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SYSTEMS™**

CENTRAL ROLE OF SAFETY SYSTEMS IN DRONEPORT DEVELOPMENT

SOLVING THE AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT PROBLEM



Agenda

➤ Quick Intro to Vigilant Aerospace

- Who is Vigilant Aerospace and what is FlightHorizon?

➤ Purpose

- The basic questions about safety at a droneport
- What must a safety system accomplish
- The sources of our recommendations

➤ Droneport Step-by-Step: The Story of Wiseville

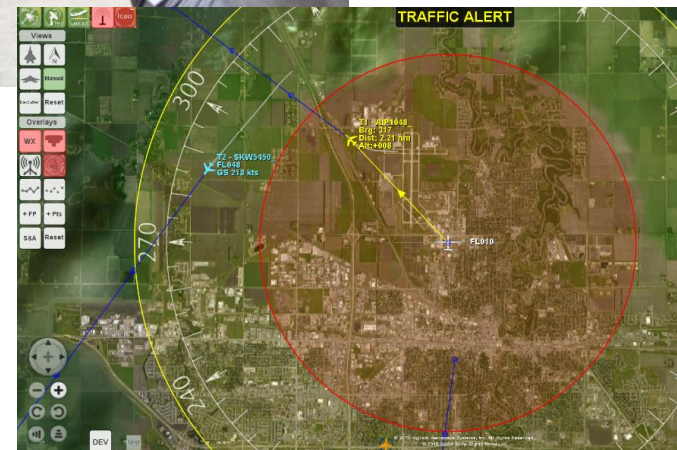
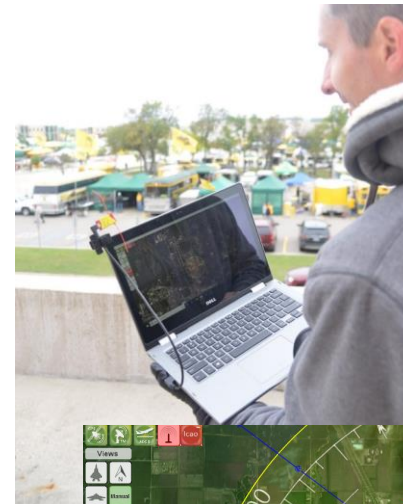
➤ FlightHorizon COMMANDER Overview

- Droneport Operations Development Process
- Next Steps



Intro to Vigilant Aerospace

- Safety systems for droneports and individual pilots of both unmanned and manned aircraft
- FlightHorizon COMMANDER software integrated to hardware
- Automatic avoidance system exclusively licensed from NASA
- Projects:
 - NASA manned and unmanned, NASA UTM
 - FAA IPP in N. Dakota and Alaska
 - Humanitarian-Drones.org for FEMA at Hurricane Harvey
 - OSU BVLOS 13-mile COA
 - ASTM F38



Product Versions



FlightHorizon PILOT™



FlightHorizon GCS™



FlightHorizon COMMANDER™

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 does my safety system need to accomplish?

- Risk Mitigation
- Situational Awareness
- Ownship Status
- Detect-and-Avoid – Well Clear
- Demonstrate Safe Operation
- Demonstrate Regulatory Compliance
- Demonstrate Waiver Compliance

“Vigilance shall be maintained by each person operating an aircraft so as to see and avoid other aircraft.”

- 14 CFR 91.113(b)



Where do these recommendations come from?

