

Dear Official Representative,

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that your concept paper is one of the Top 15 **winning solutions** selected in Stage 1 of Challenge 3.1 - FastFind. We believe that your concept has the ability to compete and potentially win more prizes throughout the many stages of this competition. We are also intrigued with your prototype design and its potential to contribute toward advancing the research and pushing the boundaries of UAS technology for public safety. Your selection also means advancing to *Stage 2: Video Test & Safety Evaluation Contest* and competing for additional prizes worth \$8,000 while receiving guidance from the NIST UAS challenge team on how to progress successfully through the remaining stages of the Challenge.

For now, there are several items for your information and action:

- You are the only person on your team receiving this email. Please share this with your team.
- As soon as possible, but **no later than November 1**, please acknowledge receipt of this notice by replying to this email and stating your intention to continue your participation in the Challenge.
- If you did not provide a **team logo** with your stage 1 submission, please send a logo file (250 X 150 pix in .png, .jpeg, or .gif) so we may post the logo on the website alongside your team name as a winner of stage 1.
- On Wednesday, **November 3 at 11 AM CT**, we will host the 3.1 Stage 2 Kickoff webinar. We ask that at least **one representative** from your team participate.
 - **Join Zoom Meeting**
- In a couple of weeks, we will schedule a 15-minute, one-on-one meeting with each team to provide high-level feedback on your concept.
- In the week of **January 10, 2022**, we will be conducting a Check-In Review with your team and an opportunity for you to win \$3,000. We will provide you with a template to use for this presentation at the Kickoff webinar but we advise that you continue to prepare for the next stage using the official rules. We will contact you closer to the check-in review to organize this meeting.
- You will receive an email directly from Terese at NIST once we receive your acknowledgement containing the **NIST ACH and Eligibility Verification form**. These forms will verify your eligibility and provide NIST the proper bank information for the stage 1 \$7,000 prize award disbursement. Using the NIST Secure File portal, please return the ACH form and Eligibility form along with **proof of drone liability insurance**.
 - As stated in the rules, “Winners shall provide proof of UAS insurance or demonstrate financial responsibility prior to receiving the Stage 1 award.” This can include proof of insurance for a drone club, university, etc. where you plan to fly or monthly insurance for the months you plan to fly for this competition. Please contact us with questions.
 - Please refer to the “Terms and Conditions” under “Liability and Insurance” in the Official Challenge Rules. A minimum coverage of \$1M is required

to conducting any flights and NIST shall be named as an additional insured under the contestant's insurance policy.

- If you have issues with the NIST Secure File portal, please send a separate email to for assistance.

We congratulate you again on your selection and look forward to your continued participation!

UAS Challenge Team

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