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Vanilla Unmanned is now solely owned and operated by Platform Aerospace

Hollywood, MD – Platform Aerospace, which provides rapid aircraft and drone prototyping, modification, and systems integration, is now the sole owner and operator of Vanilla Unmanned, the world-record holding, ultra-long endurance Unmanned Aerial System (UAS).

Vanilla Unmanned will leverage Platform Aerospace’s prototyping and integration experience to transition the UAS from a developmental aircraft into an operational asset. The Vanilla Aircraft has unmatched endurance, ability to carry and power multi-INT payloads on a single flight, and modular, simplistic design “creates a disruptive, persistent, aerial solution for both military and commercial applications,” says Adm. Timothy Heely (USN-ret), Senior VP of Strategy and former board member for the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI).

Vanilla is a fixed-wing Group 3 UAS intended to be payload and mission agnostic, or “vanilla.” It’s capable of flying continuously for up to 10 days, providing uninterrupted surveillance and reconnaissance, and can integrate multiple payloads (e.g., SIGINT, EO/IR, WAMI, etc.) across multiple internal and external payload bays. Vanilla was the first winner of the AUVSI “Startup Showdown” in 2016, taking the top prize over 14 other competitors.

“Platform Aerospace is excited to continue the development of Vanilla. With sole ownership we will advance not only Vanilla’s operations but also the ability to manufacture at scale, which is a real source of Platform-Vanilla synergy. We look forward to continuing to work with our partners who have thus far been involved in this effort,” said Kurt Parsons, Platform Aerospace CEO.

If you're interested in hearing more or would like to tour our plant, please contact Greg Pappianou (greg.pappianou@platformaero.com) and take a look at what we are doing for major customers here in Hollywood MD.



A Vanilla Unmanned UAS in flight

About Platform Aerospace

Platform is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) dedicated to supporting the warfighter and our customers' success through specializing in manufacturing, maintenance and engineering services and is a leading fabrication and integration provider to the U.S. Military. We specialize in rapid prototyping and bringing requirements from theory to fully-cleared flight operations. We possess strong aerospace engineering, aircraft maintenance and modification abilities demonstrated by the hundreds of projects we've completed over the past twenty-seven years.

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