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# 1.0 TI Request

## 1.1 INQUIRY

What robots weighing less than 15 lb can be used for entering difficult terrain and buildings?

## 1.2 DESCRIPTION

The inquirer requested a list of potential robots used that can enter difficult terrain and buildings. The unmanned ground vehicles (UGVs) must weigh less than 15 lb, carry a payload of sensors and other equipment, and use a variety of locomotion methods, including biomimicry, walking, tracking, slithering, etc.

## 2.0 Tl Response

Defense Systems Information Analysis Center (DSIAC) staff searched the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) database for platforms relevant to the inquirer's request. The results of the search are consolidated in Table 1, which provides a list of UGV platform names, method of locomotion, market category, applications, primary production organization, and country of origin. UGVs were included in Table 1 if they had a total weight under 15 lb. and were intended for mobility on rough terrain and entering buildings or other structures.



Table 1: UGVs Meeting the Criteria of the TI

Platform Name	Locomotion	Market Category	Application	Primary Organization	Country
110 FirstLook [1]	Tracked	Civil; military	Chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN); disaster response; exploration; explosive ordnance disposal; inspection; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR); observation, patrol, security; search and rescue (SAR); target acquisition.	Endeavor Robotics	United States
ACM-R4H [2]	Wheeled		Exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; pipeline services.	HiBot Corp.	Japan
ALTINAY UGV [3]	Tracked	11	Explosive ordnance disposal; firefighting; inspection; ISR; logistics; patrol, security.	ALTINAY Aerospace & Advanced Technologies	Turkey
ANATROLLER ARI-10 [4]	Wheeled	Commercial	Cleaning; inspection; maintenance.	Robotics Design, Inc.	Canada
ANATROLLER ARI-50 [5]	Tracked	Commercial	Cleaning; inspection; maintenance; pipeline services.	Robotics Design, Inc.	Canada
ARTHRON POD 050 A [6]	Tracked	Civil; commercial	Imaging; inspection; pipeline services.	M-Tecks ROBOTICS	France
ARTHRON POD 125 A [6]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Exploration; explosive ordnance disposal; imaging; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	M-Tecks ROBOTICS	France
Aspire-CAM [7]	Wheeled	Consumer; commercial	Hobby; imaging.	Thunder Tiger Corporation	Taiwan
BILL-ANT [8]	Legged	Academic	Education; prototype; research.	Case Western Reserve University	United States



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Delta Extreme [9]	Tracked	Civil; commercial; military	CBRN; disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; pipeline services; SAR; target acquisition.	Crystal Cam Imaging, Inc.	Canada
Delta Micro [9]	Tracked	Civil; commercial; military	CBRN; disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; pipeline services; SAR; target acquisition.	Crystal Cam Imaging, Inc.	Canada
DraganScout [10]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; ISR; observation; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	Draganfly Innovations, Inc.	Canada
Dragon Runner 10 [11]	Tracked	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; explosive ordnance disposal; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	QinetiQ North America	United States
Enter, Survey, and Perceive (ESP) Toss Bot [12]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	SuperDroid Robots, Inc.	United States
EyeDrive [13]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Exploration; explosive ordnance disposal; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR.	Mistral Security, Inc.	United States
Ghost Minitaur [14]	Legged	Civil; commercial; military; academic	Disaster response; education; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; research; SAR; training.	Ghost Robotics	United States
Highly Adaptive Robotic Vehicle (HARV) [15]	Rolling		Exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; prototype.	GuardBot, Inc.	United States
Inbot [16]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; pipeline services; SAR; target acquisition.	ECA	France



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Inspector Robot III [17]	Wheeled	Commercial	Cleaning; inspection; maintenance.	Indoor Environmental Solutions, Inc.	United States
Iris [18]	Tracked	Civil; commercial	Inspection; prototype; research.	Future Robotics Technology Center	Japan
Individual Robotic Intelligence System (IRIS) [19]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	Roboteam, INC.	United States
Koala [20]	Wheeled	Commercial; academic	Research	AAI Canada, Inc.	Canada
Mini-CALIBER [21]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Exploration; explosive ordnance disposal; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; target acquisition.	ICOR Technology	Canada
MINIBOT [22]	Wheeled	Civil; commercial	Cable services; CBRN; disaster response; imaging; inspection; ISR; patrol, security.	Inspectorbots	United States
MINI-UGV [23]	Tracked	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	King Abdullah II Design and Development Bureau	Jordan
MLT-F Jack Russell [24]	Tracked	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	SuperDroid Robots, Inc.	United States
MLT-PT Jack Russell [24]	Tracked	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	SuperDroid Robots, Inc.	United States
MQ10 [25]	Tracked		Disaster response; exploration; ISR; pipeline services; research; SAR.	Mechatroniq Systems, Inc.	Canada



