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Space Florida, Florida Venture Forum Announce the Inaugural Florida Aerospace Capital Forum

The event will take place at the Guidewell Innovation Center in Lake Nona

Exploration Park, Miami and Tampa, Fla. (August 29, 2018) – Space Florida and the Florida Venture Forum, Florida’s largest statewide support organization for investors and entrepreneurs, are pleased to announce the inaugural Florida Aerospace Capital Forum on November 14 at the Guidewell Innovation Center in Lake Nona.

The Florida Venture Forum is looking for companies in the following industries to present at the event: Aircraft and spacecraft design, parts and assembly, advanced materials and new products, engineering design and construction, structural materials and electronic assembly, artificial intelligence, information technology, data analytics, satellite communications, payload development, robotics - parts, design and assembly, unmanned aerial vehicles, cyber security, surveillance, 3D printing and innovation, radiation protection, reconnaissance, & missile development.

In addition to the opportunity to present before an audience of active equity investors, eligible presenting companies will be considered for the Accelerating Innovation (AI) Award offered by Space Florida, a cash prize totaling \$100,000.

This event is an opportunity to broaden the spectrum of early stage, Florida-based aerospace and aviation companies and entrepreneurs, (as well as non-Florida entities with commitments to relocate), while engaging the industry with the Florida Venture Forum investment community, including private equity, venture capital and angel investors.

Harris Corporation, as the worldwide leader in aviation and aerospace, will also be partnering to contribute to the success of this event.

“Space Florida is pleased to welcome Harris Corporation to the capital acceleration collaboration with Florida Venture Forum for the first-ever Aerospace Capital Forum,” said Space Florida President Frank DiBello. “From an industry standpoint, the sponsorship and support of Harris is a tremendous addition to an already thriving capital formation ecosystem anchored by the Florida Venture Forum. We look forward to working with Harris and the increasing expanding capital community in Florida on this upcoming event.”

“Florida Venture Forum and Space Florida have partnered several times to feature dynamic, cutting edge Florida companies from a variety of industries and connect them with capital sources and other

services they need to grow and scale,” said Kevin Burgoyne, the Forum’s president and CEO. “The Florida Aerospace Capital Forum, and the support of Harris Corporation, mark a new and exciting evolution of that partnership, focusing on one of Florida’s fastest growing and important industries.”

For more information, visit www.flventure.org.

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About Space Florida: Space Florida was created to strengthen Florida’s position as the global leader in aerospace research, investment, exploration and commerce. As Florida’s aerospace and spaceport development authority, we are committed to attracting and expanding the next generation of space industry businesses. With its highly trained workforce, proven infrastructure and unparalleled record of achievement, Florida is the ideal location for aerospace businesses to thrive – and Space Florida is the perfect partner to help them succeed. www.spaceflorida.gov.

About The Florida Venture Forum: The Florida Venture Forum is Florida’s largest statewide support organization for investors and entrepreneurs, helping emerging Florida companies connect with sources of capital from across the country. The organization provides programs statewide throughout the year in addition to hosting the Florida Venture Capital Conference, the Statewide Collegiate Business Plan Competition and the Early Stage Capital Conference. www.flventure.org.

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