

# Droneports – Redefining the UAS Industry



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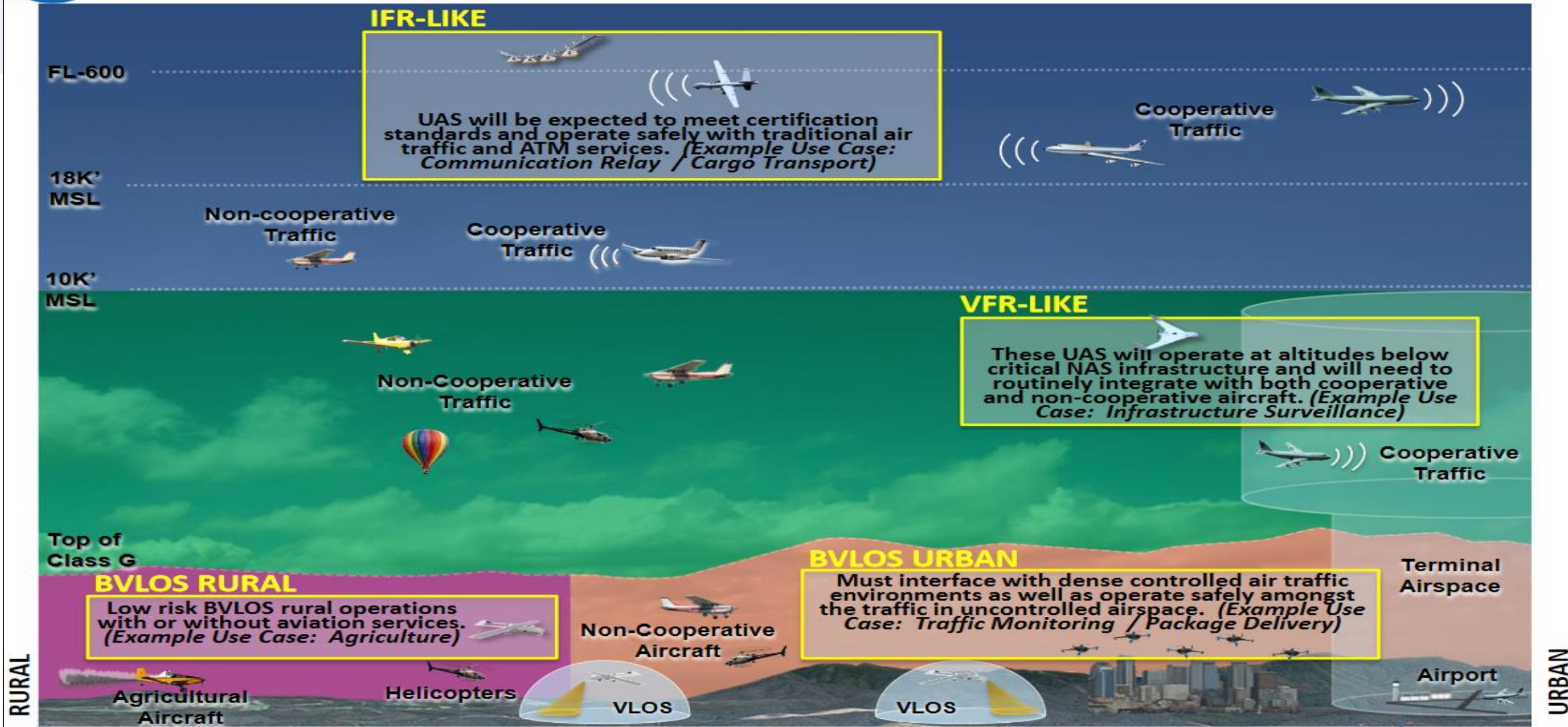
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# Emerging Commercial UAS Operating Environments (OE)



# Drone Services Forecast

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Power Lines	270	Low
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Pipeline	3,900	Low
Surveying, Mapping	15,900	Low
Agricultural Survey and Inspection	2,000,000	Very low
Fence Line Security	30,000	Very low
Rapid Aerial Communications	790	Very low
Rail	1,500	Low
Tornado Watching, Flood Damage	1,900	Low
Weather Monitoring	620	High
Disaster and Forest Fire Response	560	High
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Values rounded. Source: [ntrs.nasa.gov/archive/nasa/casi.ntrs.nasa.gov/20190007020.pdf](https://ntrs.nasa.gov/archive/nasa/casi.ntrs.nasa.gov/20190007020.pdf)