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MQ50 [25]	i w neerea		Environmental research or monitoring; inspection; ISR; patrol, security.	Mechatroniq Systems, Inc.	Canada
MQ75 [25]	Wheeled	Civil; commercial; military; academic	disaster response; environmental research or monitoring; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; research; SAR; target acquisition.	Mechatroniq Systems, Inc.	Canada
NanoMag [26]	Tracked	Civil; commercial	Inspection; pipeline services.	Inuktun	Canada
NERVA-LG [27]	Wheeled	Civil; military	CBRN; exploration; explosive ordnance disposal; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	Nexter Robotics	France
NERVA-S [27]	Wheeled		Exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	Nexter Robotics	France
OCT-1C [28]	Legged	Academic	Education; prototype; research.	AAI Canada, Inc.	Canada
R1 [29]	M/heeled	Commercial; academic	Education; research.	Aion Robotics	United States
R6 [29]	Wheeled	Civil; commercial; academic	Disaster response; education; imaging; inspection; patrol, security; precision agriculture; research; SAR; survey, mapping.	Aion Robotics	United States
Recon Scout Infrared (IR) [30]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	ReconRobotics, Inc.	United States
Recon Scout Rescue [31]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	ReconRobotics, Inc.	United States
Recon Scout Throwbot LE [32]	Wheeled	Civil	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition	ReconRobotics, Inc.	United States



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Recon Scout Throwbot XT [33]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Communications; disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	ReconRobotics, Inc.	United States
Recon Scout Under Vehicle Inspection (UVI) Robot [34]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Inspection	ReconRobotics, Inc.	United States
RiSE [35]	Legged	Academic	Prototype; research.	Boston Dynamics, Inc.	United States
ROMP [36]	Wheeled	military; academic	Attack, weapons delivery; CBRN; disaster response; environmental research or monitoring; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; research; SAR; target acquisition.	Inspectorbots	United States
Rover 5 Robot Platform [37]	Tracked	Consumer; commercial; academic	Education; hobby; research.	Australian Robotics Pty Ltd.	Australia
RP5 Tank-Tread Robot Platform [37]	Tracked	Consumer; commercial; academic	Education; hobby; research.	Australian Robotics Pty Ltd.	Australia
SandFlea [35]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; prototype; research; SAR; target acquisition.	Boston Dynamics, Inc.	United States
SCORP [38]	Tracked	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; ISR; pipeline services; research; SAR.	Novatiq	Switzerland



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SCORPIO [39]	Wheeled	Civil; commercial; military; academic	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; research; SAR; target acquisition.	TECDRON	France
Scorpio [40]	Tracked	Civil; military	Exploration; explosive ordnance disposal; ISR; target acquisition.	Kerametal, s.r.o	Slovakia
SECT II [41]	Wheeled	Commercial; academic	Education; exploration; research.	AAI Canada, Inc.	Canada
Shrimp III [42]	Wheeled	Civil; commercial	Disaster response; exploration; firefighting; prototype; research; SAR.	BlueBotics	Switzerland
SIRE [43]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Exploration; explosive ordnance disposal; inspection; ISR; logistics; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	Tactical Electronics - Aviation	United States
Spider Mite [44]	Wheeled	Civil; commercial	Cable services; CBRN; disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security.	Inspectorbots	United States
Sprawl Tuned Autonomous Robot (STAR) [45]	Wheeled	Academic	Prototype; research.	University of California, Berkley – Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) Biomimetic Millisystems Lab	United States



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Stingray Novel Unmanned Ground Vehicle (NUGV) [46]	Tracked	Civil; military	Exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	Macro USA	United States
Tactical Throwable Robot (TRM) [47]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Exploration; explosive ordnance disposal; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition	Przemyslowy Instytut Automatyki I Pomiarów	Poland
TAS [25]	Wheeled	Civil; academic	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; research.	Mechatroniq Systems, Inc.	Canada
Testudo [48]	Wheeled	Commercial;	Exploration; explosive ordnance disposal; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; research; target acquisition.	Mindsheet Ltd.	United Kingdom
TOUGHBOT [49]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; SAR; target acquisition.	Omnitech Robotics, Inc.	United States
Trackbot [50]	Tracked	Civil; commercial; military; academic	Cable services; chemical, CBRN; disaster response; education; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; research.	Inspectorbots	United States
TRP3 – NEC [51]	Wheeled	Civil; military	Disaster response; exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; target acquisition.	Oto Melara SPA	Italy
UM4 [52]	w neerea		Exploration; inspection; ISR; patrol, security; target acquisition.	SuperDroid Robots, Inc.	United States
WallRover A [53]	Tracked	Civil; commercial	Inspection; survey, mapping.	WALLROVER Ltd.	United Kingdom



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