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# The Uncrewed Systems Landscape: Trends, Threats, and Growth Opportunities



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In a rapidly evolving unmanned systems landscape, government agencies are working to integrate autonomous capabilities across air, land, and maritime operations. Real-world conflicts are accelerating this shift, including the use of uncrewed technologies in Ukraine and Iran. During this session, Forecast international will explore key market trends, uncover emerging demand signals, and suggest strategies to align priorities in this expanding market.

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## ANGLER in Action: Advancing Autonomous Mine Countermeasures



**Tony Lengerich**  
Vice President, Naval Programs Former Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy  
**Thales Defense & Security, Inc.**

Navies are facing persistent and evolving mine threats that challenge access and freedom of movement in contested waters. This case study will examine the development and operational role of Thales’ ANGLER uncrewed underwater vehicle, how autonomous systems are being integrated into mine countermeasure missions, and what this signals for future Navy requirements.

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## Defeating the Drone Threat: CACI’s Approach to Counter-UAS



**Erik Grant**  
Vice President, C-UxS Strategic Growth, Electronic Warfare Line of Business  
**CACI**

Government and military operators are enduring a surge in low-cost, highly adaptable drone threats that challenge traditional defense systems. This case study will look into how CACI’s counter-UAS solutions detect, track, and defeat aerial threats across operational environments.

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Autonomous Maritime Operations



**Mike Fortune**  
Vice President, Maritime, Engineering,  
Technology and Sustainment Business  
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**Serco**

The U.S. Navy needs to project force over wider areas that are growing more complex. This case study will look at Serco’s autonomous ship, the USX-1 Defiant, and how it brings new capabilities to the warfighter.

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Q&A

We’ll bring our case study presenters back for a group Q&A where we’ll dive deeper into the trends around autonomous and uncrewed systems.

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Closing Remarks



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