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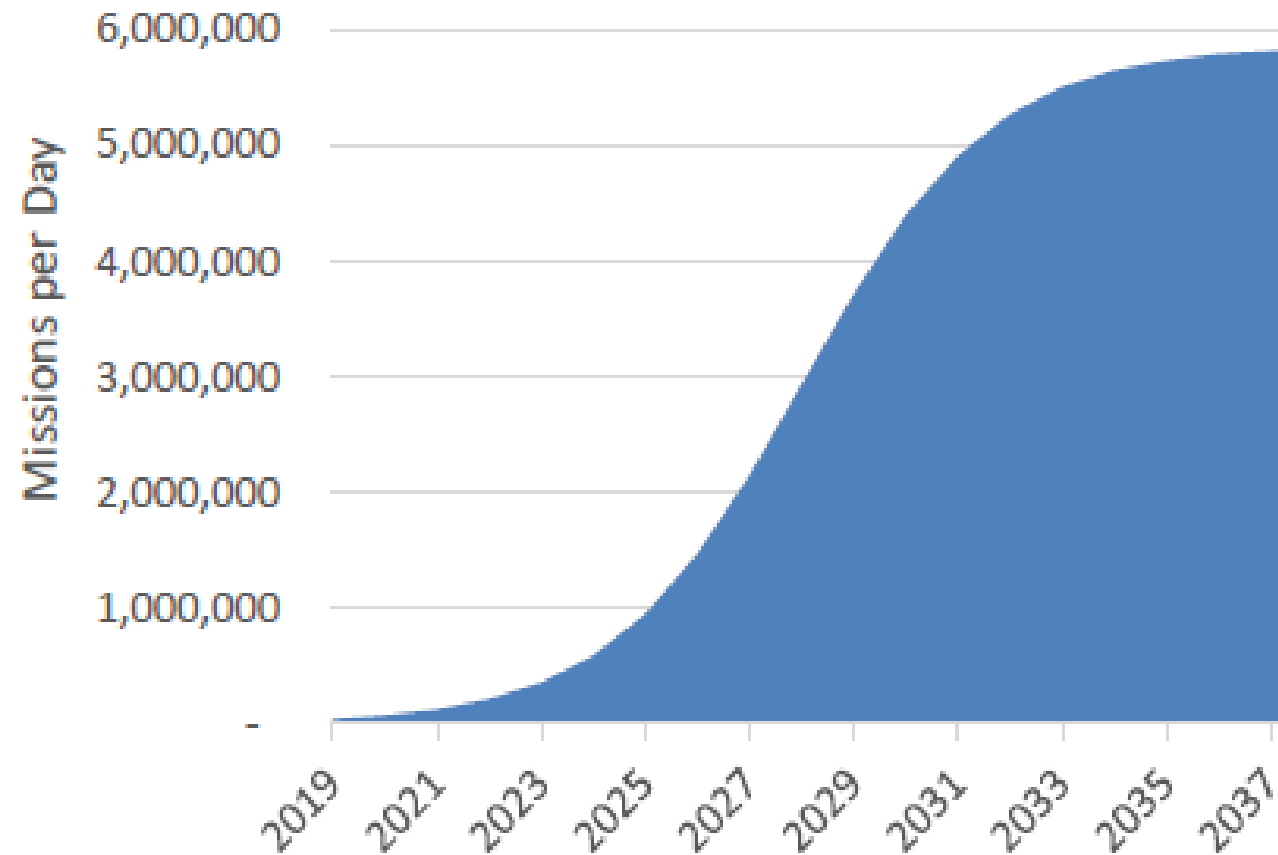
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# Rural Package Delivery

