is accepting established means of compliance as well as developing new means depending on unique design features/characteristics of vehicle
- Planning & Portfolio Management
 - Urban Air Mobility Concept of Operations v2.0 (May 2023)
 - AAM Implementation Plan (Jul 2023)
 - Planning integrated simulations/testing in partnership with DOD, NASA
- Airports
 - Interim guidance published September 2022 through Engineering Brief #105; refined performance-based guidance planned through Advisory Circular in 2025

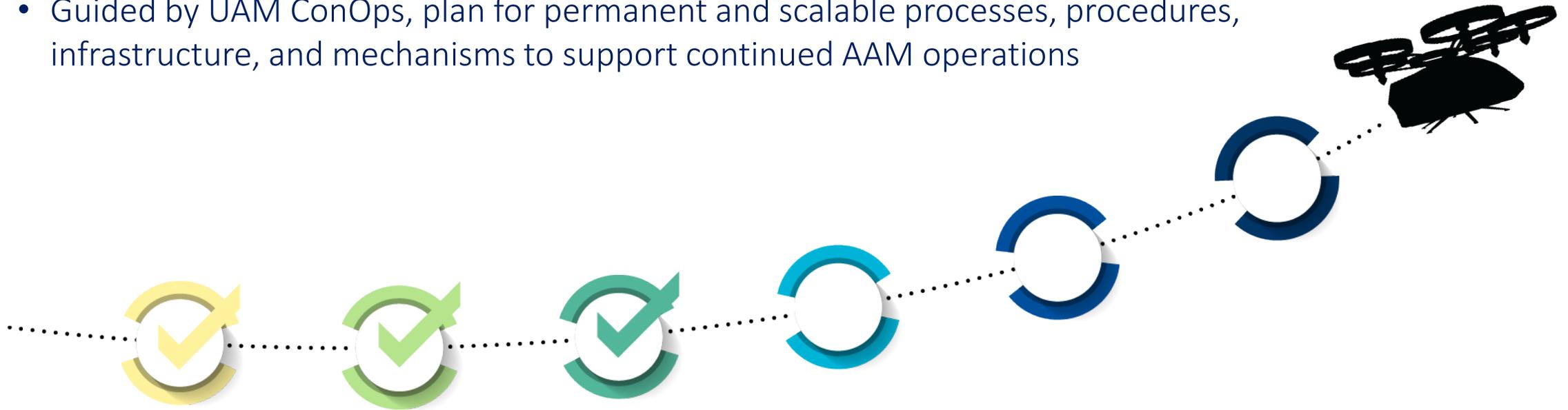


Potential Initial Operations Locations



Innovate28 Goals for Near-term Operations

- Define and complete agency actions needed to enable AAM operations in locations determined by industry in the near-term leading up to 2028
- Provide an FAA focal point on AAM issues, and provide programmatic support that coordinates efforts across the agency on behalf of specific key projects
- Develop a repeatable process to allow ease of implementation in other locations
- Guided by UAM ConOps, plan for permanent and scalable processes, procedures, infrastructure, and mechanisms to support continued AAM operations



FAA Ongoing Engagement



We work with partners across the federal government to implement the AAM Coordination and Leadership Act to coordinate policy for integrating AAM operations.



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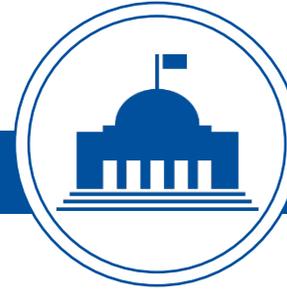


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Joint test team with Agility Prime and NASA leverages knowledge and resources to collect performance data to develop policy and standards.

Federal Government and
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We encourage state, local, and tribal communities to be informed about AAM technology and how these new operations will affect them. These meetings help us to better understand local sentiment about AAM operations.



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Local/State/Tribal Governments and
Community Organizations



We engage with industry stakeholders, including aircraft manufacturers, operators, and airport/vertiport companies to understand their vision and implementation plans. Our current priority is U.S.-based eVTOL piloted-passenger manufacturers undergoing FAA certification. Examples include the following stakeholders:



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Key Innovate28 Activities

Aircraft Type Certification

Air Traffic Policy Review and Updates

Concept of Use (general and local)

Wake Separation Requirements

Hazardous Materials

- Fire/smoke procedures
- Cabin safety
- Emergency training
- Cargo requirements

Procedure Development

- Scoping
- Solution development
- Environmental review
- Safety Risk Management (SRM) process

Community Engagement

Cybersecurity

Site-Specific AAM Forecasting

Operational Certification

- Part 135 Operational Approval
- Operational Suitability (to establish aircraft type ratings, pilot training programs, maintenance programs, master equipment lists)

Local Vertiport Activities

- Determine vertiport locations
- Local zoning
- Construction
- Charging infrastructure

