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Northrop Grumman Opens Grand Forks Office to Support Global Hawk Basing

Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC) is opening an office in Grand Forks, N.D., to provide support for the RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned aircraft system (UAS) being assigned to the Grand Forks Air Force Base.

At the opening, Northrop Grumman will present a \$25,000 grant to the University of North Dakota for the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences recognizing their advances in the area of unmanned systems research. The University of North Dakota is the first school to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operations.

Capable of flying at altitudes up to 60,000 feet for more than 32 hours at a time at speeds approaching 340 knots, Global Hawk can be equipped with a variety of visual and electronic sensors and communication relays.

Global Hawk has been flying more than 12 years, including operations in national airspace in the U.S. and other countries. It is still the only UAS to receive both a U.S. Air Force airworthiness certificate and a Federal Aviation Administration certificate of authority, allowing routine operation in civil airspace.

What: Northrop Grumman Office Opening/\$25,000 Grant Presentation

When: Friday, 2:00 p.m., May 21, 2010

Where: Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center
4200 James Ray Dr.
Grand Forks, ND 58202

Special Guests: Senator Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND)
George Guerra, Vice President, Northrop Grumman
Aerospace Systems, HALE Systems