## UAS Demand:

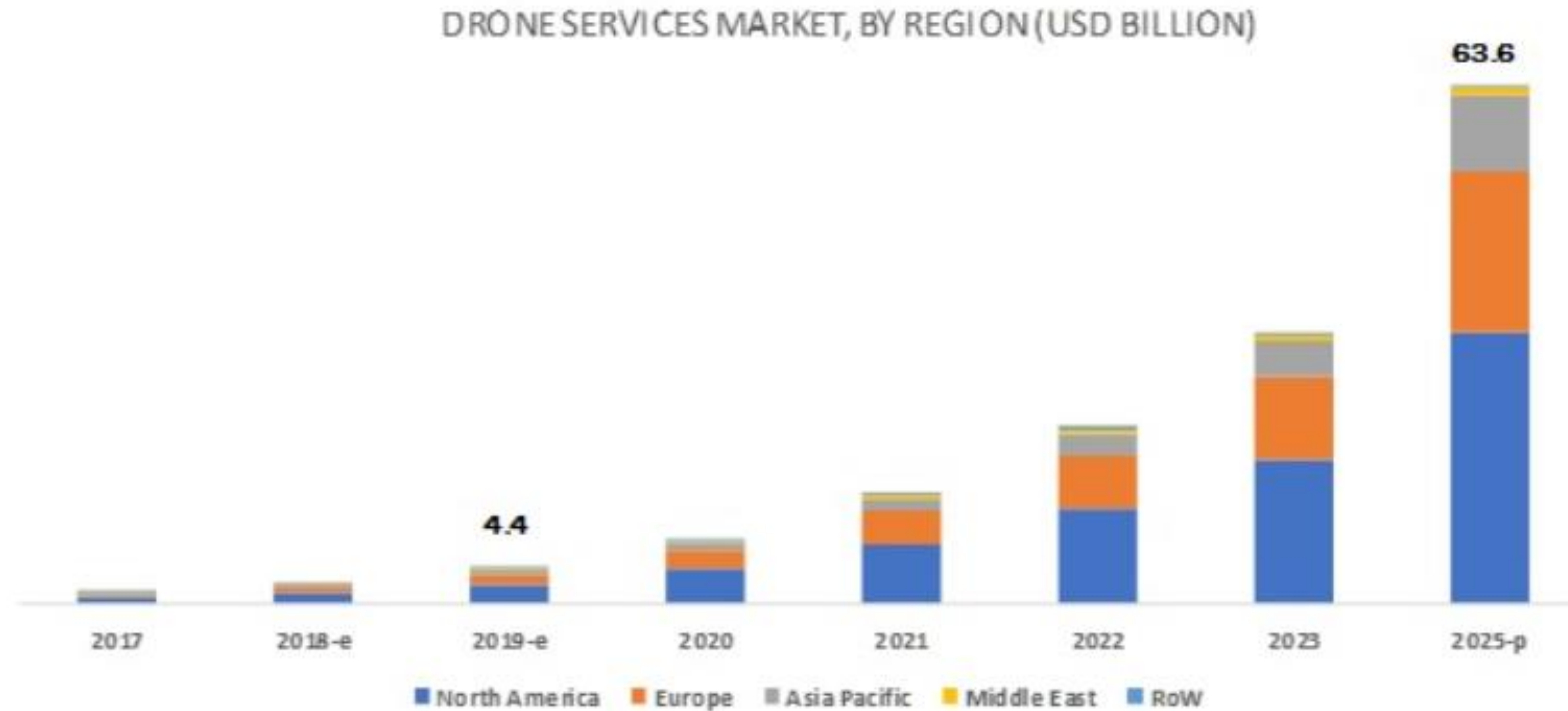


## Droneport estimates, Oklahoma

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# Drone Services Value Growth

- Drone services market estimated at \$4.4 billion in 2019
- Forecast to reach \$63.6 billion by 2025 at a CAGR of 55.9% from 2019 to 2025



<https://www.marketsandmarkets.com/Market-Reports/drone-services-market-80726041.html>

