CIPR Webinar: The Use of Drones in Insurance

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2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Eastern

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The commercial use of drones is booming. More than half a million drones have been registered with the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The insurance industry is responding to the increasing use of commercial drones by developing underwriting tools to cover businesses’ growing liability exposures. At the same time, insurers are also interested in using drones on their own to reach remote and inaccessible areas by claims adjusters, especially following catastrophes, for better, more accurate and faster evaluation of property damage. However, before drones become a common sight in every neighborhood, a number of insurance liability and coverage issues need to be fully addressed, ranging from personal injury to invasion of privacy. This program will begin with introductory remarks by North Dakota Insurance Commissioner Jon Godfread. Following will be a presentation by Kathleen McCullough, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Research, Florida State University, who will discuss drone technology, its growing use of drones in property and casualty insurance and current challenges. Property insights platform Betterview will present on recent innovations in drone technology including a live demo. Following will be a panel discussion on the opportunities and challenges of the use of drones in insurance.

2:00pm Introduction: Overview of the Program
— Jon Godfread, Commissioner
North Dakota Insurance Department

2:10pm Drone Technology, its Application in Insurance and Current Challenges
The CIPR is collaborating with The Institutes Griffith Insurance Education Foundation on this webinar to provide policymakers with a non-advocative, nonpartisan educational primer program on drones. The Institutes Griffith Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, non-advocative educational organization, is a leading resource for objective insurance information for public policymakers in the United States. Its mission is to empower policymakers through a greater understanding of insurance and risk management.