

What is the UAS Tech Forum?

The Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Tech Forum will take place Aug. 21 & 22, 2019 at the Tony's Pizza Events Center, 800 The Midway, Salina, KS, 67401.

The UAS Tech Forum is a gathering of entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, tech transfer professionals, economic development officials and other service providers in the UAS industry. The event features tech presentations, valuable networking with attendees and exhibitors, potential investment opportunities, thought-provoking panel discussions and relevant keynote speakers.

Who should attend the UAS Tech Forum?

- Small- to mid-sized companies and advanced manufacturers that seek to grow with the help of technology, researchers, licensees, developers, federal lab and university tech transfer officers;
- Entrepreneurs who recognize the potential of the UAS industry and the talent that exists in the Oklahoma-Kansas region;
- Researchers interested in learning about new FAA regulations and creating a UAS company;
- Service providers looking to help develop and bring resources to UAS companies; and
- Industry leaders looking to build interest and collaborations in the industry in a variety of categories.

The event is part of the Unmanned Aerial Systems Cluster Initiative (UASCI) for the Oklahoma and Kansas region, a collaboration funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The Tech Forum and the Cluster Initiative are managed by Development Capital Networks (DCN), an Oklahoma City-based company (www.dcnetwork.com). Host organizations for the Tech Forum include: Salina Community Economic Development Organization, Kansas State Polytechnic University, city of Salina, Kansas Department of Transportation – Division of Aviation, Salina Airport Authority, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce, and Saline County.

In addition to the upcoming Tech Forum, the UASCI has supported SBIR/STTR workshops on behalf of startup UAS companies. It has supported events from other organizations that have provided networking and business opportunities for people involved or interested in the UAS industry. The UASCI has also promoted the industry to potential investors and created UAS events in finance and manufacturing. As a result of this and other work, the SBA has renewed its partnership with the UASCI for another year.

For more information about the UASCI and the UAS Tech Forum visit, www.uascluster.com

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