

AUVSI Launches Multi-State 'AAM Prepared' Advocacy Campaign to Help States Prepare for Future of Advanced Aviation

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES, December 6, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, the Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) announced the launch of "AAM Prepared," a multi-state initiative supported by Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) industry leaders and manufacturers to help states and localities prepare for the future of advanced air transportation.



AAM Prepared allies include Archer Aviation, BETA Technologies, The Boeing Company, BRINC Drones, Cherokee Nation Technologies, Eve Air Mobility, Ferrovial, Joby Aviation, Lilium, Overair, Reliable Robotics, Skyports, Vertical Aerospace, Volocopter, Wing Aviation, and Wisk Aero.

During the 2024 state legislative sessions, AAM Prepared allies will educate state, tribal, and local lawmakers on the benefits of electric powered-lift aircraft, advancements in aviation technology, and the steps AAM Prepared allies are taking to ensure safe integration.

AUVSI will support policy proposals in states nationwide to achieve AAM preparedness which direct state departments of transportation to:

- 1) Develop or update transportation plans to include vertiports, electric aviation charging, and AAM infrastructure needs;
- 2) Designate a subject matter expert for AAM as a resource for local and regional jurisdictions; and
- 3) Provide jurisdictions with resources to support statewide uniform planning and zoning language.

According to AUVSI's [legislative tracking](#), the rate at state legislatures have established study committees to assess the needs and feasibility of bringing AAM business to their areas has increased rapidly during this decade. In 2020, just one state study committee report was published; in 2021, two states published reports; that number rose to six in 2022 and five in

2023. Two additional states have study committees with work underway and are expected to publish reports by the close of 2023, and four more are expected in 2024 and 2025.

States have already identified significant benefits that AAM will bring to their regions. [A 2023 Study Committee report](#) commissioned by the Commonwealth of Virginia forecasts that the AAM industry in the state will generate \$16 billion in new business activity and related stimulus by 2045; produce \$2.8 billion in local, state, and federal tax revenues; and create over 17,000 new full-time jobs.

Michael Smitsky, Vice President of Government Affairs at AUVSI, said: "As AAM technologies have advanced in recent years, we've seen a corresponding increase of interest among state lawmakers and transportation agencies in how this form of transportation will impact their communities. Several AAM aircraft manufacturers are aiming to go to market in the U.S. in the next two years, and this coalition is ready to shape the critical discussions in states in the months and years ahead."

Jake Goldman, Head of Public Affairs at BETA Technologies, said: "We continue to see real resonance with electric aviation, and we want to ensure stakeholders are set up for success as these next-generation aviation solutions get closer and closer to hitting the commercial market. We welcome the opportunity to work alongside AUVSI as the association kicks off its campaign to educate the states and localities on this technology. As the communities who will ultimately utilize and benefit from the aircraft and multimodal charging infrastructure, it's essential that they are deeply involved in the process from early on."

David Rottblatt, Vice President of Sales and Government Relations at Eve Air Mobility, said: "We are excited that state governments will have industry supported guidance as they consider meaningful ways to support Advanced Air Mobility in their state. We are proud to have worked alongside AUVSI and other industry companies to develop 'AAM Prepared' - a critical first step in building out state legislative policies that will provide an initial framework for state DOTs across the country as they begin preparing for safe, commercial eVTOL operations in the coming years."

The launch of AAM Prepared follows last year's successful launch and execution of a Drone Prepared campaign to help lawmakers ensure that their state or locality is ready for the economic, environmental, and access benefits that commercial drone operations will bring to their communities. The effort resulted in the passage of Drone Prepared's model legislation – the Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Rights and Authorities Act – in several states and several more where legislation is expected to be introduced for the 2024 sessions.

Learn more about AAM Prepared at www.auvsi.org/aam-prepared and Drone Prepared at droneprepared.org.

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