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**UAVSA, THE TESLA FOUNDATION & E.J. KRAUSE & ASSOCIATES PARTNER ON
2ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DRONE EXPO**

Bethesda, MD (February 12, 2015) – Following the major success of the first **International Drone Expo** held in Los Angeles this past December, UAVSA (Unmanned Autonomous Vehicle Systems Association), The Tesla Foundation, and E.J. Krause & Associates, a worldwide leader in exhibition management, have partnered to produce the **2nd annual International Drone Expo (LA Drone Expo)** on December 11-12, 2015, at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The **2014 International Drone Expo** assembled the largest ever global gathering of the commercial drone community. The two-day event featured exhibitors from around the world and attracted more than 3,000 buyers. Industry leaders including DJI, 3DR, Drone Deploy, Aerial Media Pros, as well as many others, displayed their latest cutting edge innovations throughout the show floor. Hundreds of drone and component orders were taken directly on site, with many companies selling out of merchandise.

According to DJI's Eric Cheng, General Manager, DJI SF and Director of Aerial Imaging, DJI *"The LA Drone Expo is a premier commercial drone expo, and is an important world-class event for the entire commercial drone community."*

Greg Agvent, Sr. Director of News Operations at CNN and keynote speaker states, *"This Expo is important for our community in so many ways. As a media professional, I need to have the best tools available to deliver to the public breaking news and to accomplish this in the most effective and safe way. Drones are a big part of the future of news coverage."*

The 2015 event is expected to draw 125 international exhibitors and over 6,500 buyers from throughout the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America. The event will feature an exhibit floor displaying a variety of drones, parts and services for commercial applications in cinematography, photography, real estate, emergency response, agriculture, oil & gas, mining, and law enforcement, along with many other sectors for consumers and hobbyists.

The event will also include two *"Hackathon"* contests for professional drone engineers and software designers. The first contest will award a winner the title for *"Best Drone Prototype"*, and the second, *"Best Drone Software Application."*

The **International Drone Expo's** conference program will include hands on workshops covering topics and issues related to drones as well as the opportunity for 333 Exemption signups for companies and individuals seeking the ability to operate legally.

Lisa Ellman, Former White House Staff Member and Justice Department Council on sUAV in the NAS currently with McKenna, Long & Aldridge in Washington D.C. noted, *"The LA Drone Expo was truly an amazing event, we were able to discuss with the entire commercial drone community the 333 exemption work we have been able to accomplish and to answer firsthand the questions and concerns the community has about policy holding back innovation, which I have coined "Polivation".*

The **2015 International Drone Expo** will once again bring together top experts in the world to discuss new technology, FAA updates and certification requirements, flight training, and premiere product launches and demos, as well as the commercial domestic market and international market outlook.

For information on the 2014 event: <http://ladroneexpo.com>

About the Tesla Foundation Group:

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About UAVSA:

The UAVSA is the first and largest Commercial Drone Association solely dedicated to the commercial global drone community. The UAVSA is tirelessly working to promote the safe and ethical commercial operation of drones for the betterment of mankind. <http://uavsa.org>

About E.J. Krause & Associates:

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