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Venture Hive Announces 2016 Veteran Accelerator Program Class

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. -- Venture Hive is proud to announce that six high growth veteran-owned companies have been selected to participate in the 2016 Venture Hive Veteran Accelerator class.

The Venture Hive Veteran Accelerator was created through a partnership with the City of Fort Walton Beach. The program is a founder-friendly, 12-week accelerator program focusing on individual development and supports global, disrupt-the-industry visions. The companies selected focus on leveraging the resources and strengths of Florida's Emerald Coast to scale their companies.

Benefits of participating in the program include a world-class curriculum of highly practical workshops and training session, free working space in Venture Hive's Fort Walton Beach office for 12 months, exposure to qualified investors and a Demo Day at the conclusion of the program. This intensive structured program will also provide the selected businesses with access to a dedicated group of business coaches and mentors, highly customized training and a relevant network to scale their ventures, driving the economic growth of the region.

The 2016 Veteran Accelerator class represents the second class of veteran-owned companies to participate in the program.

The veteran accelerator class will run from Mar. 14 through the week of June 6. The six selected companies are:

Aerial Autonomy (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.) - An engineering company that develops software for commercial customers who record video or images for inspections, monitoring, or other applications. This product is designed to program UAV's to fly along a customer-entered route without a pilot – safely and reliably. The core technology for precision autonomous flight and navigation was developed for the Department of Defense.

All Around Baby (Navarre, Fla.) - A company focused on manufacturing state-of-the-art baby mobiles using mobile phone technology to offer both monitoring, soothing and educational customized apps to leverage current technology to the traditional baby mobile units.

Holy Kidz Summer Camps (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.) - A company focused on franchising Christian based camps & special events by providing cost effective camps for religious organizations. The camps focus on providing children, ages 5-16, a safe, fun-filled environment.

Decurator (Destin, Fla.) - An app-based company developing proprietary software that delivers styled home decor solutions in the shape of interactive mood boards. Designed to streamline the decorating process, Decurator helps small interior design stores to stay competitive by lowering their costs and promoting higher furniture sales.

High Caliber Lady (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.) - Is a company focused on educating and training primarily women on classes in the use of non-lethal personal protection tools such as stun guns and pepper spray as well as pistol safety and marksmanship.

Airtime Aircraft (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.) - Is a engineering company focused on making recreational flying convenient and affordable with our trailerable quick setup amphibious aircraft.

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Revealed as one of 2014's *10 Happiest Cities in America* according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Research, the city of Fort Walton Beach rests in the heart of Florida's famed Emerald Coast. Serving roughly 20,000 residents, city leadership and staff maintain a commitment to providing high quality, personalized services to visitors and residents while actively supporting the advanced technological pursuits of its military and business communities.