



Draganfly and F4 Defense International (F4DI) Selected by the Department of War for Development of Integrated, Multi-Layered, Modular, and Rapid-Deployable Counter-UAS (C-UAS) System

Next-generation C-UAS platform combines tethered aerial intelligence, advanced targeting, and multi-layered coordinated ground and air, drone defeat capabilities to address one of modern warfare's fastest-growing threats.

Tampa, Florida — May 20, 2026 — Draganfly Inc. (NASDAQ: DPRO; CSE: DPRO; FSE: 3U8) ("Draganfly" or the "Company"), an award-winning, industry-leading developer of drone solutions and systems, today announced that, together with F4 Defense International (F4DI), has been selected by DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory for an initial development contract focused on the creation of a modular, multi-layered, integrated counter-unmanned aircraft system ("C-UAS") platform designed to detect, identify, track, target, and defeat hostile drones in contested operational environments.

The program centers on the development of an ultra-mobile, rapidly deployable counter-drone solution integrating Draganfly's advanced tethered aerial platform technology with identification, targeting, and defeat system architectures. The solution is designed to provide persistent aerial overwatch, enhanced situational awareness, and coordinated airborne and ground-based drone mitigation capabilities.

The platform is expected to combine:

- Persistent tethered airborne surveillance and targeting;
- AI-enabled drone identification and tracking;
- Real-time battlefield and base defense situational awareness;
- Integrated electronic and kinetic defeat coordination capabilities;
- Rapid deployment architecture for expeditionary and fixed-site operations.

The initiative reflects the rapidly accelerating global focus on counter-drone warfare capabilities as low-cost unmanned aerial threats continue to reshape modern conflicts and critical infrastructure security requirements worldwide.

"The modern battlefield has fundamentally changed," said Cameron Chell, CEO of Draganfly. "Low-cost drones have become one of the most disruptive asymmetric threats facing military forces, governments, and critical infrastructure operators globally. This program represents another important step in Draganfly's continued expansion into advanced defense and force-protection technologies."

Recent strategic initiatives from the Department of War, including expanded C-UAS procurement efforts, have underscored the urgent operational need for cost-effective, rapidly deployable, layered counter-drone systems capable of protecting military installations, forward operating positions, and critical national infrastructure.

According to industry research, the global Counter-UAS market is projected to grow to more than US\$20 billion by 2030, representing one of the fastest-growing segments in the global defense sector.

“This collaboration is focused on delivering an operationally relevant and scalable solution designed around the realities of modern drone warfare,” said Dave Fairfax, COO, F4DI. “By combining persistent aerial sensing, intelligent targeting, and coordinated defeat capabilities, we believe this platform can address a critical and rapidly evolving defense requirement.”

The initial contract phase is expected to focus on systems integration, operational capability development, and field evaluation activities.

Draganfly continues to expand its presence within the defense and security sector through the development of autonomous systems, AI-enabled platforms, tactical ISR technologies, and mission-critical drone solutions supporting allied military and public safety organizations globally.

About F4DI

F4DI is an SBA HUBZone certified small business specializing in research, design, and development of advanced technology solutions for the Department of War; combining innovative engineering with mission-driven expertise to deliver capabilities that address critical operational needs and emerging challenges. As a trusted systems integrator, F4DI specializes in transitioning cutting-edge technologies from concept to program of record, ensuring seamless integration and rapid delivery of mission-ready solutions for the warfighter.

About Draganfly

Draganfly Inc. (NASDAQ: DPRO; CSE: DPRO; FSE: 3U8) is a leader in cutting-edge drone solutions and software that are transforming industries and serving stakeholders globally. Recognized for innovation and excellence for over 25 years, Draganfly delivers award-winning technology to the public safety, civil, military, agriculture, industrial inspection, security, mapping, and surveying markets. The Company is driven by passion, ingenuity, and a mission to provide efficient solutions and first-class services to customers worldwide, saving time, money, and lives.

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