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KDOT announced as finalist for AUVSI XCELLENCE awards

The Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) Division of Aviation has been named as a finalist in the Operations and Safety category of the XCELLENCE Awards by the Association for Unmanned Vehicles Systems International (AUVSI).

The AUVSI XCELLENCE Awards honor innovators in the unmanned systems industry, including individuals and organizations, with a commitment to leading and promoting safe operations, advancing technology, and developing programs that use unmanned systems. KDOT was selected from a pool of accomplished applicants as one of several finalists. Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony at AUVSI XPONENTIAL on Tuesday, April 30, in Chicago.

The Division of Aviation applied in the Operations and Safety category to highlight its commitment to unmanned safety and responsibility, said Bob Brock, KDOT Director of Aviation.

"We consider flight safety our highest priority for Kansas Aviation, and we are honored to be recognized by AUVSI," Brock said.

"The rapid growth of the unmanned systems industry is reshaping our future by expanding business markets, providing consumers with innovative solutions and even saving lives," said Brian Wynne, president and CEO of AUVSI. "The XCELLENCE awards recognize companies and individuals who are achieving remarkable results with unmanned systems technology to benefit our communities."

For more information about XPONENTIAL and the AUVSI XCELLENCE Awards, visit **xponential.org.**

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