

the safe and efficient integration of unmanned aircraft systems and advanced air mobility into the national airspace system.

(c) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.—The Administrator shall ensure the participation in the Center of institutions of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) and research institutions that provide accredited bachelor’s degree programs in aeronautical sciences that provide pathways to commercial pilot certifications and that include a focus on pilot training for women aviators.

(d) LEVERAGING OF CERTAIN CAPACITY AND CAPABILITIES.—The Administrator shall, in carrying out research necessary to validate consensus safety standards accepted pursuant to section 44805, to the maximum extent practicable, leverage the research and testing capacity and capabilities of—

- (1) the Center;
- (2) the test ranges designated under section 44803;
- (3) existing Federal and non-Federal test ranges and testbeds;
- (4) the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and
- (5) the William J. Hughes Technical Center for Advanced Aerospace.

(Added Pub. L. 118–63, title X, §1006(a), May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1388.)

§ 44814. ASSUREd Safe credentialing authority

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a credentialing authority for the program of record of the Federal Aviation Administration (referred to in this section as “ASSUREd Safe”) under the Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

(b) PURPOSES.—ASSUREd Safe shall offer services throughout the United States, and to allies and partners of the United States, including—

- (1) online and in-person standards, education, and testing for the use of unmanned aircraft systems by first responders for emergency and disaster management operations;
- (2) uniform communications standards, operational standards, and reporting standards for civilian, military, and international allies and partners; and
- (3) any other relevant standards development related to operation of unmanned aircraft systems, as determined appropriate by the Administrator.

(c) COORDINATION.—The Administrator shall ensure that the Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems coordinates with the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on establishment of ASSUREd Safe, and on any services offered by ASSUREd Safe.

(Added Pub. L. 118–63, title X, §1007(a), May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1389.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (a), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 118–63, which was approved May 16, 2024.

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