

NX Aviation secures Drone Flight Support Contracts

STAFFORD, VA - NX Aviation, a small aerospace company based at the Stafford Regional Airport, has secured a contract with the University of Maryland to provide drone pilot services this year. The UMD program is based out of Patuxent River, Maryland. NX will be supporting the University's *Tigershark* system during an anticipated busy season for the UMD program (pictured right).



Additionally, NX Aviation has been asked to provide flight operations supporting US Government customers during a technology demonstration mission in Hawaii. This is the third event with the same customer set that NX Aviation has supported with drone flights.

“Our UAS [drone] flight support missions are so important to the future” said company President Colin J. Fischer. “As the industry becomes more and more unmanned, it is important for us to embrace that technology.”

In many ways, the contract with UMD is a return home for Mr. Fischer. “Tigershark was one of my first unmanned systems” he said. “At the beginning of my career, I had the chance to fly them several times with some of the best pilots around and it is wonderful to return to that community. In fact, many of their aircraft were manufactured during my time at the factory, and I was part of the flight team that did their functional check flights back in 2010”.

In addition to these two contracts, NX Aviation has been awarded a follow-on to their Australian systems test contract from last year to continue testing the new Search and Rescue system (pictured right).



“When you combine our Baron and the manned capabilities that it brings to the table, we are uniquely positioned to be able to provide both the manned and the unmanned systems knowledge.” Mr. Fischer concluded.