# How will drones impact business?

*Predicted commercial applications and market value by industry*



## Infrastructure

Investment monitoring,  
maintenance,  
asset inventory

**\$45.2bn**



## Agriculture

Analysis of soils  
and drainage, crop  
health assessment

**\$32.4bn**



## Transport

Delivery of goods,  
medical logistics

**\$13.0bn**



## Security

Monitoring lines  
and sites, proactive  
response

**\$10.5bn**



## Entertainment & Media

Advertising, entertainment,  
aerial photography, shows  
and special effects

**\$8.8bn**



## Insurance

Support in claims  
settlement process,  
fraud detection

**\$6.8bn**



## Telecommunication

Tower maintenance,  
signal broadcasting

**\$6.3bn**



## Mining

Planning, exploration,  
environmental impact  
assessment

**\$4.3bn**

Source: <https://www.pwc.pl/pl/pdf/clarity-from-above-pwc.pdf>

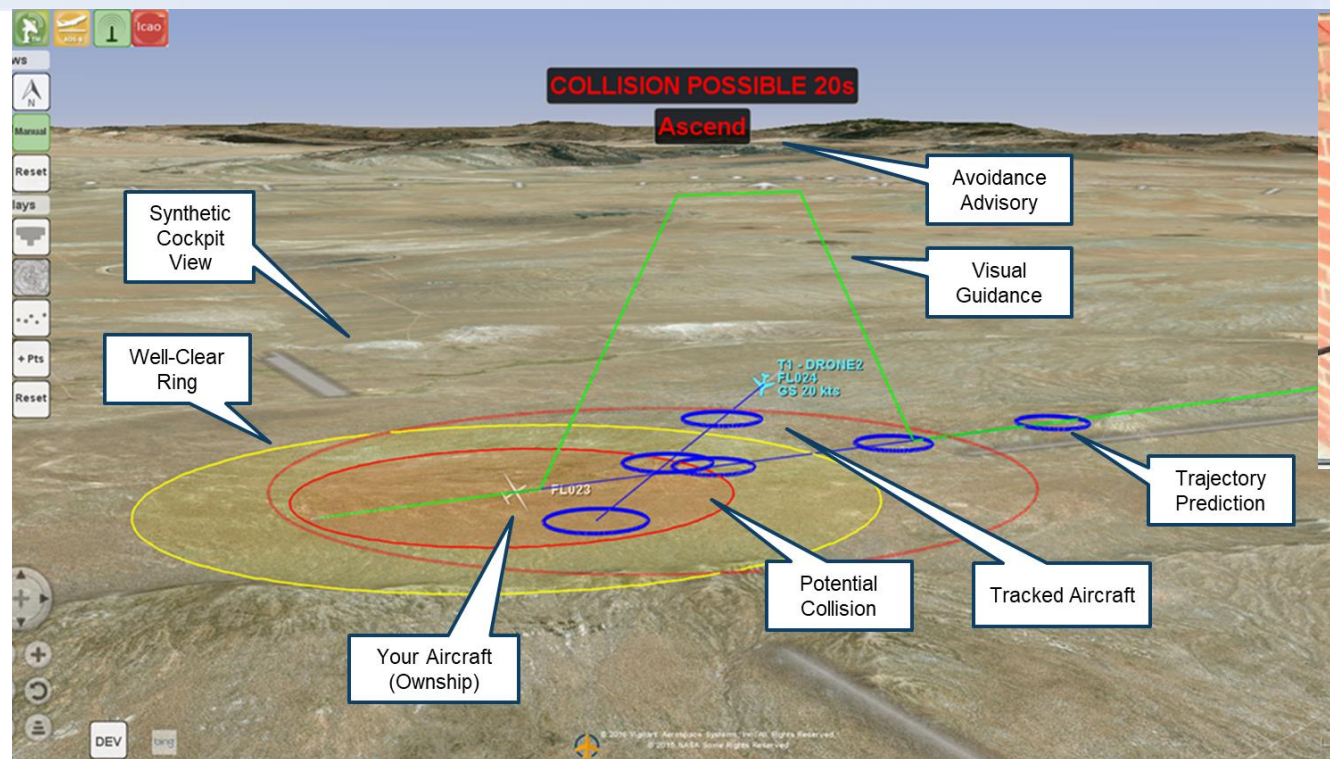


# The Basic Questions

- What do I need to think about to enable BVLOS flights from my new droneport?
- Who are the fliers? What industry are we serving? How do we enable our customers?
- What does safety mean for us? What will it mean to the FAA in our context?
- What risks do I need to mitigate and what problems do I need to solve?
- What is a good, step-by-step plan for my droneport to get this done?



