Kratos Selected to Participate in Phase 1 Gauntlet for the Office of the Secretary of War's Drone Dominance Program

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SAN DIEGO, Feb. 10, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. (Nasdaq: KTOS), a leading technology company in defense, national security, and global markets, announced today that it has been selected to participate in the initial Phase 1 Gauntlet for the Office of the Secretary of War's Drone Dominance Program. This opportunity seeks to identify and evaluate platforms capable of demonstrating multiple one-way attack missions through a live competition.

"Unmanned systems are redefining the landscape of war. To ensure our superiority, we must equip our warfighter with the tools needed to neutralize adversarial threats, enhance mission success, and ensure operational safety," said **Dave Carter, President of Kratos Defense & Rocket Support Services Division**. "Kratos' small unmanned aerial systems portfolio provides such a platform, enabling mass attritables in the battlefield."

Upon successful completion of the Gauntlet, participants will be ranked and extended a prototype delivery award based on their performance and placement.

"Kratos prides itself on delivering highly capable platforms with unmatched speed and affordability that make readiness certain," said **Eric DeMarco, President and CEO of Kratos**. "Drone Dominance is a time-sensitive, critical program to ensure national security and global competitiveness. Kratos stands on its proven track record of delivering systems at the urgency signaled by our Department of War."

About the Drone Dominance Program Spanning four independent phases over the next 2 years, the Drone Dominance Program represents a $1.1 billion investment in groundbreaking unmanned systems technologies. The program aims to procure approximately 350,000 units, enhancing military readiness and strategic capability in the pursuit of global security dominance.

About Kratos Defense & Security Solutions
Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. (NASDAQ: KTOS) is a technology, products, system and software company addressing the defense, national security, and commercial markets. Kratos makes true internally funded research, development, capital and other investments, to rapidly develop, produce and field solutions that address our customers' mission critical needs and requirements. At Kratos, affordability is a technology, and we seek to utilize proven, leading edge approaches and technology, not unproven bleeding edge approaches or technology, with Kratos' approach designed to reduce cost, schedule and risk, enabling us to be first to market with cost effective solutions. We believe that Kratos is known as an innovative disruptive change agent in the industry, a company that is an expert in designing products and systems up front for successful rapid, large quantity, low-cost future manufacturing which is a value add competitive differentiator for our large traditional prime system integrator partners and also to our government and commercial customers. Kratos intends to pursue program and contract opportunities as the prime or lead contractor when we believe that our probability of win (PWin) is high and any investment required by Kratos is within our capital resource comfort level. We intend to partner and team with a large, traditional system integrator when our assessment of PWin is greater or required investment is beyond Kratos' comfort level. Kratos' primary business areas include virtualized ground systems for satellites and space vehicles including software for command & control (C2) and telemetry, tracking and control (TT&C), jet powered unmanned aerial drone systems, advanced vehicles and rocket systems, propulsion systems for drones, missiles, loitering munitions, supersonic systems, space craft and launch systems, C5ISR and microwave electronic products for missile, radar, missile defense, space, satellite, counter UAS, directed energy, communication and other systems, and virtual & augmented reality training systems for the warfighter. For more information, visit www.KratosDefense.com.

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