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## **Adesis Selected to Gator100**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Adesis was named to the University of Florida’s 2016 Gator100 during a ceremony Feb. 19 at UF’s J. Wayne Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

Sponsored by UF, the Warrington College of Business and the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Center, the Gator100 recognizes the 100 fastest-growing businesses owned or led by UF alumni. Ernst & Young calculated each company’s compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) over the past three years to generate the ranking.

Adesis was ranked # 83 with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 28.71%, as validated by Ernest & Young.

Adesis, Inc. is a contract research organization (CRO) supporting the pharmaceutical, biopharmaceutical, biomaterials, and catalysts industry. It specializes in organic and organometallic synthesis, in milligrams to multi-kilogram quantities. Adesis has a business model of providing clients with organic chemistry services in three areas: early stage research, scale up and development, and specialty manufacturing. Andrew Cottone, President and Founder of Adesis, holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Florida.

“The Gator 100 award is a great recognition for our company, as a whole, and a tribute to the hard work and scientific excellence of our entire staff,” said Andrew Cottone, President of Adesis. “Our success is directly related to the skill and ethics of our team.”

“The Gator100 is an important initiative that recognizes entrepreneurial excellence,” said Dr. Michael Morris, the Academic Director of the entrepreneurship program at UF. “It is open to any and all companies founded or run by Gator alumni, and recognizes those who are achieving growth, innovating, and making a difference in their communities.”

To qualify for the Gator100, companies must have been in business for five years or more as of Oct. 1, 2015, and have had verifiable annual revenues of \$250,000 or more in 2012. Additionally, a UF alumnus or alumni must have met one of the following three leadership criteria:

1. Owned 50 percent or more of the company from Jan. 1, 2012, through Oct. 1, 2015; or
2. Served as company’s chief executive from Jan. 1, 2012, through Oct. 1, 2015; or
3. Founded the company and been active as a member of the most senior management team from Jan. 1, 2012, through Oct. 1, 2015.

About Adesis: We have been successful for over 20 years by taking a different approach than other contract research organizations. Our leadership team of scientists implemented a simple approach: hire talented chemists with exceptional work ethics, integrity, versatility, and a commitment to deliver the project/material to our client.