# What is FlightHorizon?

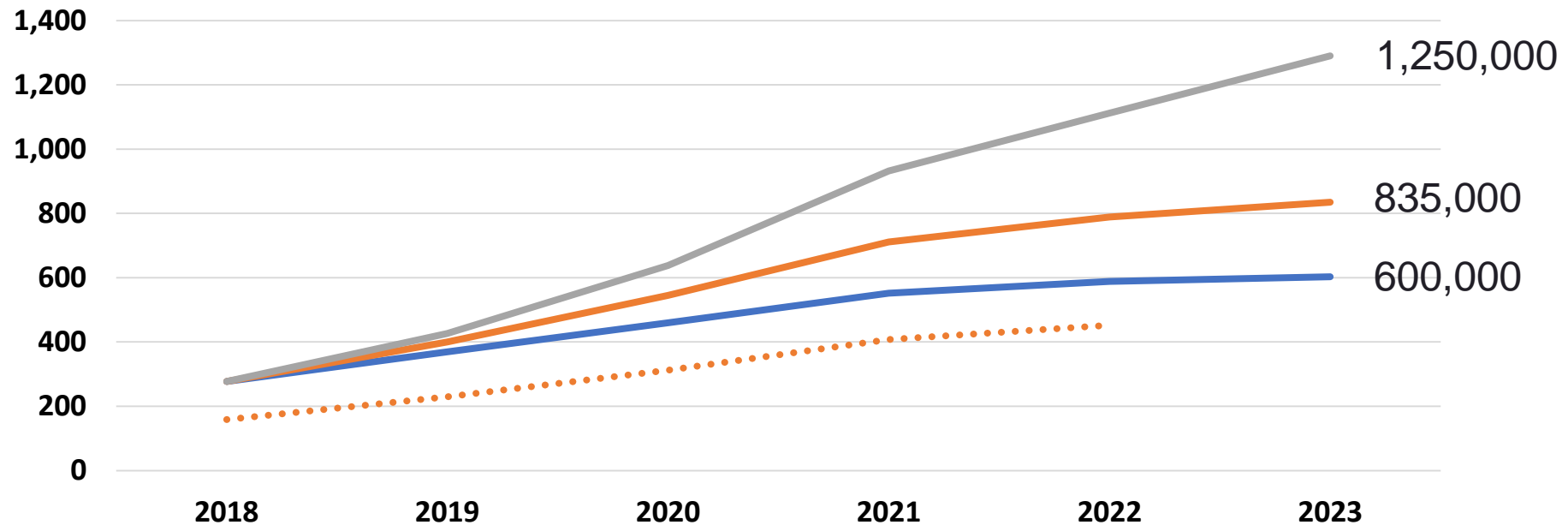


- Air safety system based on exclusively-licensed NASA patent
- Software solution for individual unmanned aircraft pilots or airspace managers
- Situational awareness and active avoidance of other aircraft
- Integrates with essential hardware and data sources

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# U.S. Non-Model Fleet Forecast

UAS in thousands



— Low (annual growth rate 17%) — Base (25%) — High (36%) ..... Base FY2018-2038

FAA Aerospace Forecast, FY 2019-2039





# RL-1 Rural Package Delivery

## Remote Town Package Delivery

### Key Assumptions:

- MISSION: 1 Completed Delivery (1-2 TO/Land)
- Preliminary testing begins in 2017
- Future Markets that cannot yet be quantified: Prescription delivery, Letters/General Mail
- UAS weighing under 55 lbs. will have a faster growth because of both FAA regulations and battery life of the UAS.
- Due to greater distances between delivery locations, assume 50% of deliveries by UAS

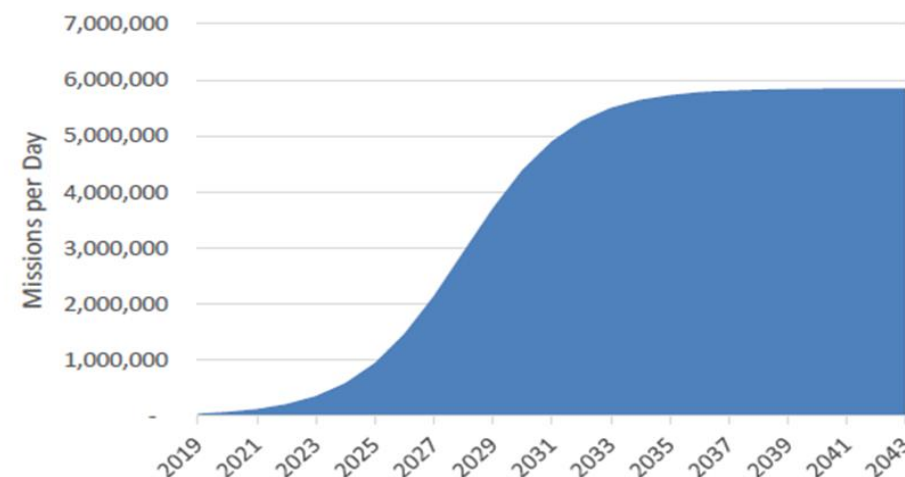
### Cumulative Future Total per Day: **D**

