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of Transportation

**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

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Washington, D.C. 20591

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Exemption No. 12410A  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2015-2185

Mr. Timothy Ford  
President and CEO  
UAS Innovators, LLC  
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Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Dear Mr. Ford:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your petition for an amendment. It explains the basis for our decision, describes its effect, and lists any changes to the original conditions and limitations.

By letters dated August 14, 2015, and August 16, 2015, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of UAS Innovators, LLC (hereinafter petitioner or operator) for an amendment to your current exemption. That exemption from §§ 61.23(a) and (c), 61.101(e)(4) and (5), 61.113(a), 61.315(a), 91.7(a), 91.119(c), 91.121, 91.151(a)(1), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.409(a)(1) and (2), and 91.417(a) and (b) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows the petitioner to operate a UAS to perform aerial data collection. You requested an amendment to conduct closed-set motion picture and television filming and training<sup>1</sup> to your operations.

In your petition, you indicate that there has been no change in the conditions and reasons relative to public interest and safety that were the basis for granting the original exemption.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested amendment to the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to the petitioner. The

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<sup>1</sup> The petitioner requested authority to conduct UAS training. At this time, the FAA is unable to authorize UAS operations for training until a further assessment is completed. When the FAA completes its review, we will proceed accordingly and no further action will be required by the petitioner. However, the petitioner is permitted to train its own pilot in commands and visual observers in accordance with condition no. 14 and the other conditions and limitations in this exemption.

unmanned aircraft authorized in the original grant are comparable in type, size, weight, speed and operating capabilities to those in this petition.

### **Our Decision**

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 12410 remains valid and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, the operator is granted an amendment to add closed-set motion picture and television filming to its UAS operations.

The operator shall add this amendment to its original exemption.

### **Conditions and Limitations**

All conditions and limitations within Grant of Exemption No. 12410 remain in effect except as follows. Condition No. 2 has been updated to permit closed-set motion picture and television filming.

Failure to comply with any of the conditions and limitations of this grant of exemption will be grounds for the immediate suspension or rescission of this exemption.

2. Operations for the purpose of closed-set motion picture and television filming are permitted.

This exemption terminates on August 31, 2017, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

/s/

John S. Duncan

Director, Flight Standards Service