

## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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### **Northeast Alberta Information HUB (Alberta HUB) ..... Alberta HUB Skyways (UAVs) Project**

*In 2024 Alberta HUB secured funding from the Government of Alberta (SCOP grant) for the Alberta HUB Skyways project to lay the groundwork to develop a drone friendly ecosystem to enable advanced air mobility (AAM) activities such as beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) drone operations for drone-based delivery of goods, precision agriculture using drones and support infrastructure development for electric aviation.*

*This work is being completed through Alberta Hub member, AERIUM Analytics. AERIUM is a full-service environmental consultant, drone manufacturer and drone service company with a proven track record in the implementation of drones into complex airspace, specifically, the integration of drones into airport environments.*

*This project will provide investment opportunities for our airports as well as for municipalities, First Nations and Metis Settlements across the region. .. for drone manufacturing, technology development in Smart Agriculture, Energy, Forestry, Fire prevention, Safety and Emergency Rescue.*

*For further value Alberta Hub joined the iART Alliance led by AIRmarket. At the core of iART's mission lies a bold objective: to achieve routine BVLOS (Beyond Visual Line of Sight) operations utilizing a proven aircraft within airport environments & RTM Airspace(s) for commercial objectives.*

***To showcase our goals, we are planning a “Night Test Flight” from the Village of Andrew to the St. Paul Airport on September 24<sup>th</sup>.***

*The ANDREW RURAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL combines academic and hands on learning in the areas of Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) as it relates to rural Alberta. As such, we found it very fitting to host this test flight at a facility that will enable today's youth to embrace technology, including drones.*

*We invite you to attend the launch at Andrew Rural Academy – 4922 50 Avenue from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.*

*Networking and industry discussion will take place from 6:00 -7:30 pm.*

*And the landing at St. Paul Airport at approximately 9:30pm. Agenda:*

- *6pm - Welcome Address and introductions from Alberta Hub, AIRmarket, FireSafe, and Aerium Analytics*
- *7:30pm - Pre-Flight Check and Briefings on the BVLOS flight*
- *8pm - Flight Departure from Andrew Rural Academy*
- *9:30pm – Estimated arrival at St. Paul Municipal Airport*
- *Small Reception at St. Paul (anticipated wrap up 10-10:30pm)*

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