



Next Horizon Selected as one of GrowFL's 2018 'Florida Companies to Watch'

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SANFORD, FL, UNITED STATES, September 26, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Next Horizon](#) is pleased to join 50 Florida companies expected to see significant growth over the next several years as determined by GrowFL. Next Horizon was selected from more than 500 nominees for Florida Companies to WatchSM, a statewide program managed by economic development group GrowFL, in association with the Edward Lowe Foundation.

Next Horizon's management team, competitive market position and strong community involvement were among several factors that put them in contention for the award.

"These stand-out companies are all led by entrepreneurs, and have demonstrated their capacity and intent to grow," said Dr. Tom O'Neal, GrowFL executive director. "They also all have critical intellectual property or a niche position that gives them a competitive edge in their markets," he said.

"Next Horizon is honored that GrowFL has named us among the 2018 Florida Companies to Watch," said Next Horizon President and CIO Harry Ellis, III. "We are experiencing tremendous growth and are on track to have our best year ever. This is one of Florida's most prestigious business awards therefore we are extremely proud to be recognized as a winner."

"This is a strong group of companies that deserve this special recognition given annually to the state's top second stage companies," said Dr. Chris Morton, GrowFL Chairman of the GrowFL Advisory Board, CEO of NanoPhotonica and a 2015 Florida Companies to Watch honoree. Second-stage companies are defined as those with 6 to 150 full-time employees and between \$750,000 and \$100 million in annual revenue. There are many programs and incubators promoting start-up businesses; GrowFL is the only Florida program that focuses exclusively on second-stage companies.

The 50 companies named the 2018 Florida Companies to Watch generated nearly \$1 billion in revenue and added nearly 1,000 jobs between 2014 and 2017. Together, the companies project a 50 percent increase in revenue and 40 percent increase in job growth in 2018 compared to 2017.

Companies named to the list will be officially recognized February 9, 2019 at the Straz Performing Arts Center in Tampa, FL. Tickets are on sale now for the awards ceremony. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.growfl.com/flctw18/about-flctw/>.

About Next Horizon

Next Horizon has been serving Central Florida businesses for more than 25 years, making sense of IT managed services, [digital marketing](#), and custom application development. Next Horizon has a track record of reducing costs, increasing productivity and decreasing downtime for our clients. Next Horizon brings award-winning expertise and a people-centered approach to deliver exceptional quality consistently. Next Horizon is led by President, Harry Ellis III, recognized in 2017 as one of Orlando Business Journal's CEOs of the Year. For more information visit: www.nexhorizon.net or call 407-328-9228.

About GrowFL:

GrowFL provides strategies, resources and support, including strategic research and peer-to-peer CEO mentoring and leadership development, to second-stage Florida companies. Created by the Florida legislature in 2009 and grounded in the philosophy of Economic Gardening® — growing existing businesses in a community, region or state — GrowFL is a critical component of the state's economic development strategy and Florida's entrepreneurial ecosystem. GrowFL is certified by the National Center for Economic Gardening through the Edward Lowe Foundation. Website: growfl.com.

About the Edward Lowe Foundation:

Established in 1985, the Edward Lowe Foundation is a national, nonprofit organization that supports entrepreneurship through research, recognition and educational programs, which are delivered through entrepreneur support organizations (ESOs). The foundation focuses on second-stage companies — those that have moved beyond the startup phase and seek significant, steady growth. In addition, the foundation has a second mission of land stewardship and is committed to preserving the natural resources and historically significant structures at Big Rock Valley, its 2,000-acre home in southwest Michigan.

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