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**UAS INDUSTRY WORKFORCE WILL SEE NEW GROWTH THANKS TO PENDLETON UAS RANGE  
AND COLLINS AEROSPACE PROGRAM**

*Offering the first ever certified-Piccolo Training Program Accessible to General Public*

**[PENDLETON, OREGON, July 1, 2020]** The Pendleton UAS Range is thrilled to announce the first ever publicly-accessible Commercial Operator Training Program for the Piccolo Autopilot System, through it's agreement with Collins Aerospace. The UAS (drone) industry lacks a sufficient skilled workforce needed to support the rapid growth in the industry. This intensive 4-day course, taught by a certified Piccolo Trainer, will provide the critical foundation that so many UAS companies are looking for in a new hire.

The first course will commence on July 27-30, with consecutive courses to follow. For over 150 UAS platforms (vehicles) that critical foundation begins with the [Piccolo™ Autopilot System](#). Historically, garnering this type of training occurs after one has been hired, but now with the two companies working together, interested persons will be certified going into the hiring process.

"Providing training courses for Piccolo at the Pendleton UAS Range, a premier training facility, will provide the next generation of UAS operators with an unmatched skill set. This best-in-class training will expedite the success of the UAS industry and will help advance emerging technology development for the Pacific Northwest," said Matt Lendway Site Director, Collins Aerospace Hood River, Oregon.

"One of our focuses at the range is to create economic growth and launching this paramount training program to ensure people are well-equipped to work in the industry serves both sides [workforce and companies] and is a huge step in the right direction," Darryl Abling, Pendleton UAS Range Manager says. "It's a huge deal for the industry and we're honored to be the host site implementing the offering." An established company shares in the excitement and have promised a job interview to every graduate of the course.

Limited space available. Visit <https://pendletonuasrange.com/> to learn more and sign up.

**ABOUT PENDLETON UAS RANGE (PUR)**

PUR is an FAA-Designated Test Range, offering turn-key UAS flight test support, outstanding weather, diverse testing environments, and superb logistical support for commercial drone developers, educational institutions, and public agencies. To learn more, visit [pendletonuasrange.com](https://pendletonuasrange.com).

**ABOUT COLLINS AEROSPACE**

Collins Aerospace Systems, a unit of Raytheon Technologies Corp. (NYSE: RTX), is a leader in technologically advanced and intelligent solutions for the global aerospace and defense industry. Created in 2018 by bringing together UTC Aerospace Systems and Rockwell Collins, Collins Aerospace has the capabilities, comprehensive portfolio and expertise to solve customers' toughest challenges and to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving global market. For more information, visit [CollinsAerospace.com](https://CollinsAerospace.com).

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