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NOTICE TO LABOR RELATIONS EXECUTIVES AND STUDIO SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES:

On February 6, 2007, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a Notice of Policy to clarify its policy concerning the operation of remote controlled **unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)**. A copy of the FAA's Notice is attached, and is also available at http://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/uas/reg/media/frnotice_uas.pdf. The main points addressed in the Notice are as follows:

- The FAA defines UAS as “devices” that are “used, or [] intended to be used, for flight in the air with no onboard pilot.”
- They range in size from wingspans of six inches to 246 feet.
- They can range in weight from four ounces to over 25,600 pounds.
- UAS must comply with Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- The FAA's current policy with regard to UAS is based on whether the UAS is used as a “public,” “civil” or “model” aircraft and states that no person may operate a UAS in the National Airspace System without specific authority from the FAA. Currently, the commercial use of UAS is not permitted by the FAA under any of these categories.
- The FAA has undertaken a safety review to examine the feasibility of creating a different category of UAS that may result in a new flight authorization. Such new flight authorization would require compliance with applicable FAA regulations and provide new guidance for the operation of UAS developed for this category.

Based on the FAA's February 6, 2007 Notice, CSATF removed Safety Bulletin 36 (“Guidelines for Miniature Remote-Controlled Camera Helicopters”) from the CSATF website (see <http://www.csatf.org/bulletintro.shtml>.)

Once the FAA completes its review, and if it issues a new flight authorization, Safety Bulletin 36 will be reviewed for compliance. Until then, please note: **the commercial use of UAS is not permitted by the FAA at this time.**

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Antonucci at CSATF (818-565-0550 ext. 2065 or mantonucci@csatf.org).