



## [Drone Pilot / UAS Coordinator \(\\$50,000-\\$60,000\)](#)

EDM International, Inc., based in Fort Collins, CO is seeking a Part 107-certificated drone pilot to work as a full-time permanent UAS pilot / UAS coordinator. This is a new position at EDM and the start date is to be agreed upon following acceptance of job offer. EDM's UAS program includes a wide diversity of Part 107 missions. For example, missions frequently include, close proximity flying to energized power line equipment in substations, on transmission line rights-of-way, and in distribution service areas like neighborhoods and businesses. Missions also frequently include using a UAS to install equipment on suspended wires to make those wires more visible to birds in flight, people in sailboats, or other groups at risk of collision. Less often, missions include before-and-after construction inspections, wildlife habitat assessments, etc. When UAS missions are not being conducted, office-based tasks include, but are not limited to, planning communications with the FAA, with clients, and with local property owners. Office-based tasks also include post-processing of UAS-derived data, and other duties as assigned.

### [Responsibilities:](#)

- Much of EDM's UAS work is in support of the electric industry. Applicants do NOT need previous experience in the electric industry. Applicants DO need a willingness to learn some information about the electric industry, and applicants DO need excellent piloting skills because we routinely fly within inches of energized equipment.
- Much of EDM's UAS work is in support of wildlife conservation. Applicants do NOT need prior experience in wildlife or conservation work. Applicants DO need a willingness to learn how UAS can be used in wildlife and conservation work, and applicants DO need excellent piloting skills because we routinely encounter wildlife during UAS missions.
- Much of EDM's UAS work involves round trip travel from Fort Collins, CO to the mission location. Travel is almost always in the range of 2 days to 2 weeks. Applicants must be willing and able to travel. Prior to 2020, travel usually involved commercial airplanes. During 2020, in deference to Covid-19, road travel was used exclusively by EDM's pilots. Travel in 2021 and beyond will depend on CDC recommendations.
- Duties will include substantial communication and coordination with various project managers within EDM to ensure that goals are understood and accomplished on each mission.
- Duties will also include substantial communication and coordination with EDM's existing UAS pilots to ensure pilots are available to staff missions, UAS appropriate to various missions are ready for the pilots, etc.

### [Qualifications/Education/Experience:](#)

- Must have a Part 107 certificate.
- Must be willing and able to travel to UAS mission locations throughout the U.S.
- Must have a valid state or provincial driver's license.
- Must be able to pass pre-employment drug testing.
- Must be able to pass pre-employment background check.
- Must have at least a 4-year college degree from an accredited college or university. Degree(s) in fields related to UAS or engineering (for the UAS aspect of the work), conservation or wildlife biology (for applications of UAS work in natural resources), or communications or social work (for interactions with property owners) will be particularly relevant, but any 4-year college degree will qualify.

### [Supervisory Responsibility:](#)

None. Coordination, but not supervision.



### Work Environment:

The UAS pilot / UAS coordinator is based at EDM International's office in Fort Collins, CO. An office will be provided. All tools needed to complete assigned tasks will be provided (UAS, safety equipment, safety training, office materials, etc.). UAS missions are conducted as needed and where needed by EDM's clients. Travel in the range of 2 days to 2 weeks will be required each month. Vehicles, lodging, mileage, and per diem will be provided.

UAS work is often conducted at sensitive facilities, or on behalf of clients with safety-based zero tolerance policies. For that reason, clients sometimes require EDM pilots to pass drug tests or background checks prior to allowing us on project sites. The new employee must be comfortable with annual and random testing.

### Physical Demands:

- Must be able to lift 40 lbs.
- Must be able to hike uneven terrain, including steep hillsides.
- Must be able to sit for long periods driving or flying to work locations.
- Must be able to stand for long periods while conducting UAS missions.
- Must be able to work in outdoor conditions (heat, cold, precipitation).

### Position Type/Expected Hours of Work:

- Full time, permanent.
- Salaried.
- Average of 40-hour work week over the course of 52-week calendar year. UAS work often requires > 40 hours/week when conducting UAS missions.

### Other Duties:

- The above job description is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of duties and standards of the position. Incumbents will follow any other instructions, and perform any other related duties, as assigned by their supervisor. Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

### To Apply:

Please email resume, cover letter describing relevant experience and reason for interest in the position, and college transcript(s) to [jobs@edmlink.com](mailto:jobs@edmlink.com). No phone calls please.

### Company Overview:

Since EDM's incorporation in 1982, the key to the success of our consulting, research, and development services has been our team of dedicated professionals and support staff chosen for their unique yet complementary abilities. In working with EDM, you will find an emphasis on personal service and satisfaction - accomplished by working closely with our clients to jointly achieve project goals. We are employee-owned and a leader in the electric utility, energy, construction, and communication industries. Some of the many benefits of working for EDM include:

- Competitive pay
- Health Insurance
- Vision Dental & Life Insurance
- 401(k) with company matching
- Bonus and Incentive Compensation
- Paid Leave (Holiday, Vacation, Sick, etc.)
- Opportunities for advancement
- CPR Training
- Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Business and Professional Development

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