ZenaTech's ZenaDrone Schedules First U.S. Government Defense Demonstration

Company plans live demonstrations of three drone solutions as Blue UAS certification advances and its portfolio nears market readiness

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, July 23, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ZenaTech, Inc. (Nasdaq: ZENA) (FSE: 49Q) (BMV: ZENA) ("ZenaTech" or the "Company"), a technology solution provider specializing in AI (Artificial Intelligence) drone, Drone as a Service (DaaS), enterprise SaaS, and Quantum Computing solutions, announces that its U.S.-based subsidiary ZenaDrone is now planning to begin scheduling technology demonstrations with U.S. government defense agencies, starting with its first confirmed agency demonstration. Management regards this as a key step in the transition of its drone portfolio from testing to market readiness.

ZenaDrone prepares to begin live technology demonstrations with U.S. government defense agencies, advancing its AI-powered drone platforms toward procurement readiness.

ZenaTech moves its defense drone portfolio from testing to customer demonstrations while advancing through the Blue UAS certification process for U.S. government procurement.

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"Our team now plans to move ZenaDrone's technology from the lab and test range and into the hands of the people who will use it. We will begin with the IQ Nano indoor drone currently, which has already received a request for demonstration," said Shaun Passley, Ph.D., ZenaTech CEO. "Planning these demonstrations with U.S. government defense agencies over the

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> *Shaun Passley, Ph.D., CEO of ZenaTech, Inc.*

coming months is an important signal that our platforms are maturing, and we believe it positions ZenaDrone to compete for future pilot programs and procurement opportunities as the Department of Defense and other government agencies continue to prioritize trusted, U.S.-made drone technology.”

ZenaDrone’s product demonstrations will showcase some of its lead platforms for defense and government applications. This includes the ZenaDrone 1000, a medium-sized VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) drone designed for multiple applications including specialized cargo transport in the field and ship-to-ship such as delivery of medical supplies, the IQ Nano indoor drone designed for automated inventory management inside armories and supply depots, and the IQ Square designed for outdoor line-of-sight inspections. These platforms are advancing from internal testing and validation, into live capability demonstrations for defense stakeholders. The company is in the process of planning and scheduling these demonstrations over the coming months.

Alongside these demonstrations, ZenaDrone continues to advance through the Blue UAS certification process, a requirement for inclusion on the Defense Innovation Unit’s approved products list for U.S. government procurement. As part of this process, cyber testing is slated for this summer across three ZenaDrone platforms, a required step toward certification and eventual procurement eligibility.

About ZenaDrone’s Product Portfolio for Defense and Government
ZenaDrone’s product portfolio under development is designed to address a range of defense, government, and industrial applications, including:

• ZenaDrone 1000 — a medium-sized VTOL drone designed for ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) and specialized cargo transport, including field logistics and ship-to-ship delivery of critical supplies such as medical materials.
• IQ Nano — a compact indoor drone designed for automated inventory management and security applications inside facilities such as armories, ammunition supply points, and other defense supply depots.
• IQ Square — designed for outdoor inspections and maintenance applications.
• IQ Quad — designed for land surveying and geomatics applications.
• IQ Aqua — designed for applications such as detecting underwater mines and at the prototype testing stage.
• Counter UAS — includes the ZenaDrone 2000 interceptor drone, the IQ Glide marine-based launch and refueling station, and the Interceptor P-1, a one-way, low-cost interceptor drone. These are part of an integrated maritime defense system and are currently at the prototype

development stage.

ZenaTech is committed to being a vertically integrated company and currently operates three global manufacturing facilities for ZenaDrone drones, component parts, and sensors, located in Arizona, Dubai, and Taiwan. The Company recently announced it is working on setting up a fourth manufacturing and testing operation in Ukraine.

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 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 subsidiary of ZenaTech, develops and manufactures AI-powered multifunction autonomous drone solutions integrating machine learning, predictive analytics, and advanced computing technologies, for government, defense, and industrial applications. This includes multifunctional drones for surveying, inspections, logistics, security, and defense applications. Its product portfolio includes the ZenaDrone 1000 for ISR defense and specialized cargo, the IQ Nano for indoor inventory management and security, the IQ Square for outdoor inspections and maintenance, the IQ Quad for land surveying, and the IQ Aqua for underwater applications. ZenaDrone operates three global manufacturing facilities in Arizona, Dubai, and Taiwan, and is advancing counter-UAS maritime interceptor drones and an integrated defense system.

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