

Construction Corps Named a Finalist for the 16th Annual GrowFL Florida Companies to Watch Awards

Veteran-owned Clearwater design-build contractor is among 95 statewide finalists; the 50 honorees will be announced in October.

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Construction Corps, Inc. has been named a finalist for the 16th Annual GrowFL Florida Companies to Watch Awards, a statewide recognition program celebrating high-growth, second-stage companies headquartered in Florida. Finalist companies are recognized for strong leadership, innovation, growth potential, and meaningful contributions to their communities, industries, and Florida's economy.



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*Matt Thompson, Owner,
Construction Corps*

The GrowFL Florida Companies to Watch Awards, made possible through the support of Nperspective CFO & Strategic Services, celebrates privately held second-stage companies that are helping strengthen and diversify Florida's economy.

This year, more than 500 companies were nominated for the GrowFL Florida Companies to Watch Awards. Following the nomination and application process, 95 finalists were selected to move forward in the judging process, reflecting

the strength, innovation, and impact of Florida's second-stage business community.

To be considered, companies must be headquartered in Florida, employ six to 150 full-time equivalent employees, generate \$750,000 to \$100 million in annual revenue or working capital, and demonstrate both the intent and capacity to grow.

Since its founding in 2022 by U.S. Army combat veteran Matt Thompson, a licensed general contractor since 2007 (originally in California) with more than 30 years in the trades, Construction Corps has grown from a standing start to approximately \$8 million in annual revenue by 2025 while building a W-2 field workforce and in-house staff spanning engineering, design, estimating, project management, and operations. The company is co-owned and led by Matt and his wife, Vice President Serena Lorien, with Director of Construction George Thompson leading field operations. Construction Corps holds six Florida licenses in-house (general contracting, engineering, electrical, plumbing, mold remediation, and mold assessment), allowing the company to self-perform work most general contractors subcontract out, and serves residential, commercial, and government clients across the Tampa Bay area. The company holds active SBA certifications as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) and is registered for federal contracting. In the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Construction Corps volunteered demolition, construction, and mold remediation help across the local community and loaned tens of thousands of dollars of drying-out equipment to people in need.



Matt Thompson

Companies are evaluated on growth, innovation, response to adversity, community involvement, and overall impact on Florida's economy.

"This recognition belongs to our team," said Matt Thompson, founder and CEO of Construction

Corps. "We started this company in 2022 with a simple idea: run a construction business the way veterans serve, with discipline, accountability, and mission completion. Being named a finalist alongside some of the best second-stage companies in Florida tells our clients and our crews that the work they put in every day is getting noticed statewide."

Finalists will move forward in the judging process for consideration as one of the top 50 GrowFL Florida Companies to Watch Honorees. They will also be recognized at regional events held throughout Florida, with registration available at growfl.com. The 50 honorees will be announced in October and celebrated at the 16th Annual GrowFL Florida Companies to Watch Awards Gala on Friday, February 26, 2027, at Hard Rock Live, Universal CityWalk in Orlando.

"We are proud to recognize this year's finalists and the role they play in advancing Florida's economy," said Robert Newland, Chief Growth Advisor, Newland Growth Advisors and Chair of the Board for GrowFL. "These companies represent the innovation, resilience, and entrepreneurial leadership that make Florida a strong place to grow a business."

"The finalist companies represent some of the most dynamic second-stage businesses in the state," said Sean Flannery, SVP, Commercial Banking Manager, Synovus and Chair of the GrowFL Florida Companies to Watch Committee. "We look forward to celebrating their achievements and sharing their stories as we move toward the announcement of the 50 honorees."

Media interested in learning more about Construction Corps or the GrowFL Florida Companies to Watch Awards should contact Rebecca O'Leary at office@constructioncorps.com or (727) 999-1855. For GrowFL media inquiries, contact Tammie Sweet at Tammie@GrowFL.com or 407-498-5323.

About Construction Corps, Inc.

Construction Corps, Inc. is a veteran-owned, family-led design-build general contractor headquartered in Clearwater, Florida (CGC1530192). Founded in 2022, the company serves residential, commercial, and government clients across the Tampa Bay area, pairing in-house design, engineering, permitting, and project management with W-2 field crews and a vetted network of licensed trade partners. Construction Corps holds six Florida licenses in-house and active SBA certifications as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB).

Learn more about Construction Corps at constructioncorps.com or follow along at @ccorpsinc on Facebook and Instagram.

About GrowFL

GrowFL is a CEO member-driven organization dedicated to supporting Florida's second-stage companies and the leaders behind them. Built by CEOs, for CEOs, GrowFL creates space for

growth-stage business owners to connect with peers, gain practical insight, strengthen leadership, and access the relationships and resources needed to scale with intention. By focusing on companies that have moved beyond startup but are not yet mature, GrowFL helps accelerate business growth, job creation, and long-term economic strength across Florida. GrowFL supports companies with at least six employees and \$750,000 in revenue that have the intent and capacity to continue growing. Learn more at <http://www.growfl.com>.

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