

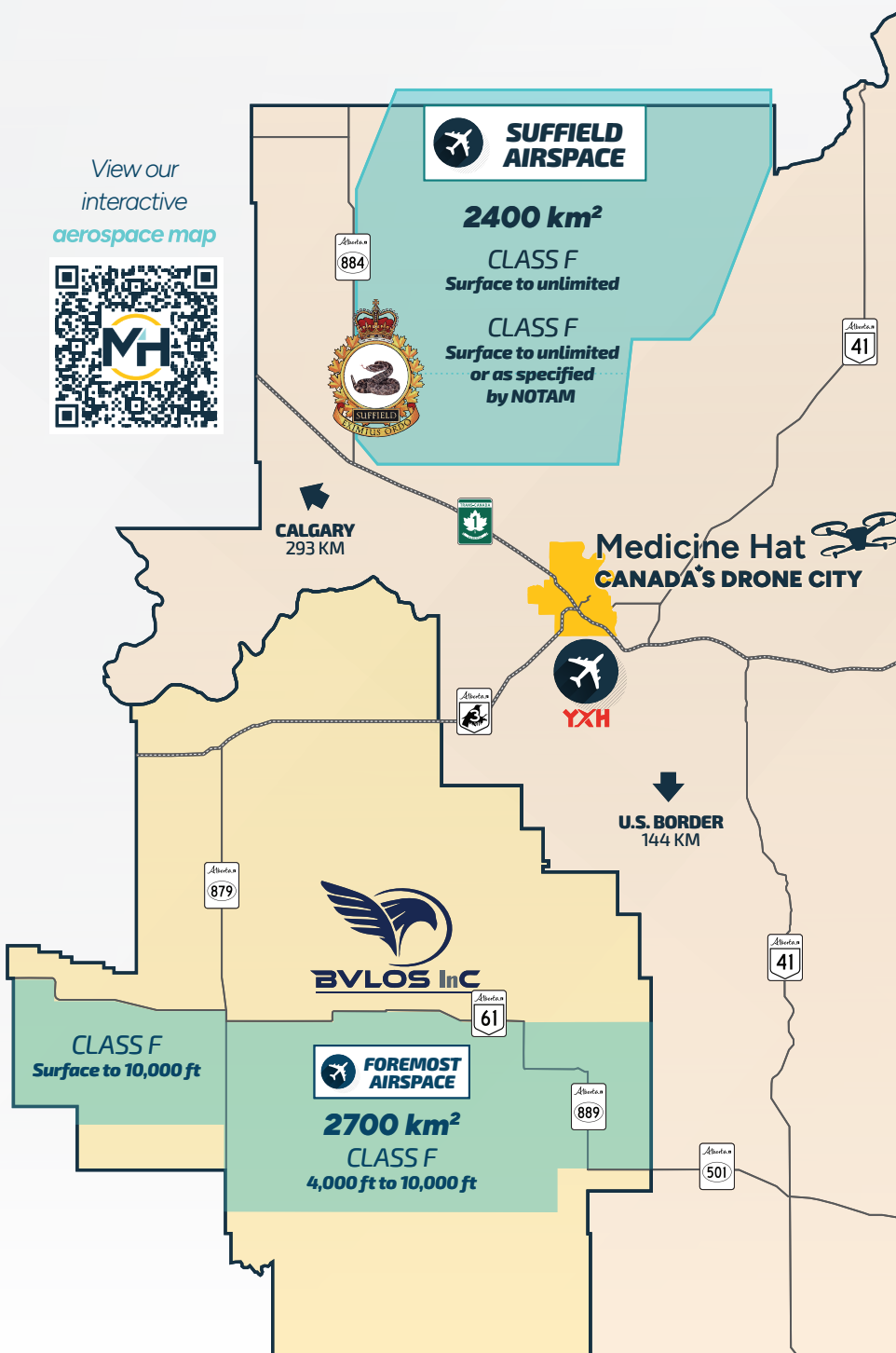
MEDICINE HAT

CANADA'S DRONE CITY

BUILD | TEST | SCALE

A production-oriented **drone ecosystem** with **unmatched access** to **BVLOS testing**, **extensive restricted airspace**, and **defence-adjacent R&D**

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NO. 1

Producer of Drones by Unit Volume in Canada

330+

days of sunshine with available airspace

5,100

KM² of Class F Restricted Airspace

\$750M+

DRDC Suffield Laboratory Expansion

10-30%

Lower Operational Costs than Other Albertan Cities

LOWER

Cost of Living with High Quality of Life

Southeast Alberta is a **prime location** for **aerospace and defence manufacturing** and **technological innovation**.



Drone Manufacturing

Medicine Hat produces more UAVs than any other city in Canada. This growing industry cluster is anchored by leading firms - including **Landing Zones**, **UVAD**, and **QinetiQ** - with targeted government investment and funding programs that accelerate the development, commercialization, and manufacturing of drone models.

Ideal Flight Conditions

With more than 330 days and approximately 2,500 hours of annual sunshine, Medicine Hat offers exceptional conditions for pilot training and advanced flight testing. The surrounding low-density, rural landscape and relatively low air traffic volumes provide a safer, less congested environment, reducing operational risk and enabling more efficient testing.



Aerospace Technology & Automation

A unique convergence of agricultural assets and aerospace testing capacity positions the region as a leading Canadian testbed for irrigation optimization, autonomous systems, advanced sensing, and quality assurance technologies. This cross-sector advantage supports innovation at the intersection of agri-tech and aerospace.



Rapid Research and Development

Proximity to one of Canada's only beyond visual line of sight test ranges in Foremost, along with CFB Suffield, provides access to more than 5,100km² of Class F restricted airspace, extending from the surface to unlimited altitude. This unmatched infrastructure enables rapid, development, testing, and commercialization of advanced technologies.

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