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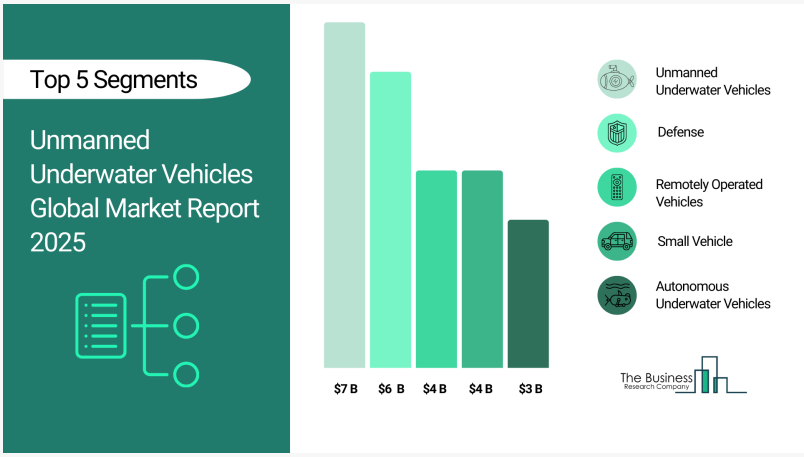

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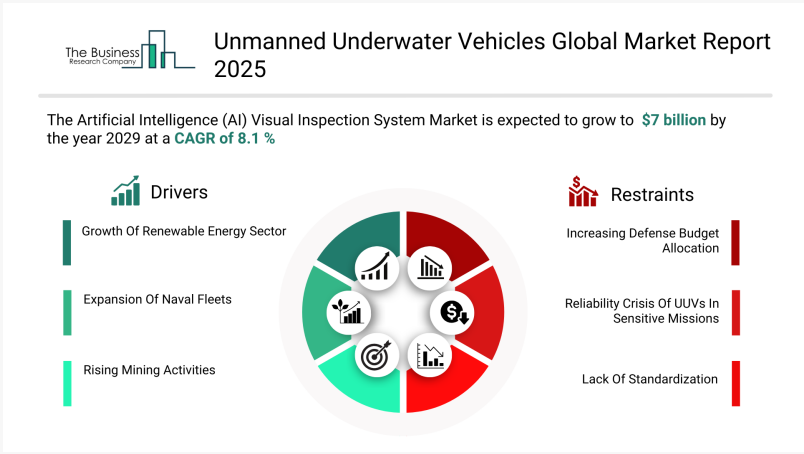

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LONDON, GREATER LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, December 11, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- "Unmanned Underwater Vehicles Market to Surpass $7 billion in 2029. Within the broader Aerospace & Defense industry, which is expected to be $1,102 by 2029, the Unmanned Underwater Vehicles market is estimated to account for nearly 0.6% of the total market value.

Which Will Be the Biggest Region in the Unmanned Underwater Vehicles Market in 2029
North America will be the largest region in the unmanned underwater vehicles market in 2029, valued at $2,756 million. The market is expected to grow from $1,939 million in 2024 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7%. The strong growth is supported by the expansion of naval fleets and growth of renewable energy sector.

Which Will Be The Largest Country In The Global Unmanned Underwater Vehicles Market In 2029?
The USA will be the largest country in the unmanned underwater vehicles market in 2029, valued at $2,333 million. The market is expected to grow from $1,641 million in 2024 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7%. The strong growth can be attributed to the government and

private sector investments and growth of renewable energy sector.

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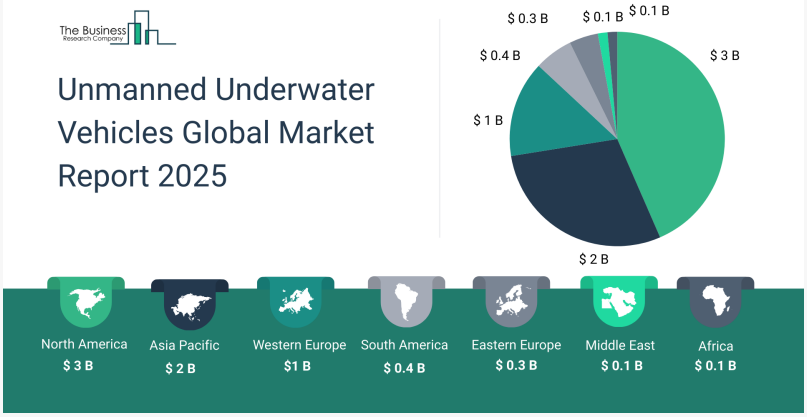

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What will be Largest Segment in the Unmanned Underwater Vehicles Market in 2029?
The unmanned underwater vehicles market is segmented by type into autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs), remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) and hybrid underwater vehicles (HUVs). The remotely operated vehicles market will be the largest segment of the unmanned underwater vehicles market segmented by type, accounting for 52% or $3,623 million of the total in 2029. The remotely operated vehicles market will be supported by the need for real-time remote control for underwater operations, the rising demand for ROVs in subsea inspections and maintenance, their essential role in underwater construction, increasing utilization in offshore oil and gas industries and growing government investment in defense-related underwater exploration and reconnaissance.

The unmanned underwater vehicles market is segmented by product into high-capacity electric vehicles, small vehicles and work-class vehicles. The small vehicles market will be the largest segment of the unmanned underwater vehicles market segmented by product, accounting for 52% or $3,644 million of the total in 2029. The small vehicles market will be supported by the increasing need for compact, lightweight vehicles for tasks in confined spaces, growing adoption in scientific research for small-scale data collection, enhanced portability and ease of deployment, increasing demand for cost-effective solutions in both commercial and defense applications and technological advancements in miniaturization and battery efficiency.

