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## **Winner of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual GrowFL Companies to Watch Awards**

Pinellas Park, FL – March 18, 2019 – Custom Manufacturing and Engineering, a worldwide leader known for its electronic/electrical assembly, wire harness assembly, custom control/display panels, power supply assembly, special test equipment, encapsulation/potting services, and other expertise, has been named a Winner of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Companies to Watch. The awards ceremony took place on Saturday, February 9 at the David A. Straz Jr. Center of the Performing Arts. With more than 300 attendees, awards were presented to the Top 50 Second Stage Companies in the state of Florida.

GrowFL is driven by one goal – to cultivate scalable second-stage growth companies across the state. Second-stage companies are the backbone of Florida’s economy and the definition of economic growth and prosperity. Second-stage companies are between \$1 million and \$50 million in revenue, with 10-99 employees. As the only statewide organization focused exclusively on second-stage and emerging second-stage growth companies, GrowFL’s philosophy is to identify, serve and celebrate these companies that have the best potential to contribute to Florida’s economy.

Companies were evaluated on community involvement, financial success, and ethical business practices. In a competitive category with over 500 applicants, Custom Manufacturing and Engineering was honored to receive the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Companies to Watch Awards. Dr. Nancy Crews, President and CEO of Custom Manufacturing and Engineering, received the award on stage and when asked how to inspire future entrepreneurs and said, “Utilize support organizations along the way and grow your network as wide as you can.”

### ***About Custom Manufacturing and Engineering***

*CME develops, prototypes, and manufactures custom-engineered and build-to-print products, assemblies, and subassemblies for industry and government customers. As a growing Tampa Bay engineering and manufacturing small business, our team works with aerospace and defense organizations and other industries globally to develop and produce quality products to meet our customers’ unique requirements. CME’s products are used by the US military and other industries around the world.*

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