- Part 107, Part 135, Part 91
- Existing Part 107.31 waivers
- Operation of LAANC
- SC-228 MOPS Phase I and II
- FAA Integration Pilot Program Teams
- FAA Remote ID (proposed)
- SARP Well-Clear & JARUS Airspace Risk
- FAA ASSURE A18
- NASA UTM Working Groups – SAA&C2
- **ASTM F38**
 - BVLOS Standard
 - UTM Standard
 - DAA Performance Standard
 - DAA Testing Standard
 - Flights Over People Standard
 - Command and Control Standard - C2
 - Certifiable Aircraft Standard



THE STORY OF WISEVILLE'S DRONEPORT

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Part 1: The Story of Wiseville - The Initiative

- **Decides to explore a local droneport**
- **Currently un-used county-owned runway & hanger**
 - Rural property, low population density, low aircraft density
- **Potential Industries**
 - Several ranches, major oilfield within 10 miles, 30 and 60 miles
- **Raises money to improve the facilities**
- **Shared Resources – Lower Costs, Lower Risks**



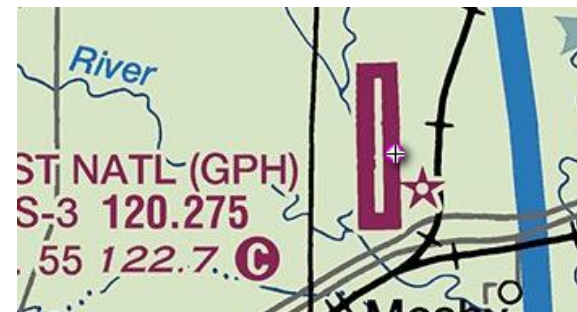
Part 2: The Story of Wiseville - The Industries

- Outreach to industry
- 2 on-site service providers and 1 corporate operator
- 2 agricultural survey specialist providers with small multi-rotors & FLIR
- 1 oil and gas production company with small fixed-wing & multi-spectral
- Needs BVLOS to reach major customers initially within 10 miles



Part 3: The Story of Wiseville – The Analysis

- **Class G airspace, uncontrolled, fly under Part 107**
 - If near an airport, use LAANC or special COA
 - If at an airport, establish MOU and use LAANC, special COA, Part 135
- **JARUS Airspace Risk Classification – Air traffic**
- **DAA and Well-Clear Requirements – FAA requirements**
- **Primary and nearby airspaces – Other airports**
- **Shared droneport assets and airspace safety system**
- **Fly BVLOS up to 10 miles, then up to 30 and 60 miles**



Part 4: The Story of Wiseville – The Plan

➤ Establish the “ConOp” and “SOP”

