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Space Florida, Florida Venture Forum Announce 2nd Annual Florida Aerospace Capital Forum

Apply to Present for Chance to Win Accelerating Innovation Cash Prizes Totaling \$100,000

Miami, Exploration Park and Tampa, Fla. (September 11, 2019) – Space Florida and the Florida Venture Forum, Florida’s largest statewide support organization for investors and entrepreneurs, are pleased to announce the Florida Aerospace Capital Forum, taking place on November 6th at the Guidewell Innovation Center in Lake Nona, FL.

The Florida Venture Forum is actively reviewing applications from companies in the following industries that are interested in presenting: Aircraft and spacecraft design, parts and assembly, advanced materials and new products, engineering design and construction, life sciences, medical research, healthcare, structural materials and electronic assembly, artificial intelligence, information technology, data analytics, satellite communications, bio-agriculture research, water issues, payload development, robotics - parts, design and assembly, unmanned aerial vehicles, cyber security, surveillance, 3D printing and innovation, radiation protection, reconnaissance and missile development.

In addition to the opportunity to present before an audience of active equity investors, selected and 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.

L3 Harris, Cherry Bekaert, OneWeb Satellites and Haskell will also be partnering to contribute to the success of this event.

“Space Florida looks forward to another capital accelerator event with Florida Venture Forum and our sponsors, Cherry Bekaert, Haskell, L3 Harris and OneWeb Satellites,” said Space Florida President and CEO Frank DiBello. “Our first Florida Aerospace Capital Forum was tremendously successful in helping to expand not only the capital community but also further develop our State’s thriving aerospace industry. Thanks to Florida Venture Forum for continuing to support these efforts.”

“The Florida Venture Forum is extremely pleased to once again partner with Space Florida to feature dynamic, cutting edge Florida companies with technologies and services that will help propel Florida’s aerospace industry to new heights,” said Kevin Burgoyne, the Forum’s President and CEO. “Last year’s inaugural event was such a success that holding it again was a no brainer. We are particularly grateful for the sponsorship and support of so many major industry players, who are at the forefront of one of Florida’s fastest growing industries.”

Sensatek Propulsion Technologies, Inc. (Daytona Beach), was a winner at the 2018 Florida Aerospace Capital Forum.

“The Florida Aerospace Capital Forum and prize money from Space Florida benefited Sensatek in that we were able to create prototypes of our wireless sensors for extreme environments,” said Reamonn Soto, CEO of Sensatek Propulsion Technology, Inc. “The prototypes helped us not only secure aerospace customers, but also close our Series Seed Financing Round.”

For more information on the 2019 Florida Aerospace Capital Forum, including information on applying to present, visit www.flventure.org.

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About Space Florida

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 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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