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**THE FLORIDA VENTURE FORUM AND SPACE FLORIDA  
ANNOUNCE THE TOP TWO PRIZE WINNERS OF THE  
2016 VENTURETECH SHOWCASE  
CASH PRIZES TOTALING \$150,000 WERE AWARDED TO PRESENTING COMPANIES:  
*Catalyst Orthoscience (Winner) and EagleEye Intelligence (Boca Raton)***

TAMPA, FL – November 4, 2016 – The Florida Venture Forum and Space Florida are pleased to announce the top two prize winners of the 2016 VentureTech Showcase held at CAMLS (Center for Advanced Medical Learning & Simulation) on November 1, 2016. A total of 14 presenting companies, from across Florida in a variety of industry sectors, presented before an audience of approximately 130 investors, deal professionals and entrepreneurs.

“Space Florida is pleased to once again partner with Florida Venture Forum on another successful capital accelerator competition,” said Frank DiBello, Space Florida President and CEO. “The VentureTech Showcase overwhelmingly exhibits the statewide reach of this partnership as well as the remarkable level of talent and innovation within these Florida companies. Congratulations to the winner, Catalyst OrthoScience LLC, runner-up, EagleEye Intelligence and all the presenting companies.”

The 14 presenting companies were selected from a statewide pool of approximately 50 applicants by a committee of active Florida venture capitalists and other private equity investors. An onsite panel of judges evaluating industry growth, scalability and management team reviewed each selected company’s presentation and supporting materials. The top two cash prize winners were:

**Winner \$100,000** - Catalyst OrthoScience LLC, ([www.catalystortho.com](http://www.catalystortho.com)), Naples, is commercializing a novel design for a total shoulder replacement system known as the Catalyst Shoulder Replacement System.

**Runner-Up \$50,000** - EagleEye Intelligence, ([www.eagleeyeintelligence.com](http://www.eagleeyeintelligence.com)), Boca Raton, provides end-to-end, unified intelligence for public safety and security. They solve a pressing need to unify and manage real-time intelligence given complex operational eco-systems of applications, data, equipment, and growing utilization of unmanned aerial systems (UAS).

“We are very pleased to have partnered with Space Florida and Hillsborough County for this event highlighting growth stage companies in Florida,” said Kevin Burgoyne, president and CEO of the Florida Venture Forum. “All of the high quality companies who presented are to be commended. Each of them earned the right to participate giving them the exposure and recognition they need to attract investors.”

**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).

**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](http://www.flventure.org).

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