The unmanned underwater vehicles market is segmented by propulsion system into electric system, mechanical system, hybrid system and other propulsion system. The electric system market will be the largest segment of the unmanned underwater vehicles market segmented by propulsion, accounting for 47% or $3,302 million of the total in 2029. The electric system market will be supported by the rising preference for energy-efficient solutions in underwater exploration, advancements in battery technology that offer longer operational times and faster charging capabilities, increasing demand for electric propulsion systems in both defense and commercial applications, the reduction in operational costs compared to traditional fuel-powered systems and the shift towards eco-friendly and sustainable energy sources in underwater vehicles.

The unmanned underwater vehicles market is segmented by payload into sensors, synthetic aperture sonar, cameras, inertial navigation systems and other payloads. The sensors market will be the largest segment of the unmanned underwater vehicles market segmented by payload, accounting for 33% or $2,325 million of the total in 2029. The sensors market will be supported by the increasing reliance on sensors for real-time data collection in underwater environments, rising demand for sensors in subsea exploration and scientific research, the need for highly sensitive and precise sensors for military reconnaissance, the integration of sensors with AUVs and ROVs for enhanced performance and advancements in artificial intelligence.

The unmanned underwater vehicles market is segmented by application into commercial exploration, defense and scientific research. The defense market will be the largest segment of the unmanned underwater vehicles market segmented by application, accounting for 83% or $5,783 million of the total in 2029. The defense market will be supported by the rising adoption of unmanned underwater vehicles in naval defense for mine detection and neutralization, technological advancements that enhance the operational capabilities of unmanned vehicles in combat zones, growing defense budgets globally and the demand for cost-effective, risk-reducing alternatives to manned underwater vehicles and increasing need for underwater surveillance, reconnaissance and intelligence gathering in military operations.

What is the expected CAGR for the Unmanned Underwater Vehicles Market leading up to 2029?
The expected CAGR for the unmanned underwater vehicles market leading up to 2029 is 8%.

What Will Be The Growth Driving Factors In The Global Unmanned Underwater Vehicles Market In The Forecast Period?
The rapid growth of the global unmanned underwater vehicles market leading up to 2029 will be driven by the following key factors that are expected to reshape defence, commercial, and industrial operations worldwide.

Growth Of Renewable Energy Sector - The growth of renewable energy sector will become a key driver of growth in the unmanned underwater vehicles market by 2029. Unmanned underwater vehicles play a crucial role in offshore wind farm maintenance by inspecting turbine foundations, cables, and other submerged structures, detecting issues like corrosion and structural damage without human divers. They also assist in seabed mapping using sonar and imaging technology to identify suitable locations for renewable energy projects. As a result, the growth of renewable energy sector is anticipated to contributing to a 1.5% annual growth in the market.

Expansion Of Naval Fleets - The expansion of naval fleets will emerge as a major factor driving the expansion of the unmanned underwater vehicles market by 2029. Expanding naval fleets require enhanced surveillance, and unmanned underwater vehicles (UUVs) provide stealthy, real-time intelligence gathering without risking human lives. They help detect enemy submarines, underwater mines, and threats while operating autonomously for long durations, reducing costs. UUVs enhance anti-submarine warfare (ASW) by tracking and countering threats in challenging underwater environments. Consequently, the expansion of naval fleets is projected to

contributing to a 1.0% annual growth in the market.

Rising Mining Activities - The rising mining activities within digital manufacturing processes will serve as a key growth catalyst for the unmanned underwater vehicles market by 2029, UUVs are crucial for deep-sea exploration, locating valuable minerals like rare earth elements, manganese nodules, and polymetallic sulfides. They are equipped with sonar, light detection and ranging (LiDAR), and high-resolution cameras, to enable precise seafloor mapping and mineral detection. With rising demand for critical minerals in batteries and electronics, companies are investing in UUVs for drilling site selection, pipeline inspections, and equipment maintenance. Therefore, this rising mining activities is projected to supporting to a 0.7% annual growth in the market.

Increasing Defense Budget Allocation - The increasing defense budget allocation will become a significant driver contributing to the growth of the unmanned underwater vehicles market by 2029 Many countries are modernizing their naval forces, driving demand for UUVs in surveillance and combat. Increased government funding strengthens anti-submarine warfare programs and enhances stealth operations while reducing human risks. Investments in R&D accelerate innovation, leading to more advanced, durable, and efficient UUVs for naval applications. Consequently, the increasing defense budget allocation is projected to contributing to a 0.5% annual growth in the market.

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What Are The Key Growth Opportunities In The Unmanned Underwater Vehicles Market in 2029?
The most significant growth opportunities are anticipated in the defense unmanned underwater vehicles market, the small unmanned underwater vehicles market, the electric powered unmanned underwater vehicles market, the remotely operated unmanned underwater vehicles market and the unmanned underwater vehicles sensors market. Collectively, these segments are projected to contribute over $6 billion in market value by 2029, driven by rising demand for underwater surveillance, reconnaissance, and mine countermeasure operations, along with advancements in autonomous navigation, energy-efficient propulsion, and sensor integration technologies. This surge reflects the growing adoption of next-generation underwater robotics for defense, offshore energy, and oceanographic research, fueling transformative growth within the broader unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV) industry.

The defense unmanned underwater vehicles market is projected to grow by $1,834 million, the small unmanned underwater vehicles market by $1,291 million, the electric powered unmanned underwater vehicles market by $1,256 million, the remotely operated unmanned underwater vehicles market by $1,107 million and the unmanned underwater vehicles sensors market by $734 million over the next five years from 2024 to 2029.

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