Physical and Operational Security

Site Selection

Crew Preparation

- Rulemaking for pilot training
- Train and certify crew

National Vertiport Activities

- Flight testing
- National guidance
- Rulemaking

Local ATC Activities

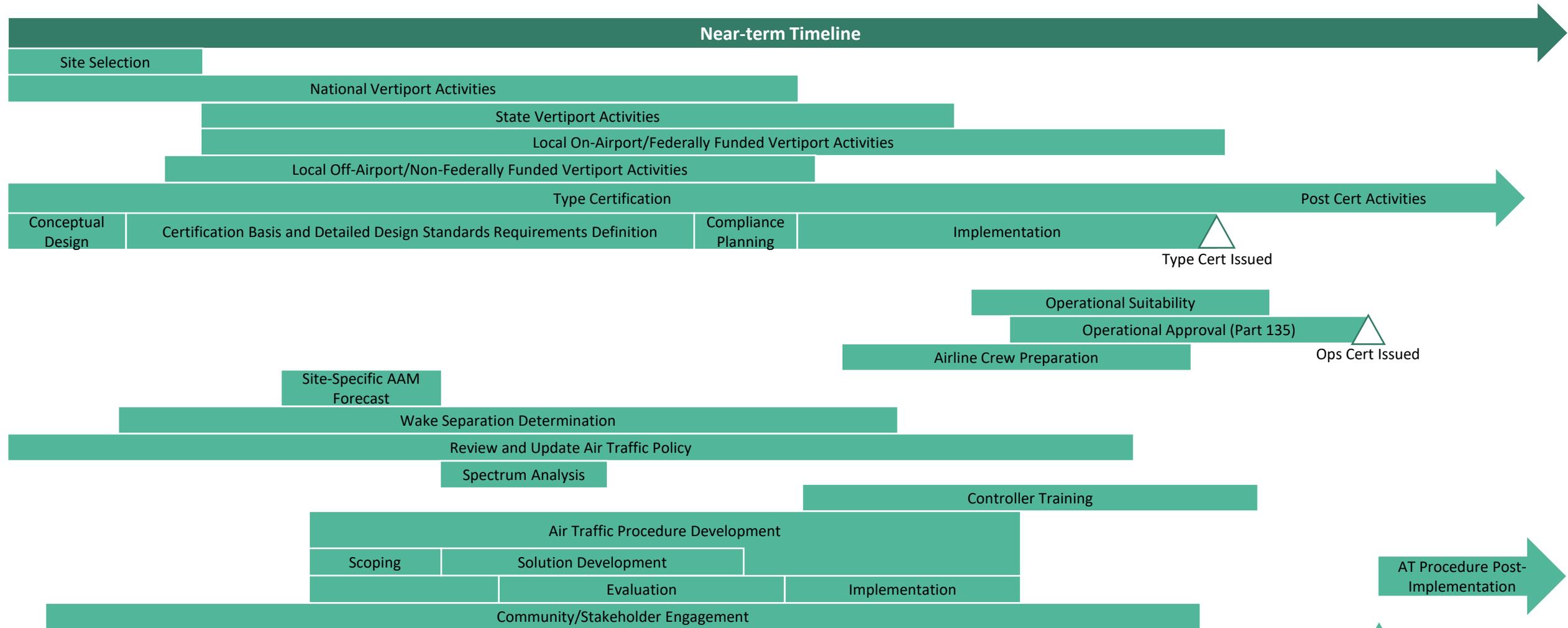
- Controller training
- Update Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Letters of Agreement (LOA)

➤ The list includes the FAA, other federal government agencies, FSLTT government, industry, and other stakeholder activities.



Portfolio Management for Each AAM Project

Near-term Timeline



AAM Workstreams

Cross Cutting Major Risk Areas: Wake Separation, Vertiports, Power, Security, Noise, and Community Impacts



Near-term

- Engage with industry to determine operational needs and desired operations
- Research impacts to Air Traffic Services
- Tailor implementation plan to initial entries into service
- Perform research and engineering activities to support UAM ConOps maturity
- Establish workstreams for mid- and far-term, to include Autonomy Working Group



Mid-term

- Explore operational efficiency through strategic employment of modeling and simulation to effectively manage large-scale operations
- Develop policies and standards based on learned performance
- Establish standards and requirements for enablers such as information exchanges, Communications / Navigation / Surveillance, etc.
- Support industry development of supplemental services



Mature Stage

- Perform research and engineering to validate technological and procedural enhancements to separation management
- Refine policies and standards based on advanced aircraft capabilities
- Derive requirements for infrastructure and automation capabilities
- Refining the mature state of UAM ConOps, and incorporate findings from Autonomy Working Group to integrate autonomous operations



Summary

- AAM spans an array of concepts, from piloted to fully autonomous operations.
- We are building out an ecosystem to safely and efficiently enable the full range of a new way of flying so that it is beneficial and equitable to the public.
- The FAA has established a focal point for industry to coordinate with the FAA as they work through regulatory and operational aspects of their new services.
- We strive to be one step ahead of industry.





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