Sub Use Cases	Calculated Estimates
Parcels	10,797,656
Prepared Food	840,764
Groceries	46,484
Flowers	23,035
% of UAS deliveries	50%
Total missions/day	5,853,970

### Date Projections:

Start year	<b>A</b>	2019 (Initial ops, trial cases)
10% Growth Year	<b>B</b>	2024 (Regs/Infrastructure finalized)
90% Growth Year	<b>C</b>	2032 (Country-wide ops)
Total Saturation	<b>D</b>	5,853,970

### UAS Demand:





**HALE** Low risk BVLOS ops above IFR-controlled airspace.  
(E.g. Internet Service Provider)

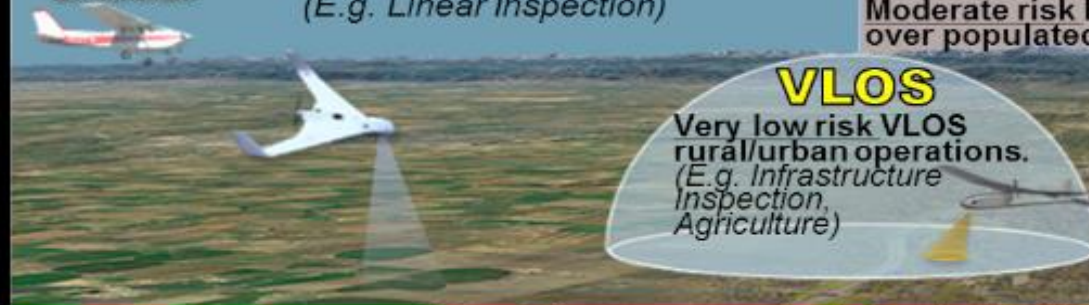
**IFR-LIKE** Moderate risk BVLOS ops within IFR-controlled airspace, integrated with traditional air traffic and ATM services. (E.g. Long-distance Cargo Transport)



**VFR-LIKE** High risk BVLOS ops below NAS infrastructure, integrated with both cooperative and non-cooperative aircraft. (E.g. Border Surveillance, Regional Cargo Delivery)



**LOW ALT. RURAL** Low risk BVLOS rural operations integrated with General Aviation aircraft (E.g. Linear Inspection)



TOP OF URBAN AIRSPACE\*

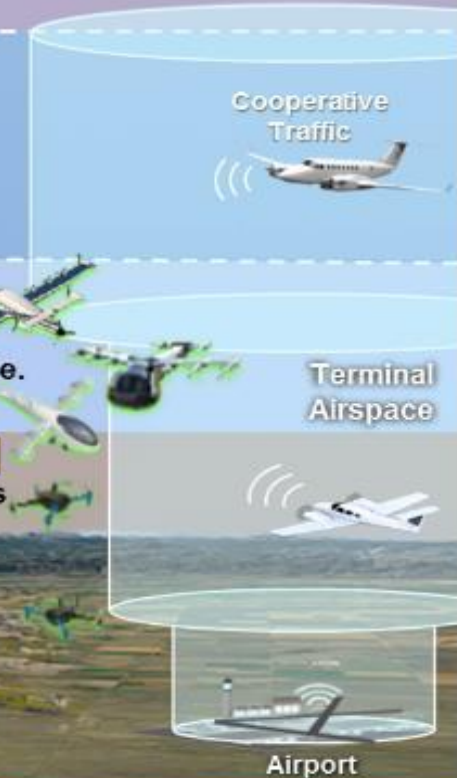
**URBAN PASSENGER**

High risk BVLOS operations within dense controlled ATM and UTM environments and uncontrolled airspace.

