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**FOREST DEVICES NAMED LaunchKC AWARD RECIPIENT AT TECHWEEK
KANSAS CITY**

PLSG's Portfolio Company, Forest Devices, One of Ten Recipients of \$50,000 Global Grants Program

PITTSBURGH, Pa. – Sept. 16, 2016 – The [Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse](#) (PLSG), Western Pennsylvania's only pure life sciences investment firm, is pleased to announce that portfolio company, [Forest Devices](#), has recently been named a LaunchKC global grant recipient at Techweek in Kansas City.

Forest Devices submitted for consideration their AlphaStroke device, which promises to collapse the time between the onset of a stroke and the application of treatment, to judges and Techweek attendees at the Kansas City Union Station on September 16th. The Pittsburgh-based startup was one of ten winners of a \$50,000 grant that also includes office space in Downtown Kansas City and professional mentoring services. The PLSG also recently [announced](#) their \$50,000 investment into the company.

"We are ecstatic for Matthew Kesinger and his team at Forest Devices for their recent honor at Techweek," said John W. Manzetti, President and Chief Executive Officer, Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse. "The company has been an undeniable force in our region and this achievement allows the brand to extend their reach to new regions. I am certain they will continue to push boundaries as they work tirelessly to bring their AlphaStroke device to market."

Now in its second year, the competition attracted more than 400 applicants from 19 states and seven countries. 20 finalists were selected in the global grant competition, which is an initiative of the Downtown Council of Kansas City and the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City.

"We are truly honored to be a LaunchKC grant recipient," said Matthew Kesinger, Founder and CEO of Forest Devices. "This grant, in addition to the ongoing support of the PLSG, is moving us closer to bringing AlphaStroke to market. We look forward to sharing this device with the world."

To learn more about the PLSG and Forest Devices, visit their websites:
<http://www.plsg.com>, <http://www.forestdevices.com/>.

About Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse (PLSG) (www.plsg.com)

The PLSG invests in and supports the growth of biosciences companies in Western Pennsylvania. PLSG has a track record of excellence when it comes to attracting and growing life sciences companies in the region. Since its inception in 2002, PLSG has assisted more than 455 life sciences companies and has helped create more than 2,300 jobs and affect another 14,000 jobs in Western Pennsylvania. Forty companies have been provided with office or laboratory space and now 14 have been relocated to Pittsburgh from outside of the region. In addition, the PLSG has invested directly and indirectly more than \$22 million in 78 companies, which has leveraged nearly \$1.5 billion in additional capital to the region.

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