

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-73

**FOR: ESTABLISHING THE INDIANA INITIATIVE FOR DRONE
DOMINANCE TASK FORCE TO SUPPORT THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT'S GOAL OF AMERICAN DRONE DOMINANCE**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump's Executive Order 14307, entitled "Unleashing American Drone Dominance", focused on fostering a robust domestic drone industry and reducing reliance on foreign made drones;

WHEREAS, President Trump's Executive Order 14305, entitled "Restoring American Airspace Sovereignty", centered on enhancing national security by addressing threats from malicious drone activity and strengthening counter-drone capabilities;

WHEREAS the State of Indiana is positioned to be a national leader in achieving the goals of President Trump's Executive Orders;

WHEREAS, bold and lasting economic progress springs from the active collaboration between small and large industry, academia, and federal and state government;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana has led national industrialization efforts in the past, such as steel production and the automobile industry;

WHEREAS, the State continues to lead international industrialization efforts such as the pharmaceutical industry, advanced manufacturing, electronics, and agricultural technology;

WHEREAS, more than half a million Hoosiers work in advanced manufacturing, producing a wide range of products, including biopharmaceuticals, automobiles, recreational vehicles, aircraft engines, industrial machinery, agricultural products, metals, polymers, and plastics;

WHEREAS, Indiana's robust and diverse drone manufacturing industry serves a wide range of applications, and the State provides opportunities for growth through supportive regulation and a focus on innovation;

WHEREAS, Indiana is home to multiple colleges and universities with established programs that further drone research and produce a workforce for the drone sector;

WHEREAS, Indiana hosts many large, public events, such as conferences and sporting events, that require comprehensive public safety expertise;

WHEREAS, the State's central geographic location, strong transportation networks, and risk tolerant policies continue to attract national and international business;

WHEREAS, Indiana contains unique restricted airspace over key assets such as Camp Atterbury, Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, and the Naval Surface Warfare Center-Crane Division that would allow for the creation of a cross-sector, multi-domain airborne drone testing corridor;

WHEREAS, Indiana has unique expertise, most notably at the Naval Surface Warfare Center - Crane Division, in the detection and tracking capabilities necessary to test and

inform future federal rulemaking by the Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Communications Commission on drone operation, detection, and tracking;

WHEREAS, in August 2025, the eyes of the world were on Indiana when twelve foreign nations visited Camp Atterbury for a first-of-its-kind demonstration of a counter-crewed aircraft systems platform that was able to simultaneously disable 49 different drones; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the State's own assets and strength, Indiana is centrally located in a Midwest ecosystem that includes testbeds for the Navy on the Great Lakes, the Army through the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, and the Air Force through Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BRAUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order the following:

1. The Indiana Initiative for Drone Dominance Task Force is established. The Task Force shall spearhead the Indiana Initiative for Drone Dominance ("I2D2"). I2D2's aim is to position Indiana as a national asset in the drone sector that drives innovation, prototyping, experimentation, economic development, and public benefit.
2. The Governor shall appoint a chair of the Task Force.
3. The following individuals shall also be part of the Task Force:
 - a. The Secretary of Transportation & Infrastructure or designee;
 - b. The Secretary of Commerce or designee;
 - c. The Secretary of Public Safety or designee;
 - d. The Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard or designee;
 - e. One representative from an institution of higher education located in Indiana as appointed by the Governor;
 - f. One representative from the Applied Research Institute appointed by the Governor; and
 - g. One industry representative from the Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) appointed by the Governor.
4. The Governor shall invite one representative from a federal military installation located in Indiana to be part of the Task Force.
5. The Task Force shall develop a strategic plan that considers how the State can leverage existing assets to develop a cross-sector, multi-domain aerial testing corridor and considers how the State of Indiana can respond to the priorities established in President Trump's Executive Orders.
6. The Task Force's strategic plan shall discuss the following:
 - a. Balancing the need for privacy, security, and safety while prudently establishing and scaling an aerial testing corridor;
 - b. Any necessary regulatory or legislative changes to allow for drone testing and usage that prioritizes public safety, protecting the privacy rights of all Hoosiers, and complies with applicable federal and State law;
 - c. Additional infrastructure investments required to detect, identify, track, and negate drone operation in light of the Federal Aviation Administration's proposed rule, *Normalizing Unmanned Aircraft Systems Beyond Visual Line of Sight Operations*. 2025-14992 (90 FR 38212)
 - d. Applying for the Federal Aviation Administration's Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing Integration Pilot Program;
 - e. Potential public-private partnerships and funding sources for increased investment in the State's drone industry;
 - f. Harnessing the State's advanced manufacturing expertise, engineering capabilities, and existing infrastructure to develop, test, and scale next-generation aerial technologies;

- g. Leveraging State resources to strengthen the drone supply chain and bring high-paying manufacturing jobs and economic opportunity to the State;
- h. The potential for economic development across various regions of the state, particularly for small businesses and startups, and the potential for connecting Indiana regions to larger economic ecosystems that exist in the Midwest and nationally;
- i. Best practices and policies concerning drone technologies and public safety for large public gatherings, such as conferences and sporting events; and
- j. The need for public-sector, commercial, and military programs to inform the use of unmanned aircraft systems in logistics, agriculture, emergency response, infrastructure inspections, supply chain resilience, and national security applications.

While developing this strategic plan, the Task Force shall engage stakeholders across multiple sectors, including, but not limited to, public safety entities, private industry, educational institutions, military installations, the Indiana National Guard, and federal agencies, to solicit input, to foster cross-sector collaboration, and to align priorities across this nascent ecosystem.

- 7. State agencies shall provide any necessary support to the Task Force in fulfilling the goals of this Executive Order, including technical assistance and data-sharing.
- 8. The Task Force shall provide its strategic plan and make recommendations to the Governor by July 31, 2026.
- 9. Unless further ordered by me or codified into law, the Task Force and this Executive Order shall sunset on January 1, 2027.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Mike Braun, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 29th day of October, 2025.


Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana


ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State