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**Colorado Companies to Watch brought to you by Bank of America Merrill Lynch announces 2018 Winners at 10th Anniversary Gala Awards Dinner**

*The annual, nonprofit awards program for 2nd Stage companies is now 500 alumni strong*

Denver, CO – Colorado Companies to Watch brought to you by Bank of America Merrill Lynch (CCTW) is pleased to present the 2018 Winners of the 10th Anniversary Colorado Company to Watch Gala Awards.

CCTW is a yearlong, nonprofit awards program that honors 50 fast-growing 2nd Stage companies from across the state for their performance in the marketplace, innovative products, unique processes and philanthropic actions. The 10th Anniversary Gala Awards on June 22, 2018 marked the momentous induction of CCTW Winners 451 through 500.

Since 2009, CCTW has recognized the hard work and dedication of some of the state’s fastest growing 2nd Stage companies. Many of the first companies to enter the CCTW program have since grown exponentially, becoming household names in Colorado and beyond. Previous winners include Justin’s Nut Butter (2009), OtterBox (2009), and PharmaJet (2011).

"The Colorado Companies to Watch community is comprised of some the most skilled and innovative entrepreneurs and business leaders in the state," said Rick Ninneman, Chair of the CCTW Board of Directors. “Our 2018 Winners embody the type of passion and ingenuity that defines the CCTW program and contributes to the strength of our elite community. We have reached a milestone this year by welcoming 500 companies to date, and we are proud to recognize the successes of all these excellent 2nd Stage companies of Colorado."

These 2nd Stage companies have moved past the startup stage and into a period of growth. The 2018 Winners significantly impact the state’s economy by providing thousands of jobs and contributing millions of dollars in revenue across Colorado's diverse economic landscape.

CCTW candidates are selected from nominations within the local community. This year, more than 1,100 companies were nominated, with 100 Finalists emerging. From there, 50 Winners were chosen by the esteemed CCTW volunteer judging panel. Winners were announced at the 10th Anniversary Gala Awards Dinner on Friday, June 22, 2018 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center.
2018 Colorado Companies to Watch Winners

303 Software
90octane
AlignTec
Altvia
Amnet
ARB Midstream, LLC
Arbor Valley
ATLAS CPAs & Advisors PLLC
Aureus Techsystems LLC
AvenueWest Global Franchise
B&B Blending, LLC.
Bitsbox
Blue Margin, Inc.
CampMinder
Circuit Media
CirrusMD
Clear Comfort

Comptek Technologies, LLC
Crazy Scrubs, Inc.
Creative Alignments
Crunchsters
East Daley Capital Advisors
GitPrime
Guerrilla Gravity
Jackson's Honest
Juniper Unmanned
Lifescape Colorado
LockState
Navjoy Inc
Networks Unlimited
Neuworks Mechanical, Inc.
NewCloud Networks
Paul Sutton's Peak Structural
Peak Beverage

PlanOmatic
PlayerLync
Proximity Space
Quality First Plumbing and Heating
Rowdy Mermaid Kombucha
SecureSet
SuiteHop
Techno Rescue
Techtonic Group
The Human Bean of Northern Colorado
Titan Robotics
TRELORA
Woodridge Software
Xero Shoes
YouSeeU
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About Colorado Companies to Watch

Colorado Companies to Watch is an awards program honoring 2nd Stage Companies headquartered in the state of Colorado. The 500 companies that have been honored since the program’s inception demonstrate high performance in the marketplace or exhibit innovative products or processes. The program is designed to seek businesses from a wide range of industries throughout the state, not just the major metropolitan areas. The 50 companies selected each year make an astounding impact on Colorado’s economy by collectively providing thousands of jobs and contributing millions of dollars in revenue. The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) launched the program in 2009 in conjunction with the Edward Lowe Foundation and valuable community partners from across Colorado. Visit ColoradoCompaniestoWatch.org, facebook.com/ColoradoCompaniestoWatch and Twitter @ColoradoCTW.

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