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Oregon UAS Accelerator Selects 34 Companies for the Oregon UAS Innovation Challenge, Its Largest and Most Ambitious Cohort to Date

New cohort spans defense, logistics, agriculture, AI-integration, advanced air mobility, and maritime autonomy, with 34 startups from Oregon, across the United States, and South Korea

PENDLETON, OR., Dec. 23, 2025 – The Oregon UAS Accelerator today announced 34 companies have been selected for its third cohort as part of the Oregon UAS Innovation Challenge, marking this the largest and most ambitious cohort in the program’s history. The new cohort brings together unmanned aerial systems (UAS), robotics, and autonomous technology startups from Oregon, across North America, and South Korea, reflecting the growing role of Pendleton and Eastern Oregon as a hub for advanced aviation and autonomous systems.

“These companies aren’t concepts confined to a slide deck. They’re building, deploying, and testing real systems in real environments,” said [Joseph Wyno](#), Executive Director of the Oregon UAS Accelerator. “Our investor events give funders and strategic partners direct access to high-quality uncrewed systems deal flow across aerial, ground, and maritime domains, including demonstrations, facility tours, and meaningful time with founders who are focused on execution, not theory.”

The 34 selected companies span eight major industry verticals, including:

- **Defense & counter-UAS:** startups building sensing, deterrence, and interception capabilities for national security and critical infrastructure
- **Logistics & delivery:** platforms focused on medical delivery, rural access, and heavy-lift cargo
- **Agriculture & environmental:** UAS-enabled crop management, reforestation, and environmental monitoring
- **Advanced air mobility:** next-generation eVTOL and long-endurance platforms for regional transport and special missions
- **Public safety & emergency response:** tools for wildfire, search and rescue, and law

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- **Infrastructure & construction:** aerial and robotic systems for inspection, mapping, and automated build processes
- **Maritime & autonomous systems:** surface and aerial solutions for ports, offshore operations, and maritime security
- **Manufacturing & components:** enabling technologies in propulsion, materials, 3D printing, and GCS systems

“Our goal with Cohort 3 was to bring in companies that not only have compelling technology, but also a clear path to real customers and real impact,” said [Chris Ponzillo](#), director of operations and expansion. “From maritime deterrence and counter-UAS to wildfire mapping and medical logistics, this group represents some of the most practical and urgent applications in the UAS space.”

Oregon UAS Innovation Challenge - Complete Cohort Roster

AeroBond Secure Systems

Oregon, USA

NDAA-compliant ground control systems for UAS operators

Aghawk Dynamics

Washington, USA

U.S.-manufactured agricultural UAS platforms and services

AIRSHIP Technologies Group

Oregon, USA

Counter-UAS and long-endurance UAV systems

American Tenet

Indiana, USA

Thermal-soaring, long-endurance ISR aircraft

Aurora Air

Washington, USA

Hybrid propulsion for heavy-lift and long-range drones

BuzzCare

Minnesota, USA

Drone-enabled medical delivery for rural and frontier healthcare

Davis Consulting LLC

Oregon, USA

Hybrid drone/ground vehicle solutions for public safety

DIFly

Oregon, USA

Stereo-vision systems for improved FPV and autonomous navigation

DRONE CMD, LLC

Oregon, USA

Distributed operating system for multi-asset UAS and robotics fleets

Droning on LLC

Oregon, USA

Aerial seeding and ecological restoration via custom UAS

EIVIE Corp.

Oregon, USA

Circular-wing VTOL aircraft for rescue and evacuation missions

Ether Form Inc

Oregon, USA

Long-endurance surveillance and special-mission platforms

Flyupav

California, USA

Hybrid air/ground delivery platforms for last-mile logistics

FlyX Technologies Inc.

California, USA

Mid-flight powerline charging for extended UAS operations

Ganaio, Inc.

California, USA

Regenerative damper technologies for unmanned ground systems



GlowSens, LLC

California, USA

Counter-UAS solutions using luminescent tracers and AI control

Haast Autonomous

Texas, USA

Heavy-lift VTOL aircraft for logistics and disaster response

Half Rock Avionics

Oregon, USA

UAS integration, avionics, and services

HumanKind Homes

Oregon, USA

Drone-swarm enabled construction and automated building systems

Krishibotics LLC

Oregon, USA

Agricultural robotics and autonomous field systems

Lorica Technologies

Oregon, USA

Maritime security and deterrence via Drone-Augmented Autonomous Deterrence (DAAD)

MAV Unlimited, Inc.

Oregon, USA

Volumetric 3D printing for airframes and components

Narma US, Inc

Texas, USA

Dual tilt-rotor UAS for medical and critical logistics

Nefeli Air Inc.

Wyoming, USA

AI-powered passive counter-UAS detection and response

Nimbus Aerospace Co.

Washington, USA

Hybrid-electric eVTOL for regional air mobility

Oregon UAV, LLC

Oregon, USA

High-performance STOL autonomous fixed-wing platforms

Osprey cUAS

Oregon, USA

Passive RF counter-UAS detection solutions

Outcome Group

California, USA

Fixed-wing VTOL with onboard compute for ISR and logistics

Outer Rim Exploration

Delaware, USA

Muon-based sensing for mineral exploration and geophysics

Pachyderm Industries

Washington, USA

Heavy-lift UAS for industrial and logistics operations

ParaUAS LLC

Oregon, USA

VTOL platforms for construction, survey, and industrial inspection

PrairieSchooner Inc.

Seongnam, South Korea

On-device, natural-language AI C2 platform that integrates with existing UAS platforms.

Rogue Reconnaissance

Oregon, USA

UAS-enabled wildfire and incident mapping platform

SeaStereo, Inc

Oregon, USA

Autonomous maritime systems and sensing platforms

About Oregon UAS Accelerator

The Oregon UAS Accelerator is a leading program dedicated to advancing innovation in uncrewed aerial, ground, and maritime systems innovation and integration. Through strategic partnerships, cutting-edge resources, and expert mentorship, the accelerator empowers startups to transform groundbreaking ideas into market-ready solutions, driving the future of uncrewed systems technology.



Since 2023, the accelerator has been helping founders validate their technology, build scalable businesses, and integrate into Oregon's growing unmanned systems ecosystem. The program is a state and federally designated nonprofit 501(c)3.

For more information and cohort profiles, visit oregonuas.org/cohort26.

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