➤ Strategic Risk mitigation

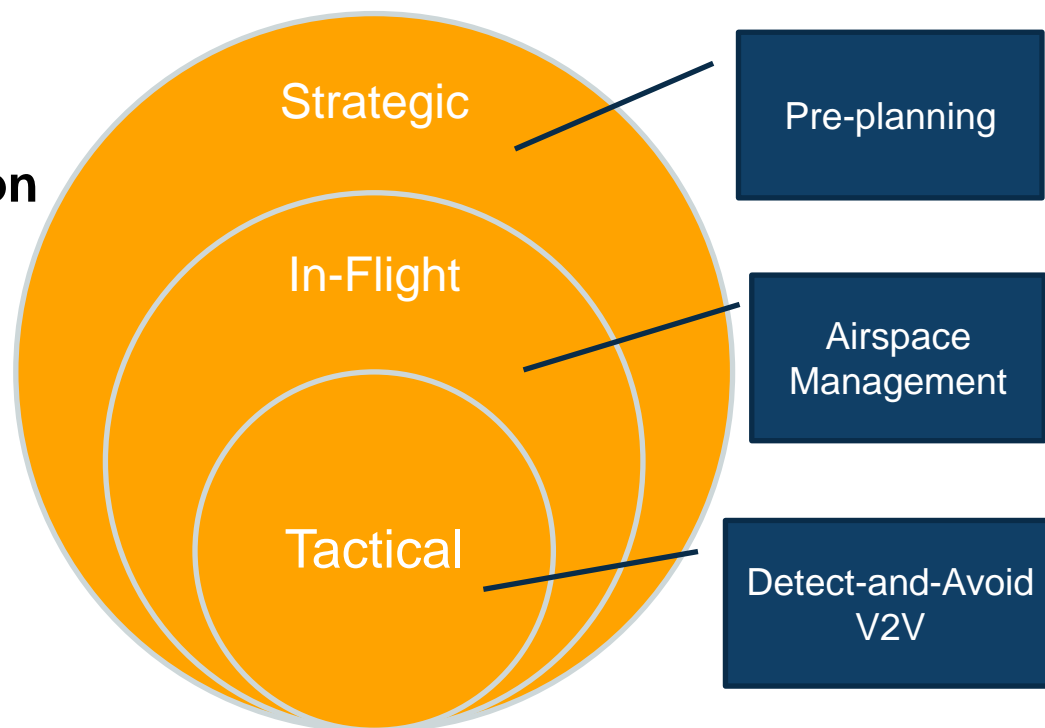
- Where, When and How you fly

➤ Procedural Risk Mitigation

- Aircraft maintenance plan
- Pre-flight checks
- Safety system checks
- Training plan
- Communications plan
- Incident plan
- Flight logging
- Airspace logging

➤ Tactical Risk Mitigation

- Airspace management
- Situational awareness
- DAA / SAA
- Future UTM integration



Portions of this section are derived from
ICAO Doc. 9854, *Global Air Traffic
Management Operational Concept*

