

Defense Technologies Inc. (DTI) receives FAA Experimental Certification for the Kestrel-T UAS

(Lexington Park, MD) On June 11, 2008, Defense Technologies Inc. (DTI) received an FAA Experimental Certificate to fly the Kestrel-T Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) in National Airspace over St. Mary's County in Southern Maryland. This certificate is the culmination of many hours of hard work and cooperation with the FAA that began last June.

DTI is the 14th company in the nation to receive an experimental certificate for a UAS by the FAA, an extraordinary accomplishment for a small company. This was an especially challenging endeavor because the operations area in Clements, MD. is in such close proximity to the Washington ADIZ.

The Kestrel-T is a small Unmanned Aircraft System or Remotely Controlled Aircraft (RC) that is used to test and validate sensor packages, system software, and hardware components such as FAA ADS-B and ATC Mode C Transponder and Altitude Encoder. Testing of these systems has been done at locations like NASA Wallops in Virginia.

As a result of the certificate, DTI will be able to conduct market surveys, customer training and experimentation with various configurations "In National Airspace"

DTI is a small veteran owned private company with on-going research and development efforts relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) and commercial industry. DTI's additional facilities are located in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida.

Follow this link to the FAA website to learn more.

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