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Registration for unmanned aerial systems summit open

The first unmanned aerial systems (UAS) summit in Kansas is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 15 at the National Center for Aviation Training at 4004 N. Webb Rd. in Wichita.

In the past few months there has been a series of discussions about the use of UAS, or drones, across the state, by law enforcement, agriculture, emergency management, small business and research officials.

"As we've toured the state for UAS workshops, we've learned that Kansas stands to gain $2.9 billion dollars over the next 10 years through UAS applications in agriculture, search and rescue, surveying and much more," KDOT Director of Aviation Tiffany Brown said. "With this summit we hope to both improve the public perception of UAS and keep Kansas at the forefront of attracting UAS industry to our great state."

The summit will highlight how Kansas is already among the top ten states for UAS benefits and there will be a discussion about the use of UAS as a hobby or a business. There will also be a UAS flight demonstration and a business development session.

The public is invited to attend, and registration can be found at: www.kansasuassummit.com. Schedule information can be found at summit sessions on the website.

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