COE TTHP 5th Annual Virtual Administrative Meeting Unmanned Combat Flight Inspection 2025

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Project Purpose

- Create Plan to establish UAS NAVAID Calibration & Inspection Capability by 2025
- Tailor to meet the specific needs of DOD for OCONUS





Project Goals

- Gain awareness of state-of-the art NAVAID Calibration and Inspection Systems
- Finalize requirements for UAS component of NAVAID Calibration & Inspection Capability
- Survey emerging capability for relevant UAS capabilities
- Create 2025 plan to obtain Unmanned Combat Flight Inspection capability



NAVAID Systems

- ILS
- TACAN
- PAR
- Visual





Potential Solutions

- TACAN Inspection Drives Solution to Fixed Wing
- Existing, Next Generation, and Emerging Platforms will be considered





Project Impact

- Relocation of the pilots and operators from the aircraft to the ground control station will reduced risk to the crew.
- Some conditions that would be deemed too high risk for Calibration and Inspection operations by manned aircraft would be acceptable risks for a lowcost unmanned aircraft.
- UAS should be more available than the Challenger aircraft used for current OCONUS NAVAID calibrations.
- This plan will assist the FAA and DOD achieve this risk reduction by 2025.

