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## **FLORIDA VENTURE FORUM TO HOST 2022 EMERGINGTECH SHOWCASE #ETS2022**

### **Event will feature \$100,000 in awards by Space Florida**

Tampa, Miami and Lake Nona, FL. (March 16, 2022) –The Florida Venture Forum, Florida’s largest statewide support organization for investors and entrepreneurs, announced today it will host its 2022 EmergingTech Showcase (ETs) on May 20th at the GuideWell Innovation Center in Lake Nona.

The ETs event will feature presentations by some of Florida’s most promising startups, as well as panels, speakers and networking opportunities. Presenting companies will compete for cash awards totaling \$100,000 contributed by Forum partner and member, Space Florida.

#### **Applying to present:**

Presenter applications will be reviewed and accepted by an investor-only led selection committee. The general criteria for selection will be:

Early-to-Later Stage companies with IP protected technology combined with existing or potential for strong growth trajectory in their industry sector.

Preference will be given to all cutting edge, tech enabled companies.

Companies that have dedicated management teams with domain expertise and/or have raised institutional capital will receive consideration.

Florida- based companies will receive priority treatment, but we welcome and expect to accept non-Florida based applicants.

Companies must execute a standard Commitment of Participation & Consent/Release Form.

Space Florida’s preferred tech verticals for prize money eligibility are: 3D Printing Technologies & Innovation, Advanced Materials & New & Innovative Products & Services, Agriculture, Climate/Environmental Monitoring, Aircraft & Spacecraft Design, Parts & Assembly, Engineering Design & Construction, Structural Materials & Electronic Assembly, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Sensor development & research, Civil Protection & Emergency Management, Communication Systems (All / both land-based & in space), Cube-Sat development, research & launch programs, Cyber Security research & development, Adventure Tourism, Clean/Alternative Energy Applications, Data Analytics, Medical & Surgical Innovations, Satellite Communications, Information Technology, Health Technology, Knowledge Based Services, Innovations in Planetary Sustainability Towards The Development Of Nutritious Food, Clean Water And Energy, International Space Station (ISS) & Human Life Science

(Including all human Medical Research), Payload Development for Space Exploration, Radiation Protection both on Earth & in Space, Reconnaissance and Missile Development (All), for both Commercial & Military purposes, Robotic Technologies (all types) – Parts, Design & Assembly, both Earth based & elsewhere, Satellite Systems & Science Payloads, Ground & Operations Support Systems, Space Transportation & Advanced Aerospace Platforms, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Surveillance, both for military & commercial usage, Virtual Reality (VR) & Augmented Reality (AR,) research & development

For direct links go to: [Presenter Application](#) or for [event registration](#).

THE FINAL PRESENTER APPLICATION DEADLINE is (COB) on MAY 2, 2022.

For sponsorship opportunities contact Pat Schneider, [pat@flventure.org](mailto:pat@flventure.org).

“With more than \$600 million in funding and investments for participating companies to date, Space Florida is proud to partner with the Florida Venture Forum on capital accelerator events like the 2022 Emerging Tech Showcase,” said Space Florida President and CEO Frank DiBello.

“With the Florida Venture Forum providing an arena for early-stage companies and entrepreneurs, the state’s capital venture ecosystem continues to thrive.”

“If you are a founder with a fast-growing business that fits one of our target industries you should definitely apply to present at the 2022 Emerging Tech Showcase,” said Kevin Burgoyne, president & CEO of the Florida Venture Forum. “The Forum and Space Florida are holding this event to shine a spotlight on Florida innovation and help connect companies with the capital and other services they need to grow and scale.”

**About the Florida Venture Forum:** The Florida Venture Forum is Florida’s largest statewide support organization for investors and entrepreneurs, helping fast-growth companies connect with sources of capital from across the country. Since 1984 more than 1500 companies have presented at Forum events and have gone on to raise upwards of \$11B in equity capital, producing billions more in economic value to Florida. The Forum’s 250+ members represent a “who’s who” of venture capital and private equity dealmakers, including equity and debt investors at all stages, as well as major law, accounting, and investment banking firms, and large corporates active in the innovation ecosystem. The Forum provides programs and programming statewide throughout the year in addition to hosting major annual conferences like the Florida Venture Capital Conference, the Statewide Collegiate Startup Competition, the Early Stage Capital Conference, and industry-focused events including aerospace and healthcare. For more information, visit: <http://www.flventure.org>.

**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](http://www.spaceflorida.gov).