Part 5: The Story of Wiseville – The Solution

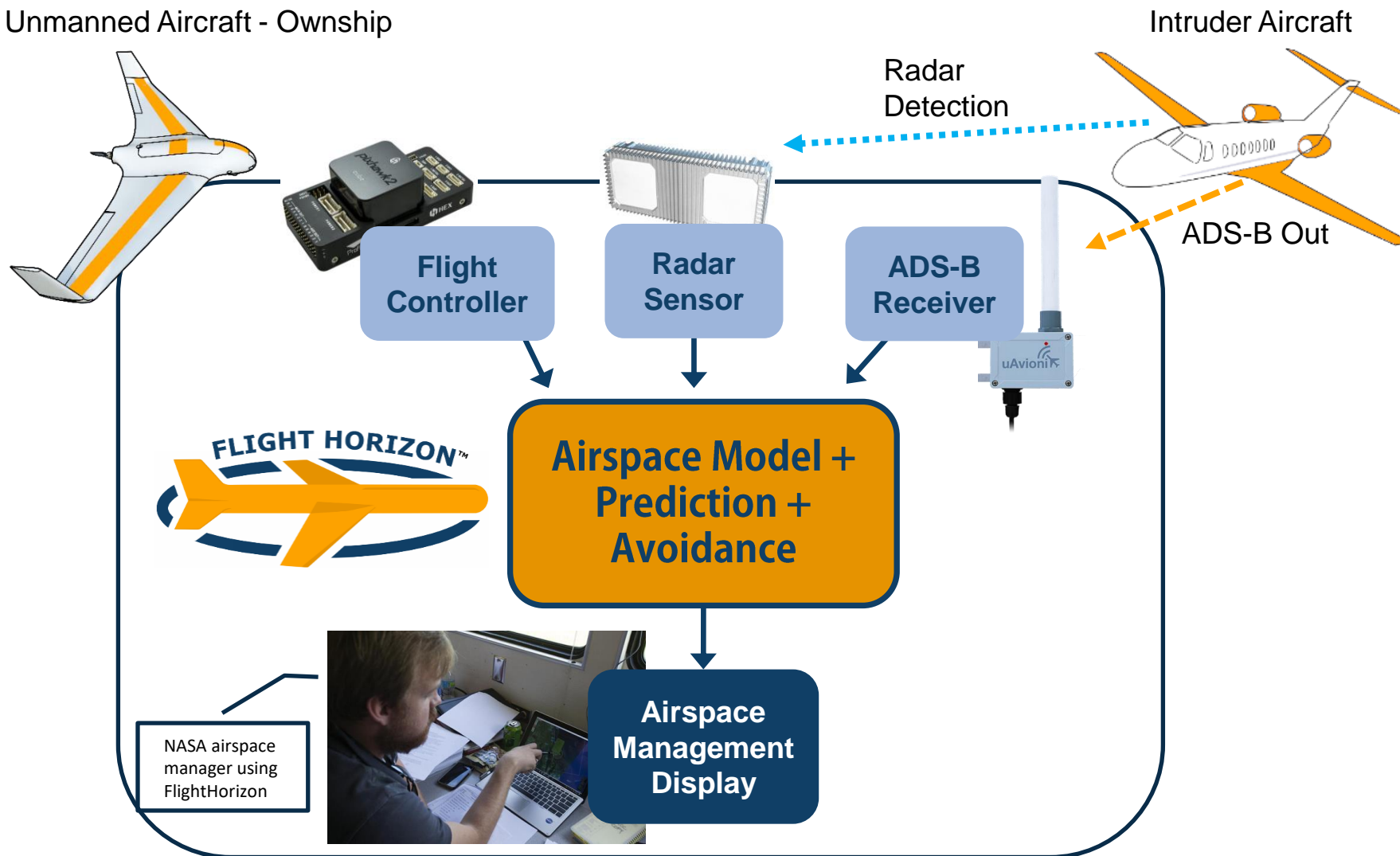
➤ Install the safety system

- Airspace management for situational awareness
- Self-contained unmanned traffic management (UTM)
- Strategic De-Confliction
- Tactical De-Confliction
- See-and-Avoid / Detect-and-Avoid

