

11-8-7. Resources for UAS Operators

- a. **FAA.GOV/UAS.** The FAA UAS website, www.faa.gov/uas, is the central point for information about FAA UAS rules, regulations, and safety best practices.
- b. **FAA DroneZone.** The FAA DroneZone is the Agency's portal for registering drones, requesting Part 107 airspace authorizations and waivers, registering as a CBO, requesting fixed flying sites, and other tasks.
- c. **Local FAA offices (Flight Standards District Offices/FSDOs).** FSDOs can be the best in-person source for UAS information. A list of FSDOs in the United States is at https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/field_offices/fsdo/all_fsdo/.
- d. **Aeronautical Information.** The FAA provides aeronautical information to NAS users, including UAS pilots, through a variety of methods, including publications like this manual, other publications, Advisory Circulars (ACs), charts, website and mobile applications, etc. Check https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/ for these items.
- e. **The UAS Support Center.** For general question or comment about UAS or drones, the FAA's Support Center is available at 844-FLY-MY-UA or UASHelp@faa.gov.
- f. **Clubs and Associations.** Local UAS recreational clubs, CBO organizations, and business associations are excellent resources for information and updates on flying in the local region.
- g. **LAANC.** LAANC is the Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability, a collaboration between FAA and industry. It automates the application and approval process for airspace authorizations. Using applications developed by an FAA-approved UAS service supplier (USS) you can apply for an airspace authorization at over 600 airports. Download the free LAANC app at https://www.faa.gov/uas/programs_partnerships/data_exchange/.
- h. **B4UFLY.** The B4UFLY mobile application is a partnership between the FAA and Kittyhawk. The app helps recreational flyers know whether it is safe to fly their drone, as well as increases their situational awareness. Download the free B4UFLY app at https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/where_can_i_fly/b4ufly/.
- i. **Weather Sources.** Aviation weather services (such as <https://www.aviationweather.gov/>) are generally targeted towards manned aviation, the FAA is currently working on UAS-specific weather applications.
- j. **NOTAMs.** The Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) system, like aviation weather sources, remains primarily predicated on manned aviation needs. However, the system provides continual updates on all aviation activity (to include UAS flight activities which have been input to the FAA), as well as airport status. The NOTAM system will be of greatest use to larger UAS activities, UAS en route operations in controlled airspace, and those flying to or from airports. NOTAMs, temporary flight restrictions (TFRs), and aircraft safety alerts can be accessed at https://www.faa.gov/pilots/safety/notams_tfr/.