

Entech Selected as a Finalist in Round 2 of the GrowFL 2017 Florida Companies to Watch Award

Fort Myers, FL, May 31, 2017—Entech (www.EntechUS.com, @EntechUS), an IT managed service provider (MSP) with offices in Fort Myers and Bradenton, announced today that it has been selected as one of the finalists for the 2017 *Florida Companies to Watch* award (#FLCTW), presented by GrowFL (www.growfl.com, @GrowFL). The award, now in its seventh year, honors 50 select second-stage companies from throughout the state for developing valuable products and services, creating quality jobs, enriching communities and broadening new industries throughout Florida.

“Being selected as a finalist is an extreme honor,” says Jake Spanberger, president of Entech. “We’ve worked hard to grow Entech by focusing on client satisfaction, establishing processes that scale, and building a great culture around talented people. We are positioned—and plan—to grow significantly over the next few years both through acquisition and expanding our client base in our Sarasota, Fort Myers, and Naples markets. Achieving status as a ‘Company to Watch’ finalist shows that we are on the right path.”

Finalist companies are chosen from a candidate pool of more than 800 nominations. The finalists collectively represent \$598 million in annual revenue and employ 3,200 full-time equivalent employees, according to GrowFL. These companies represent a unique group of scalable, high-growth enterprises that are already located within Florida. They are an important segment of the state’s economy and their numbers have been steadily increasing, which contributed to Florida’s ranking of 24 on the Kauffman Index of Growth Entrepreneurship, notes GrowFL.

About the Award

The *Florida Companies To Watch* award program consists of two rounds of selections. In the second round, finalists are further evaluated based on their performance in the marketplace, innovative products, services or processes, philanthropy and empowered employees.

“We applaud these first-round finalists who have shown how they stand out in their regions as innovative business leaders, going to the next level to grow their companies. They are true rock stars,” says Dr. Tom O’Neal, GrowFL executive director.

Presented by GrowFL and developed by the Edward Lowe Foundation, *Florida Companies To Watch* is a distinguished awards program specifically designed to seek out second-stage businesses from a wide range of industries representing all areas of the state, not just those in major metropolitan areas. In addition to evaluating past growth and projected success, applicant companies are judged according to their special strengths and impact in their markets, communities and within the state—thus deeming them “worth watching.”

The winners will be announced in mid July. The 2017 honorees will be celebrated at an awards ceremony Oct. 14, 2017 at The Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa, FL.

For more information visit www.GrowFL.com/flctw17.

About Entech

Entech—with locations in Fort Myers and Bradenton, FL—is a full-service technology solution provider specializing in IT managed services for businesses ranging from 20 to 100+ users. The company serves clients along the Gulf Coast, from Tampa to Naples. Entech’s managed services include:

- Security—Network and system security, compliance, anti-virus, anti-threat
- Business Continuity—Data backup and recovery, disaster recovery planning, data security
- IT Planning—Cost containment, lifecycle and threat management
- Infrastructure—Cloud services, virtualization, mobile computing

For more information, visit www.entechUS.com.

About GrowFL

GrowFL was created in 2009 as an economic development program focused on assisting second-stage growth companies prosper in the state of Florida. By providing strategies, resources and support to second-stage companies for next level growth through strategic research, peer learning and leadership development, GrowFL helps companies overcome obstacles to growth and leads them towards prosperity. Based on the philosophy of Economic Gardening®—to grow existing businesses in a community, region or state—GrowFL, the Florida Economic Gardening Institute, is a critical component to the state’s economic development strategy and Florida’s entrepreneurial ecosystem. GrowFL is a statewide economic development organization certified by the National Center for Economic Gardening through the Edward Lowe Foundation. GrowFL has assisted more than 1,000 companies through the Strategic Research and CEO Roundtable programs and recognized 300 successful entrepreneurs through the annual awards program, *Florida Companies to Watch*. Learn more at www.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 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. Learn more at www.edwardlowe.org.