

# USI AND ACCELERATE MONTANA FORGE PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND DRONE SAFETY STANDARDS IN MONTANA

*Accelerate MT equips individuals and organizations with industry-recognized safety certifications for UAS workforce readiness through partnership with USI.*

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Accelerate MT has been assembling teams to support their mission of economic and career development across the state of Montana. Their [Rapid Training Program](#) is designed to help individuals get the skills they need to build jobs or careers in Montana's fastest-growing and largest industry sectors of construction, manufacturing, technology, healthcare, film and media – all of which, are actively integrating

drone technology for improved efficiencies. These rapid training courses are offered across the state and are designed to be fast, flexible, affordable, and precisely what workers and companies need.

To further propel their mission, Accelerate MT has [selected USI](#) and its drone safety standards, training, and industry-recognized certification programs, as a workforce development partner. Derived from aviation best practices, USI's professional training programs result in a standardized approach to safe, effective, and efficient operations in both Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) and Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) drone operations. These professional training programs will be offered [as part of the Rapid Training Program](#) as soon as this month.

“Partnering with agencies such as USI is a key component of Accelerate Montana and is essential in attaining our goal of delivering quality training programs in high demand careers,” stated



Accelerate MT pilots completing USI's Primary Certification pathway training at the Autonomous Aerial Systems Office (AASO) at University of Montana in Missoula, MT.

Shane Kravik, Accelerate MT Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator. "Helping Montana employers and individuals work towards rewarding careers and generate economic prosperity for their families and communities is our goal; offering this leading UAS training program will help develop a fiercely competitive and uniquely Montanan economic opportunity."

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Jeremy Crowley, the Director of the

University of Montana (UM) Autonomous Aerial Systems Office (AASO) explains. "A particular difficulty in MT is the low population density, and this hybrid method of training will help extend the knowledge and experience that is already in the large cities to the rural and tribal areas of the state. This will help employers and innovators hire the employees they already need, help create new jobs, and expand the workforce capacity and sustainability in Montana."

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USI Co-Founder and CEO, Josh Olds added, "USI is proud to empower the safe adoption of drone technology throughout the state of Montana as Accelerate MT implements our education, training, and safety standardized certifications into their Rapid Training Program. It will be very exciting to see how this partnership creates value to the numerous industry career clusters actively growing their use of drone technology throughout Montana."

Multiple Accelerate MT pilots have completed the Primary Certification pathway training with USI at the Autonomous Aerial Systems Office (AASO) at University of Montana in Missoula, MT.

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About Accelerate MT



Accelerate MT pilots in ground school working toward completing USI's Primary Certification pathway training at the Autonomous Aerial Systems Office (AASO) at University of Montana in Missoula, MT.

Accelerate MT offers a broad range of programs to benefit businesses and individuals alike - regardless of location in Montana. To meet the mission of accelerating economic potential, Accelerate MT works to assemble teams who can support, guide, and consult individuals and businesses to find success in their careers.

Through the broad range of programs offered, Accelerate MT strives to help build business capacity and support Montana's economic development. Members of the team are experts at guiding entrepreneurs through the start-up of a business: from launch phase to its early stages as a young company. Their network of peers allows them to help regardless of where those entrepreneurs live in the state.



Accelerate MT pilots reviewing aircraft prior to USI Primary Certification flight training at University of Montana in Missoula, MT

Accelerate MT has a range of programs designed to support Montana's small businesses in addition to programs that can enable businesses small or large to access new markets overseas or ensure that their company is considered for state or federal contracting. They have team members that can connect businesses to the basic advice, tools, and skills that every business needs to function.

The courses that are part of the Rapid Training Program are designed to help individuals get the skills they need to build jobs or careers in Montana's fastest growing and largest industry sectors of construction, manufacturing, technology, healthcare, film, and media. These courses are designed to help build the skills that industries most say they need. Courses are offered across the state through partners and are designed to be fast, flexible, affordable, and precisely what workers and companies need.

Learn more at [www.AccelerateMT.com](http://www.AccelerateMT.com).

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About AASO

The University of Montana (UM) Autonomous Aerial Systems Office (AASO) provides advanced UAS research support for UM and federal, state, and local agencies and communities. AASO was

one of the earliest groups in Montana to be awarded a series of Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) Certificate of Authorizations (COAs) to conduct advanced operations. These COAs include authorization to conduct UAS operations up to 10,000ft above ground level (AGL), nighttime flights, and daisy-chain operations.

Learn more at <https://www.umt.edu/autonomous-aerial-systems/>

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