



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-116

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***LOUISIANA HIGHLY AUTOMATED LARGE-UNMANNED  
AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (L-UAS) COMMISSION***

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**WHEREAS,** Louisiana is a leader in the development and implementation of highly automated Large-Unmanned Air Craft Systems (L-UAS) technology and capabilities;

**WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana is committed to continue L-UAS in support of first responder search and rescue, disaster recovery and damage assessment, environmental emergency monitoring, large oil spill monitoring in the Gulf of Mexico, and coastal erosion through partnerships that align the unique resources of state and local government, institutions of higher education, Louisiana-based federal government installations, and private sector organizations;

**WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana can provide a single point of contact through which the state's partners can work with the Federal Aviation Administration; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana desires to develop a diversified L-UAS workforce within Louisiana aligned, coordinated, and leveraged with industry, federal, state and local resources, both public and private, toward common goals for creating 21st century jobs.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, order and direct as follows:

Section 1: Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission is granted the charter as a Louisiana State designated General Aviation airport that will develop the L-UAS infrastructure and flight operation center through the creation of the UAS Gulf of Mexico Center of Excellence.

Section 2: The Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), Division of Aviation may provide any technical assistance necessary in support of an FAA Certificate of Authorization for a L-UAS technical demonstration at the Houma-Terrebonne Airport.

Section 3: DOTD may provide support to the L-UAS Operation Center of the Houma-Terrebonne Airport through a Memorandum of Understanding to provide reach-back connectivity with the Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure for all participating government agencies, academic institutions, and aligned private companies.

Section 4: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the implementation of the provisions of this Order.

Section 5: Executive Order Number JBE 2019-6 is hereby terminated.

Section 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

  
JEFF LANDRY  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

  
Nancy Landry  
SECRETARY OF STATE