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UVS Canada hosts Canada's First National Student UAV Competition

May 11, 2007 – (Ottawa, Canada) Unmanned Vehicle Systems Canada hosted Canada's first national student UAV flying competition in Goose Bay, Labrador this past weekend (4-6 May 07). The challenge was to design an Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) to support civilian Search and Rescue (SAR) and ultimately fly a SAR mission with the aim of locating a crashed light aircraft and its survivors. Three university teams participated in this landmark event in Canadian aviation history – Université de Sherbrooke, University of Calgary, and University of Alberta. It was the team from the **Université de Sherbrooke** who took home the trophy and the top prize money in this very challenging event. Each team spent thousands of hours over the past two years preparing for this contest and the results of their superb engineering talent and technical innovation was exceptionally impressive.

Creating a national UAV competition is no simple task. Many people and organizations were involved in the competition's development over the past several years. Mindful that the competition's national committee had participants from all *six* of Canada's time zones, even picking a time for a conference call has been no simple matter! In particular, UVS Canada wishes to thank Colonel Matheson, Wing Commander of 5 Wing Goose Bay and his team, Carol Best and Mayor Abbass along with the local community of Happy Valley – Goose Bay, the national committee ably led by Andrew Carryer, MDA, and all of the competition sponsors from across Canada, without whom this event would not have been possible.

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More information on the competition and our sponsors please visit <http://uvscanada.org/competition.html>.

UVS Canada was created five years ago to give voice and focus to the diverse Canadian UVS community. Engaging our youth and providing challenges for them is a central priority for the association. This first national student UAV competition is a shining example of the Canadian community from all branches of government, industry, and

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academia working together on a common goal. With this successful inaugural event behind us, we will continue the tradition with another opportunity for our students to compete next summer with an expanded number of teams.

UVS Canada is an all-volunteer, all-Canadian association that includes industry, academia, government and other interested persons in its membership. Our objectives are to identify the Canadian Community to itself, to other Canadians, and to the rest of the world; and to be the non-partisan organization representing the interests of all Canadians, from all Regions, Provinces and Territories, with respect to unmanned vehicle systems.

For more information on UVS Canada and its activities, please visit <http://uvscanada.org>

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