Involves Don Jr., Eric

Powerus, a drone maker backed by the brothers, wins an Air Force order

B Reported

The brothers are named as notable investors in Aureus Greenway's SEC filing of the merger announcement and reported by Quartz and DroneDJ; their stake sizes are not itemized. The Air Force order and IDIQ contract are stated in Powerus's own release and SEC filings and reported by Bloomberg, which cites the company; no federal award record was opened.

17 sources **7** primary records **13** with an archived copy

REACHED THE FAMILY

Mar 2026 month precision

Amount not disclosed

Stake sizes have not been disclosed. Dominari Securities, in which each brother owns about 5.8%, was hired to raise about $9 million tied to Powerus's reverse merger. Powerus's S-3 (filed Oct 19, 2026) shows American Ventures, LLC holding 5,723,628 common shares, 17,656,069 pre-funded warrants and further warrants (26,385,057 at $1.25 and 29,885,057 at $1.00), capped at 9.9% ownership; 3,999,542 of the pre-funded warrants were acquired under an advisory agreement. The 8-K/A financials show American Ventures LLC, Series IV Power US bought $5,555,555 in principal of senior notes on Feb 10, 2026 (the company received $5.0 million for the notes and warrants), repaid in full for $5,250,000 on Mar 23, 2026. The brothers' share of American Ventures is not disclosed. Separately, Unusual Machines, where Don Jr. is an adviser and shareholder (see unusual), announced on Oct 22, 2026 a $16.9 million Powerus purchase order for drone motors, batteries, cameras and video transmitters; it is a private order, not a government action.

FROM Powerus (Autonomous Power Corporation) (company)

CHANNEL equity stakes through American Ventures

OFFICIAL ACTION

Apr 30, 2026

The U.S. Air Force placed a limited procurement order for Powerus's Guardian-2 interceptor drones after a demonstration (announced Apr 30, 2026; quantity and value not disclosed). Powerus later reported a competitively awarded Air Force IDIQ contract for Guardian-2 with a ceiling of up to $90 million through mid-2028 (award date not stated). Background: the June 2025 executive order "Unleashing American Drone Dominance" and the Pentagon's Drone Dominance buying program. On Oct 6, 2026 Powerus announced an $82 million counter-drone order, the second under its government IDIQ; the release does not name the buyer; Defense One identifies it as the Air Force, and Tectonic Defense says the IDIQ was awarded by the Air Force in August 2026

AGENCY U.S. Air Force

No day count is calculated because at least one of the two dates is known only to the month or year.

WHAT HAPPENED

Powerus, formed in 2025, makes heavy-lift drones for military and emergency uses and says the Defense Department is already a client. In March 2026 it agreed to go public through a reverse merger with Aureus Greenway, a small Florida golf club operator listed on Nasdaq. The merger closed October 1, 2026, and the company now trades as Powerus Corporation.

The March 9, 2026 merger announcement, filed with the SEC, named Eric and Don Jr. among notable investors, and Quartz and DroneDJ report they back Powerus, including through American Ventures, a fund platform managed by Dominari Holdings. Dominari

Securities, in which each brother owns about 5.8 percent, was hired to raise about $9 million for the deal, and Unusual Machines, where Don Jr. is an adviser, is among the investors.

On April 30, 2026, Powerus announced that the Air Force had placed a limited procurement order for its Guardian-2 interceptor drones after a demonstration. It did not disclose quantity or value and said the order does not guarantee future orders; Bloomberg, citing the company, reported the sale the same day. In August Powerus reported a competitively awarded Air Force IDIQ contract for Guardian-2 with a ceiling of up to $90 million through mid-2028, adding that actual orders may be far smaller. It did not give the award date.

Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Richard Blumenthal wrote Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth in January and March 2026 asking whether Powerus had won awards and whether the department had discussed drone production with it or the Trump sons. The department said reviewing financial disclosure forms is its primary way of mitigating conflicts. Eric Trump told the AP he is proud to invest in companies he believes in.

POTENTIAL VIOLATION

Conflicts of interest in Defense Department contracting (no statute cited)

STATUTE OR CLAUSE	None cited
RAISED BY	Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Richard Blumenthal (letters to Defense Secretary Hegseth, Jan 22 and Mar 24, 2026)

This is a potential violation as described by the party named. No charge has been filed in this entry; the ledger does not call anything a crime below tier D.

THEIR RESPONSE

Eric Trump told the AP he is proud to invest in companies he believes in and that drones are the future. The AP reported that Powerus had denied any conflicts when the brothers' stake was announced. The Defense Department told Sens. Warren and Blumenthal that reviewing financial disclosure forms is its primary way of mitigating conflicts of interest.

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