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STATE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF UAS

- **Idaho Department of Commerce** – Aerospace is seen as one of the State of Idaho’s core industries and an important area for growth and investment. As a result of this experience, Idaho Commerce is the lead agency for the development of UAS Centers of Excellence.
- **Idaho Department of Transportation: Division of Aeronautics** – This agency is the manager of airport systems for aviation services in the state of Idaho. The agency has been heavily involved in the development of UAS industry and growth of aerospace industry in Idaho.
- **Idaho National Guard and Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security** – The Idaho National Guard and Bureau of Homeland Security are developing themselves to be the preeminent national UAS training facility. With the completion of a dedicated landing strip and key UAS infrastructure, the both organizations are a crucial source of experience and resources for the UAS industry in Idaho.

Legislation

- **Privacy Provisions:** On April 11, 2013, Idaho Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter signed Senate Bill 1134, which establishes privacy provisions for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).
 - Idaho was the second state in the nation to adopt such provisions
 - This legislation creates standards to ensure unmanned aircraft systems are restricted from conducting unwarranted surveillance or observation of individuals, dwellings or agricultural facilities absent a warrant or need for emergency response for safety, search and rescue, or controlled substance investigations
 - This legal framework enables Idaho to accelerate and advance development and testing of technologies and protocols that will allow for the safe integration of unmanned aircraft into the national airspace system
- **FAA UAS Test Site:** During its 2013 session, the Idaho Legislature also approved a concurrent resolution strongly encouraging the Idaho Department of Commerce and other key state, university and private-sector partners to submit a proposal on behalf of the State of Idaho to be selected as one of the Federal Aviation Administration’s six unmanned aircraft system test sites