Unmanned Aircraft Operations for Business Users

Our mission is the safe, efficient, and timely integration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into the National Airspace System.

The agency is taking steps under Section 333 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to move forward with incremental UAS integration of specific, limited, low-risk civil operations in advance of UAS-specific regulations. These operations may be authorized by the FAA if the Secretary of Transportation determines they do not need an FAA-issued certificate of airworthiness because they do not pose a threat to national airspace users or national security. FAA Administrator Michael Huerta has identified this activity as a priority.

Industries taking advantage of Section 333 include:

- Aerial filming and photography
- Critical infrastructure inspection
- Flare stack monitoring
- Precision agriculture

The FAA has published guidance for requesting authorization for civil/commercial operation of UAS. More information can be found on the Section 333 page of our website: [www.faa.gov/uas/legislative_programs/section_333](http://www.faa.gov/uas/legislative_programs/section_333)