Ocean Power Technologies Recognized as Certified AUVSI Trusted UMS Operator Training Provider

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MONROE TOWNSHIP, N.J., Nov. 04, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Ocean Power Technologies, Inc. (NYSE American: OPTT) ("OPT" or the "Company"),** a leader in innovative, cost-effective, low-carbon and artificial intelligence maritime services that enable safer and more productive ocean operations and related power, data, and service solutions, today announced that it has been officially certified by the Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) as a Trusted Uncrewed Maritime Systems (UMS) Operator Training Provider, marking a significant milestone in the professionalization of uncrewed surface vehicle (USV) operations.

Through this certification, OPT joins a select group of organizations qualified to deliver AUVSI-aligned operator training and certification under the nation's first industry-led framework for uncrewed maritime systems.

OPT will provide comprehensive training for government, defense, commercial, and academic professionals seeking certification in uncrewed surface vehicle operations. Training will be delivered using OPT's proven WAM-V® (Wave Adaptive Modular Vessel) platform, which is known for its adaptability, stability, and mission versatility across a range of maritime environments. This revenue generating training will be provided at both OPT's Pacific and Atlantic Ocean locations and at customer sites.

"Receiving AUVSI certification as a Trusted UMS Operator Training Provider underscores our commitment to advancing safe, effective, and professional uncrewed operations," said Jason Weed, Senior Vice President, Commercial Sales, Ocean Power Technologies. "Our WAM-V® systems are being used worldwide for defense, research, and commercial applications, and we believe this training program ensures operators are fully prepared to meet mission objectives with the highest standards of safety and competency."

The AUVSI Trusted UMS Operator Program establishes a consistent baseline for operational proficiency, ethics, and safety across the maritime autonomy ecosystem—building on the success of AUVSI's Trusted UAS Operator™ framework for aerial systems.

As a certified training provider, OPT is expanding access to operator training and certification that aligns with emerging regulatory, operational, and security standards, strengthening workforce readiness and supporting the continued growth of the uncrewed maritime sector.

"We're proud to play a leading role in setting the standard for USV operator development," added Weed. "This certification reinforces our dedication to building a skilled and capable maritime workforce ready for the future of autonomous operations. It also supports our recurring revenue efforts."

With this certification, Ocean Power Technologies joins AUVSI's expanding network of trusted providers driving safety, professionalism, and innovation across the uncrewed systems industry.

For additional details on Ocean Power Technologies and its services and solutions for the defense, security and ocean energy industries, please visit www.oceanpowertechnologies.com.

For more information on the AUVSI's Trusted UMS Operator Program, please visit https://www.auvsi.org/certification-training/trusted-operator-maritime/.

ABOUT OCEAN POWER TECHNOLOGIES

OPT provides intelligent maritime solutions and services that enable safer, cleaner, and more productive ocean operations for the defense and security, oil and gas, science and research, and offshore wind markets, including Merrows™, which provides AI capable seamless integration of Maritime Domain Awareness Systems across platforms. Our PowerBuoy® platforms provide clean and reliable electric power and real-time data communications for remote maritime and subsea applications. We also provide WAM-V® autonomous surface vessels (ASVs) and marine robotics services. The Company's headquarters is in Monroe Township, New Jersey and has an additional office in Richmond, California. To learn more, visit www.OceanPowerTechnologies.com.

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