

# ZenaTech Advances Three ZenaDrone Defense Platforms Through Blue UAS Certification Pathway

*ZenaDrone 1000, IQ Square, and IQ Nano enter the cybersecurity phase of the Department of Defense accelerated Green-to-Blue certification framework*

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evaluated together under the recently streamlined Green-to-Blue framework administered by the Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI). Blue UAS certification establishes National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) compliance and clears a vendor for direct procurement by U.S. defense agencies, federal departments, and allied government buyers.

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ZenaTech advances three AI drone platforms through U.S. Department of Defense Blue UAS certification pathway.

ZenaTech. “Demand for secure autonomous systems is accelerating across intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, logistics, and asymmetric warfare, and our progress through cybersecurity, manufacturing, and supply chain readiness reflects disciplined execution. We are on the final stretch toward certification and look forward to delivering scalable, mission-critical drone solutions to government and defense customers.”

ZenaDrone’s submissions have completed phases one and two of the AUVSI-administered pathway, including application onboarding and submission of the consolidated hardware bill of materials (HBOM) and NDAA supply-chain compliance documentation across all three platforms. The drones are now advancing to phase three

—cybersecurity validation—where third-party penetration testing will assess system resilience, encryption integrity, and operational security under simulated adversarial conditions. Final Blue UAS status remains subject to successful completion of the remaining certification phases and the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) review.

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The Blue UAS pathway has shifted materially since ZenaTech filed its initial Green UAS applications last year to the benefit of “made in America” drone manufacturers and the advancement of innovation. Under the updated Green-to-Blue framework, the Department of Defense now leverages third-party assessors and the Green UAS process — including AUVSI-led evaluations — to perform much of the cybersecurity, supply-chain, and NDAA compliance validation earlier in the pipeline. While the DoD retains

ultimate authority over Blue UAS status and defense procurement access, the path leading to certification has become more distributed, scalable, and faster for domestic manufacturers.

ZenaDrone’s multi-function AI drone systems currently in this certification process include:

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ZenaDrone systems move closer to NDAA-compliant defense procurement eligibility for U.S. government and allied markets.

- The ZenaDrone 1000, a medium-sized VTOL (Vertical Takeoff and Landing) rugged construction drone capable of lifting ~40kg, with AI-enabled autonomy, and secure communications via its proprietary Drone Net system. Designed for inspection, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) applications, critical cargo applications, and border patrol via a gas version currently under development, being designed for longer flights. It has undergone paid trials with both the U.S. Air Force and Navy Reserve for applications, including critical cargo delivery such as temperature-controlled medical supplies.
- The IQ Nano, a compact indoor drone (starting size 20"×20"), built to operate in GPS-denied environments such as warehouses or military facilities for inventory management via barcode scanning and security applications, features obstacle avoidance and AI-driven drone swarms or fleets.
- The IQ Square, a VTOL drone (starting size 40" X40") engineered for line-of-sight surveys, infrastructure inspections, road and bridge inspections, and defense reconnaissance tasks.

#### About ZenaTech

ZenaTech, Inc. (Nasdaq: ZENA) (FSE: 49Q) (BMV: ZENA) is a technology company that specializes in AI autonomy drone platforms to transform industrial, government, and defense sectors. Its subsidiaries include drone manufacturing through ZenaDrone, a global Drone as a Service (DaaS) business, and a separate enterprise SaaS division of multiple software brands. The Company is executing an acquisition-led DaaS roll-up strategy to digitize and automate legacy service industries like land surveys and inspections, driving drone-based scalable, recurring revenue growth. With an operating footprint spanning North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, ZenaTech is advancing AI drones for agriculture and logistics, as well as ISR, cargo, and counter-UAS applications for U.S. defense and NATO allies. The company is investing in next-generation technologies, including drone swarms, quantum computing, and advanced AI autonomy to capture long-term opportunities in key markets through its R&D initiatives

#### About ZenaDrone

ZenaDrone, a wholly owned subsidiary of ZenaTech, develops and manufactures autonomous drone solutions that can incorporate machine learning software, AI, predictive modeling, Quantum Computing, and other software and hardware innovations. Created to revolutionize the hemp farming sector, its specialization has grown to multifunctional drone solutions for surveying, monitoring, inspection, tracking, process automation, and defense applications. Currently, the ZenaDrone 1000 drone is used for crop management applications and critical field cargo applications in the defense sector, the IQ Nano indoor drone is used for inventory management and security in the warehouse and logistics sectors, the IQ Square is an outdoor drone designed for power washing and inspections use in commercial and government sectors, and the IQ Quad is for land surveys.

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