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### **POLICY**

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## **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operations Policy**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) may use unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), also referred to as drones, productively and safely while meeting institutional, legal, public safety, and ethical responsibilities. This policy applies to all FDOT Districts and offices, and private contractors, consultants, and vendors authorized by the FDOT to perform UAS operations.

For this policy, UAS are defined as aircraft operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft, along with associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the aircraft) that are required for safe and efficient aircraft operation. For all FDOT business, UAS must always be piloted by a Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Certified Part 107 Pilot with an active and current Remote Pilot Certificate.

Pursuant to Section 934.50(7), Florida Statutes, governmental agencies may only use a UAS from a manufacturer that meets the minimum security standard requirements specified in Rule 60GG-2.0075, Florida Administrative Code. Procurement of UAS by or for FDOT must meet all applicable procurement requirements of FDOT and Florida Department of Management Services. An Information Resource Request (IRR) must be submitted for UAS purchases and other UAS hardware and software device purchases to ensure compliance with Florida Administrative Code and other applicable technology and security requirements. UAS procurement requests must be routed through the Civil Integrated Management Office and approved by the Assistant Secretary of Engineering & Operations of FDOT, or delegate.

UAS data must undergo human review prior to external disclosure to ensure it does not contain information that is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Florida's public records laws, including personally identifiable information. UAS-generated data cannot be stored outside the United States of America.




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Utilization of UAS to conduct FDOT business is considered a commercial activity by the FAA. UAS Operations must meet all laws and rules of the FAA, State of Florida, and FDOT.

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