500' AGL

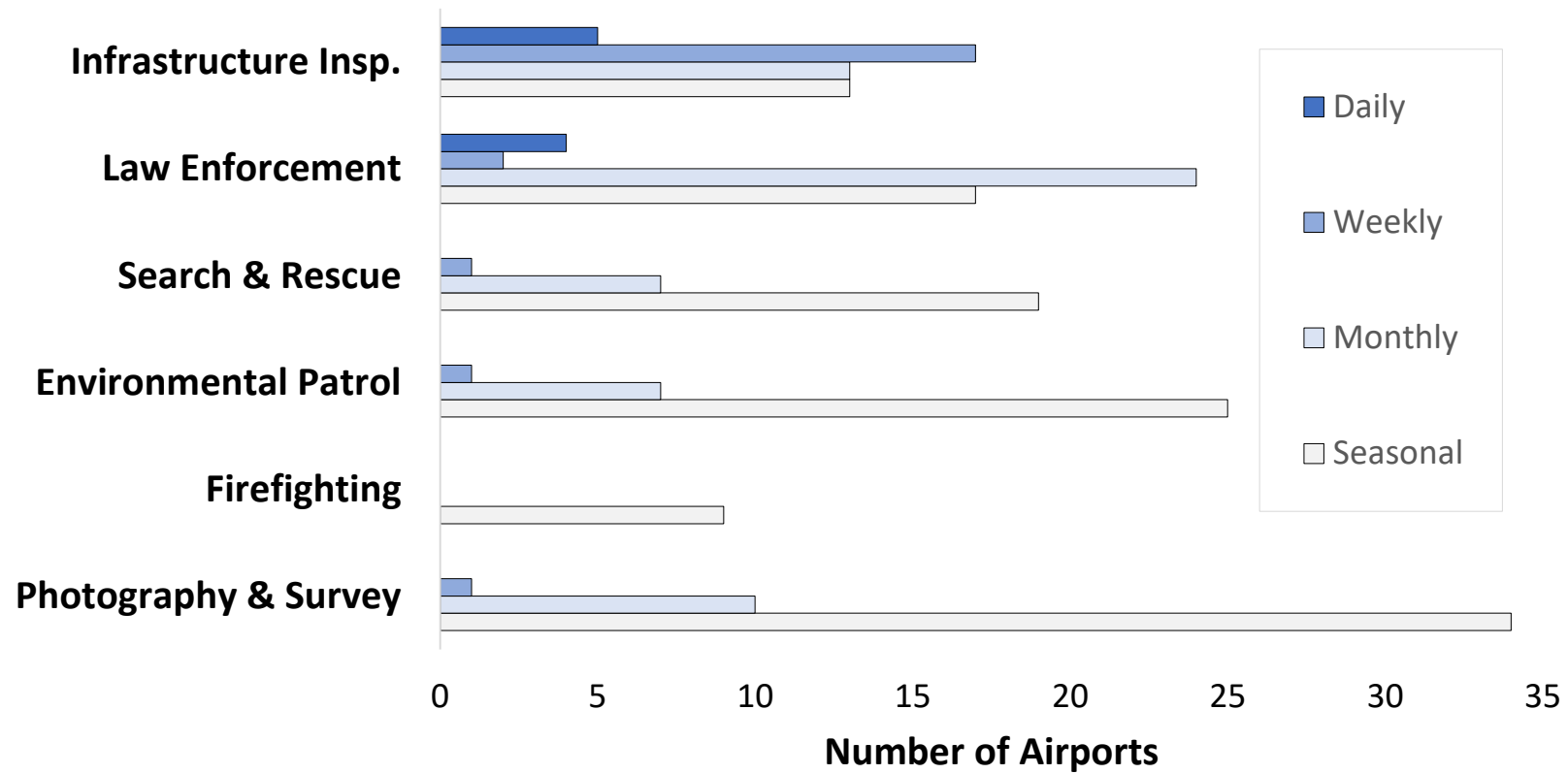
**LOW ALTITUDE URBAN**

Moderate risk BVLOS small UAS operations over populated areas using UTM services



Markets	Examples
Visual Line of Sight	Construction
Rural Low Altitude	Rural Package Delivery
VFR-like	Disaster Response
Urban Low Altitude	Urban Package Delivery
Urban Passenger	Air Taxi
IFR-like	Thin/Short Haul Commuter
High Altitude - Long Endurance	Internet Service
Traditional Markets	Cargo

## Uses of General Aviation Airports in Kansas, KDOT 2016



Data from 73 airports, Kansas Aviation Economic Impact Study, KDOT 2016