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City of Henderson Partnering with Nevada State College and Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems on State's First Urban Drone Testing Site

Henderson, Nev. – Henderson will soon be home to the state's first Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) urban test site through a new partnership with the Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems, the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Nevada State College.

The Henderson Unmanned Vehicle Range (HUVR) at Nevada State College will provide commercial UAS designers and operators a unique location where they can test their products in a safe and accessible environment. In addition, experts from the Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems (NIAS) will provide Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulatory guidance as well as UAS flight support and coordination for UAS companies conducting testing, development and training.

"We are proud to be in a partnership that will lead the way on research and development in this new age of unmanned aerial systems technology," Henderson Mayor Andy Hafen said.
"Henderson encourages and supports new cutting-edge technologies and we look forward to seeing increased testing and the advancement of drone development right here in our community."

The HUVR will be developed on the property of Nevada State College in Henderson with the support of the city.

"It is an honor for Nevada State College to support our governor, state and City of Henderson on this core strategic sector initiative by being the host venue for Nevada's first urban drone test site," Nevada State College president Bart Patterson said. "This partnership is reflective of our values including STEM advancement, economic development, and collaboration with the community in which we serve."

In 2013, the FAA selected Nevada as one of six designated UAS test site operators. The FAA created the test sites to encourage the integration of drones into air traffic systems. NIAS is responsible for the management of the FAA designated Nevada UAS Test Site.

For more information about Nevada's growing UAS industry, please visit [the Governor's Office of Economic Development](#) and [NIAS](#).

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