

## **Drone Working Group Established**

*Creating a common voice for the Massachusetts drone community.*

In support of [MassRobotics](#), the [Bridging Innovation](#) team was the founding sponsor of their Drone Working Group (DROWG). The DROWG vision is to be a common voice for the Massachusetts drone community. Its mission is to educate the public and shape policy about drones so that the Commonwealth is a supportive environment for drone businesses, an early adopter by government and industry, and as a place where startups have the necessary resources to develop and test. The first DROWG meeting was held virtually in mid-July with plans to meet quarterly. The inaugural working group meeting had participation from government, academia, industry, startups, and non-profits including current and former MassRobotics startups, Mass Department of Transportation, US Air Force, Kostas Research Institute, Raytheon, and MITRE. Guest speaker, Ted Lester, Chief Technologist at AiRXOS a subsidiary of GE, facilitated a discussion on UAS Traffic Management. Future topics for the working group to address are the rapidly evolving UAS technologies, statutes, and policies.

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