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NUAIR Welcomes John Gustafson and Melinda Marion

Two new jobs created to facilitate NUAIR growth and advancement of New York's 50-Mile Drone Corridor.

(SYRACUSE, NY) – NUAIR establishes two new positions to facilitate rapid business growth and advancement of New York's 50-Mile Drone Corridor. NUAIR welcomes John Gustafson as its director of corridor operations and Melinda Marion as its director of business development. The unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or drone industry continues to flourish in Central New York as more companies realize the economic value of commercial drone operations. John and Melinda will help keep NUAIR at the forefront of the industry and enable NUAIR to help more companies integrate drones into their daily operations.

"NUAIR continues to grow at a rapid pace, and I am pleased to welcome John and Melinda to the team," said NUAIR CEO Ken Stewart. "John is focusing on key advancements and integrations into the corridor, which will enhance our capabilities and lead to a wider range of commercial drone operations. I've worked with Melinda on multiple other projects while she was with the Michigan Unmanned Aerial Systems Consortium (MUASC) and I'm excited to be working with her on a daily basis to move NUAIR forward and advance the industry."

John Gustafson started his career in manned aviation as a flight instructor. For the last eleven years his involvement in the UAS industry has touched on many different verticals and has created and led various UAS integration programs. The safe integration of UAS into the national airspace has been a key focus for John, and as NUAIR's director of corridor operations he will focus on operationalizing New York's 50-Mile Drone Corridor.

Melinda Marion has been in the aviation and UAS industries for over 20 years, supporting the development, funding, and deployment of emerging technologies. She was previously the director of business development and flight support for MUASC and continues to serve as a technical commercial representative to Michigan's UAS Taskforce. As the director of business development, Melinda will focus on strategic company objectives to keep NUAIR at the forefront of UAS and advanced air mobility (AAM) development and integration.

NUAIR continues to advance the technologies and capabilities of New York's 50-Mile Drone Corridor, including the integration of 5G and cross-communication technologies needed for safe, commercial drone operations. NUAIR's expertise coupled with their Alliance of partners continue to advance the UAS industry and the addition of John and Melinda will help expedite the reality of routine commercial drone operations.

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About NUAIR

NUAIR (Northeast UAS Airspace Integration Research Alliance, Inc.) is a New York-based nonprofit organization that provides expertise in unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) operations,

aeronautical research, safety management and consulting services. NUAIR is responsible for the continued advancement of New York's 50-mile UAS Corridor and Advanced Air Mobility Proving Grounds, facilitating beyond visual line of sight testing and commercial drone operations. Headquartered in Syracuse, NUAIR manages operations of the FAA-designated New York UAS Test Site at Griffiss International Airport in Rome, NY, responsible to the FAA and NASA to conduct operations for UAS and advanced air mobility testing. Visit www.nuair.org to learn more.