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## **Oregon Department of Aviation and SiFly Partner to Explore Long-Endurance Drones for Wildfire Mitigation and Medical Delivery**



**Salem, OR** – [The Oregon Department of Aviation](#) (ODAV) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with [SiFly](#), the leader in long-endurance, NDAA compliant drones, to explore the use of Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) drones for wildfire inspection, public safety support, and medical drone delivery across Oregon.

The agreement outlines a collaborative effort to assess and advance the operational feasibility and deployment of SiFly's [Q12](#) and [Q250](#) aircraft in these critical operations as well as explore opportunities related to the newly released Part 108 NPRM.

“Oregon continues to face escalating threats from wildfires and persistent challenges in accessing healthcare in rural areas,” said Kenji Sugahara, Director of the Oregon Department of Aviation. “This partnership allows us to explore how emerging aviation technologies can help meet these urgent needs in a safe, strategic, and scalable way.”

### **Cutting-Edge Aircraft for Real-World Missions**

SiFly's Q12 drone offers an unprecedented 2-hours of continuous hover and up to 3-hours in forward flight, enabling a 90-mile operational range with the ability to carry up to 10-pounds of payload unlocking a key need for Oregon in wildfire inspection, public safety and medical delivery. While the Q250, a heavy-lift drone capable of transporting 200-pound payloads with 100-minute endurance opens the direct replacement of costly helicopter operations for wildfire suppression and cargo/medical delivery operations at a fraction of the traditional cost.

“Our mission at SiFly is to deliver helicopter level capability at drone economics. Partnerships like this allow us to show why our aircraft are built for exactly these kinds of missions—where distance, terrain, or urgency make traditional methods inefficient, expensive, or impossible,” said Logan Jones, Chief Business Officer at SiFly. “We are excited to work with ODAV to see how we can contribute to Oregon's resilience and preparedness.”

### **Scope of the Partnership**

Under the MOU, ODAV and SiFly will work together on:

*Oregon Department of Aviation's mission is to provide infrastructure, financial resources, and expertise to ensure a safe and efficient air transport system*

- Operational feasibility assessments
- Regulatory coordination and compliance
- Payload integration and testing
- Demonstrations of use cases
- Engagement with key public safety and healthcare stakeholders
- Identifying potential local operators for future deployment

The MOU is non-binding and does not authorize active deployments or confer exclusivity. Rather, it establishes a cooperative framework to explore the possibilities of this technology in a real-world Oregon context. The MOU is effective for one year and may be extended by mutual agreement.

### **About Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV)**

The Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV) serves as the state's lead agency for aviation system planning, airport infrastructure development, and emerging aeronautical technologies. ODAV supports 96 public-use airports across Oregon and works closely with federal, state, and local partners to ensure a safe, resilient, and efficient aviation network. In addition to traditional aviation responsibilities, ODAV is spearheading efforts to integrate innovative technologies such as uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS) and advanced air mobility (AAM) into Oregon's airspace. Through strategic planning, regulatory coordination, and community engagement, the agency plays a critical role in supporting economic development, emergency response, and statewide connectivity.

### **About SiFly**

SiFly, headquartered in Santa Clara, California, transforms industrial drone operations with unmatched flight endurance, operational range, and payload capabilities. Its cloud-connected, NDAA compliant, autonomous platforms are purpose-built for public safety, critical infrastructure inspections, and diverse enterprise applications.

Discover more and request a demonstration at [www.sifly.co](http://www.sifly.co).

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