UTILIZATION OF DRONES AND SCANNING TECHNOLOGY IN REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT

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Presentation Overview

- Current uses at SME
- Commercial Drone Technology
- 3D Laser Scanning
- Questions?



COMMERCIAL SUAS (DRONE) TECHNOLOGY



What is an sUAS?



sUAS = "small Unmanned Aerial System"

- Under 55 lbs aircraft and payload
- 14 CFR Part 107 Regulated for commercial use
- Section 333 Exemption for drones over 55 lbs
- Includes VTOL (vertical take-off and landing) and fixed-wing drones



Imaging Sensors

- Visible Light (camera)
 - o Stills
 - o Video
- Thermal
- Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR)
- Multispectral



Why Are We Talking About Them?

The Three Waves of the Drone Economy

MARKET EVOLUTION





Diverse Applications

- Photogrammetry
- LiDAR scanning
- Volumetric scans
- Repeatable & safer inspections



Flight Control – Drone Deploy & Pix4D



Equipment Cost Lowering / Tech Improving

DJI Mavic 2 Pro (\$2,500 with iPad/case/accessories)





What can they do? - Good...





What can they do? - Good...





What can they do? - Better...



What can they do? - Better...

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During Today's Site Visit





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Technical Considerations

Higher Resolution

o Pros

- More accurate data
- Better photo quality
- o Cons
 - Longer flight time
 - More batteries consumed
 - More GCP's set = more field work

• Accuracy

 \circ 100' AGL = ±0.10" \circ 200' AGL = ±0.20"



Crushed Concrete Volume Survey – Plan View





Crushed Concrete Volume Survey



Case Study – Former AMC Headquarters



Stockpile Topographic Survey



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Topographic Survey and Stockpile Quantities





Available Deliverable Formats



- Ortho-Images
- Point Cloud
- AutoCAD ".dwg" files
- Conceptual Renderings
- Geo-Referenced PDF with project specific CAD overlays



Landfill Design & Operation

- Operational
 - Measure compaction rates
 - o Perform volume & airspace calculations
 - Ensure that landfill is being built as designed
- Maintenance
 - o Topographic surveys
 - Identify areas of erosion, low soil coverage, standing water
 - o Methane monitoring



3D LASER SCANNING



3D Laser Scanning

Scanning Opportunities:

- Volumetric Surveys
- Building and Façade Evaluations
- Tank Calibration/Inspection
- Power Line Inspection/Clearance
- Utility Design Surveys
- Mine/Quarry Surveys
- Excavation Surveys

Technical Specifications

- Point Spacing
 - o 6.25mm, 12.5mm, 25mm or 50mm @ 50m
- Accuracy
 - o 3D Position Accuracy @ 100m = 2.5mm







Scanning Total Station

Trimble SX10

- Higher cost
- Up to 600m range
- Accurate to 14mm at 100m
- Scans 26,600 points per second





3D Laser Scanning



Laser Scan and Conventional Survey Data



3D Laser Scanning



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640 Temple Street Detroit, Michigan





640 Temple Street – Rooftop 3D Laser Scan



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640 Temple Street – Rooftop Topo Survey





Remedial Excavations

- Tracking excavation progress
- Mapping sample points
- Oversight on material removal



Managing a Project? Some things to consider..

- Equipment
- Proximity of the Project Site to:
 - o "No Fly" Zones
 - o Pedestrian or vehicle traffic
- Weather
 - Seasons (winter would be bad for flying because of turbulent, thin cold air and higher winds.
- Staffing
 - o Training and bill rates
 - o Project planning
 - o Time on site to perform the necessary preliminary work
 - o Time in the office to perform necessary post processing
 - Dedicated staff to act as operator when necessary
- 2:1 ratio of office to field time.
 - Processing higher quality grade data is ideal because it minimizes field time and maximizes the return.
 - The cost of that is that much more time is needed in the office to sort through the data and make it usable.

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Limitations

- Controlled Airspace FAA Regulations
- Part 107 Limitations
 Beyond VLOS, daylight, not over people
- Regulatory interpretations
- Differing safety concerns
- Privacy concerns
- Weather
 - Time of day (mid-day is best)
 - o Conditions (visibility, cloud cover, snow, rain, fog)
 - Winter months = poor conditions
- Batteries!!!
- Personnel Need to be FAA Certified or under direct supervision



Questions?