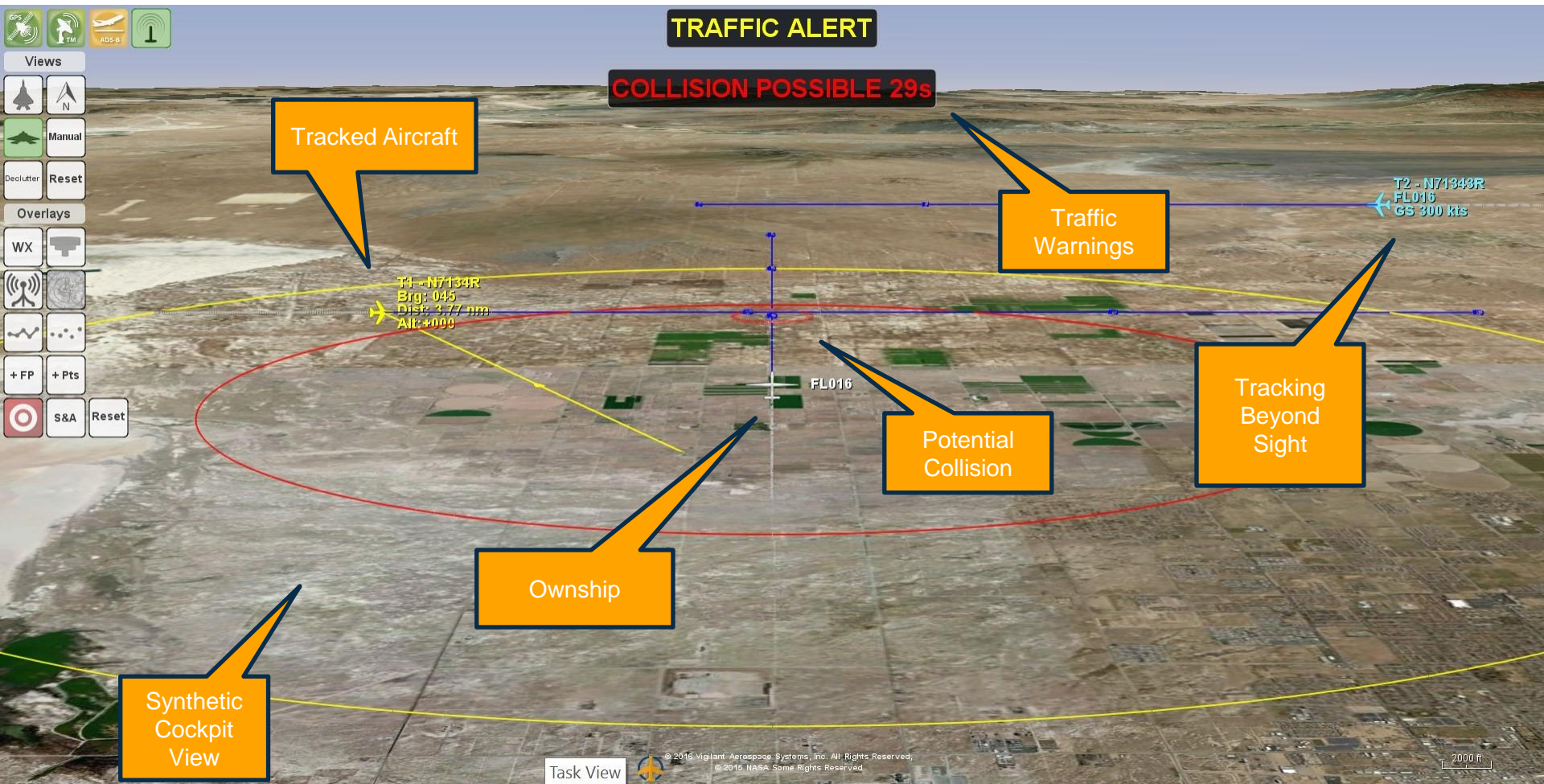


Part 6: The Story of Wiseville – The Technology

Unmanned Aircraft - Ownship



FlightHorizon User Interface



Part 7: The Story of Wiseville - Enablement

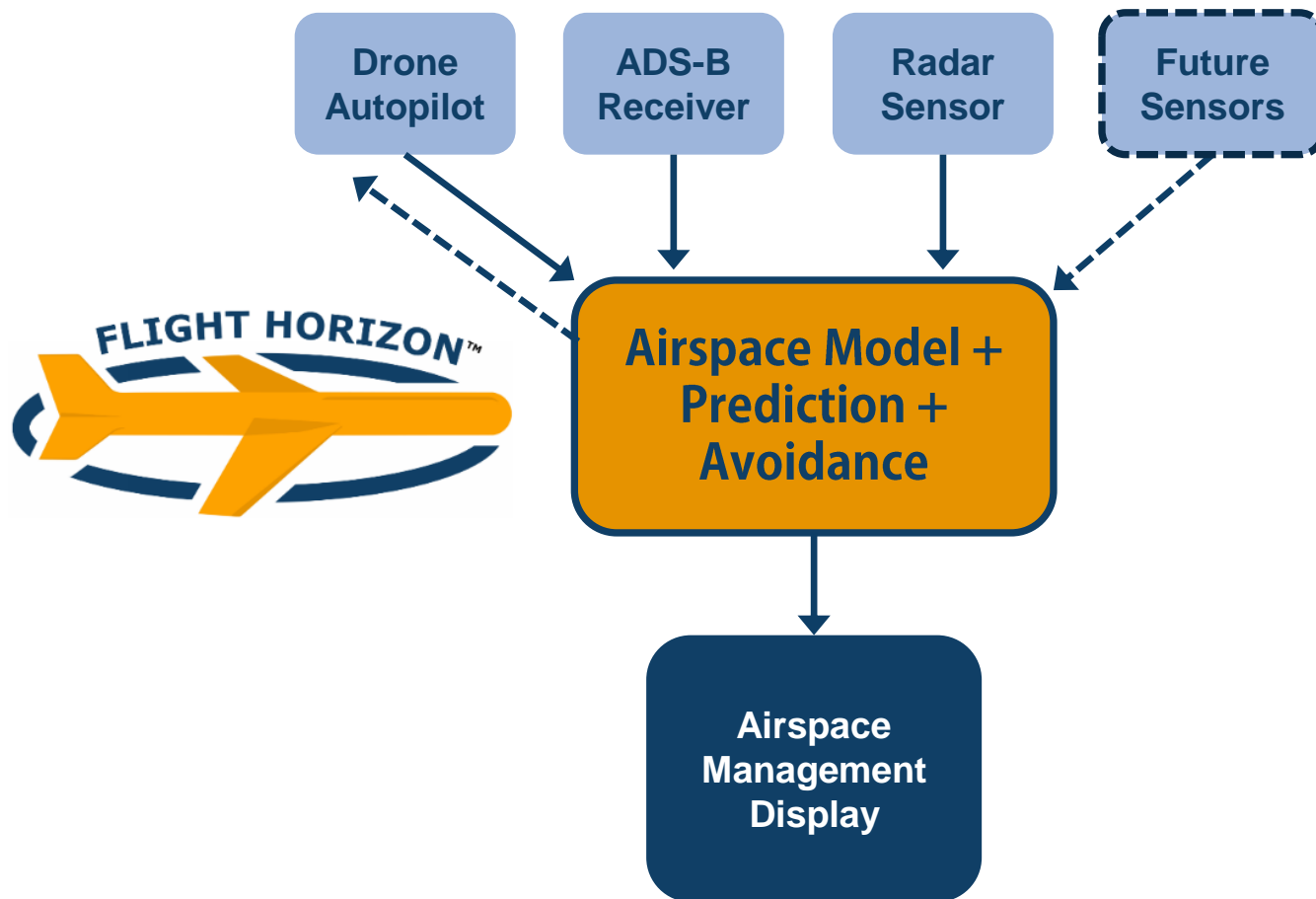
- **Crawl / Walk / Run**
- **Fly VLOS under the SOP and document it**
- **Apply for Waiver**
 - Select the most likely candidate – public, private
 - 14 CFR § 107.31 - Visual line of sight aircraft operation
 - Apply and respond to questions
- **Receive the Waiver – BVLOS with VO**
- **Fly with VO and document it**
 - Operate with a VO along route and at point of operation
 - Utilize system to track the UAS and all other aircraft
 - Document flights with airspace log and journal
- **Re-apply for non-VO waiver**
 - Graduate to radar-based BVLOS
- **Attract New Operators**
 - Specialist service providers



QUICK INTRODUCTION TO FLIGHTHORIZON

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FlightHorizon **COMMANDER** System



What is FlightHorizon COMMANDER?



NASA airspace
managers using
FlightHorizon

- Airspace management system
- Turn-key, Single subscription
- Single point of contact
- Both cooperative and non-cooperative aircraft tracking
- Tracking, alerts, warnings
- Active “Detect-and-Avoid”
- Built-in “ConOp”
- Avoid complexity, integration costs and risks
- Upgrade to future sensors and data
- FAA requirements for BVLOS COA & waiver

Consulting Services



➤ Systems Integration

- HW & SW integration
- Sensors integration

➤ System Installation

- Software install and configuration
- Hardware install and configuration

➤ Testing & Test Flights

- Test plan
- Equipment & aircraft
- Full logging and documentation

➤ Regulatory Consulting

- FAA Compliance
- Beyond Line-of-Sight Waivers & COAs
- Risk mitigation advisory

Droneport Operations Development



- 1. Execute operating agreement with the airport to accommodate unmanned aircraft**
- 2. Install safety systems including FlightHorizon COMMANDER and related equipment**
- 3. Conduct visual line-of-sight flight testing and document the safety systems**
- 4. Draft standard operating procedures manual for submission with waiver or Certificate of Authorization (COA) applications**
- 5. Apply to FAA for waivers or COAs for beyond visual line-of-sight flight, as needed**
- 6. Write up final standard operating procedures manual based on waiver or COA compliance**
- 7. Conduct training using the standard operating procedures in the use of the safety systems and in compliance with any waiver or COA**
- 8. Commence droneport operations**

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