



2023 Qualified New Business Venture (QNBV) List

NOTE: The 2024 program has a \$2,500,000 set-aside for investments made into businesses owned by minorities, a \$1,250,000 set aside for investments made into businesses owned by women or persons-with-a-disability, and a \$1,250,000 set aside for investments made into businesses in rural counties. (This includes all Illinois counties aside from Cook, DuPage, Lake, Will, Kane, McHenry, Winnebago, St. Clair and Madison.) The 2023 program had a \$500,000 set-aside for investments made into businesses owned by women, minorities, or persons with disabilities. Another \$500,000 was set aside for investments made into businesses in rural counties.

Business Name	Set-Aside Eligible			Set-Aside Eligible Business Based in Rural Area	County	Website URL	Industry	Description of Business	QNBV #	Certification Date
	Business Owned by a Woman, Minority or Person with a Disability	Ownership Type (if applicable)	Minority Type (if applicable)							
ABP Industries LLC	No			No	Cook County	www.abpindustriesllc.com	Life Sciences / Healthcare	ABP creates novel engineered packaging solutions to be used in connection with the dispensation, storage and disposal of Rx medications to retail and mail order pharmacy patients.	149M	3/10/2023
AI Search Inc.	No			No	Cook County	https://iask.ai/	Information Technology	AI Search engine to help people find information online	174M	6/5/2023
AI Tech Holdings	No			No	Cook County	www.ascentitech.com	Software	Ascent has developed the unifying dashboard to improve the safety of firefighters, special forces, and SWAT.	176M	6/5/2023
Alphathena	Yes	Minority-Owned	Asian American-Owned	No	DuPage County	www.alphathena.com	Information Technology	Building the first unified AI based personalized indexing platform.	198M	9/21/2023
AquaCultured Foods, Inc.	Yes	Women-Owned		No	Cook County	https://www.aquaculturedfoods.com/	Food tech	Seafood alternatives created using microbial fermentation.	119M	1/24/2023
Arbor Foods Inc. DBA: THEO's Plant-Based	No			No	Cook County	http://www.theoplantbased.com	Manufacturing	THEO's Plant-Based uses innovative, chef-driven techniques to elevate vegetables to be plant-based meat alternatives.	106M	1/11/2023
Atraverse Medical, Inc.	No			No	Cook County	https://atraversemedical.com/	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Atraverse is a medical device company dedicated to developing a next-generation toolset for the \$1B+ left-heart access market – a broad category of minimally invasive interventions including 1M+ annual electrophysiology, cardiac ablation, and structural heart patient procedures.	105M	1/11/2023
Banyon Power Co.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Black/African American-Owned	No	Cook County	www.banyonpower.com	Energy	Banyon Power provides enabling technologies that accelerate the global transition to EVs for all by making ownership more attainable, while assisting utilities and energy providers with grid management that also incorporates renewable energy consumption.	196M	9/21/2023
Beam Alpha Incorporated	No			No	DuPage County	www.beamalpha.com	Energy	Energy research devoted to carbonless electrical power production for standalone and grid-scale applications.	103M	1/9/2023
BiomeSense, Inc.	No			No	Cook County	www.biomesense.com	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Developing breakthrough technology for microbiome measurement and analysis.	132M	2/9/2023
Blackcurrant Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Asian	No	Cook County	www.blackcurrant.ai	Energy	Blackcurrant is a marketplace for low carbon fuels like hydrogen, sustainable aviation fuel, and green ammonia. We connect buyers, sellers, storage providers, and transportation providers to enable fast adoption of low carbon fuels.	183M	7/24/2023
Bluedog Tech LLC, DBA Cartdrop	Yes	Women-Owned		No	Cook County	cartdrop.shop	Technology	Cartdrop is a consumer-behavior enabled grocery shopping platform.	173M	5/16/2023
Bonfire Women, Inc.	Yes	Women-Owned		No	Cook County	www.bonfirewomen.com	Professional Services	Bonfire exists to ignite the power of women to rewrite the rules of the modern workforce. Through unique program experiences, Bonfire equips women on the rise to cultivate a new frontier of leadership in which all rise. Bonfire offers a distinctive model of talent development that combines multiple elements into a singular, transformative experience. Through cohort and online experiences, Bonfire women will learn how to apply & amplify their voices and individual perspectives to Matter More.	157M	4/24/2023
BUNDLAR, LLC	No			No	Cook County	www.bundlar.com	Information Technology	BUNDLAR provides Augmented Reality (AR) solutions for businesses and institutions through our innovative AR technology, featuring our proprietary API, Content Management System (CMS), and Mobile App Platform.	118M	1/24/2023
CaseMed Engineering LLC	Yes	Minority-Owned	Middle Eastern	No	Lake County	www.casemed.us	Manufacturing	CaseMed's packaging is perfect for medical, beauty products, personal healthcare and personal hygiene products by delivering solutions in a hygienically novel way directly to the surface of the skin intended without touching the solution with fingers prior to application.	180M	7/13/2023
Chips Mobile	Yes	Minority-Owned	American Indian (Native American) or Alaska Native-Owned, Black/African American-Owned	No	Cook County	https://chipsmobile.com	Blockchain	Chips is a mobile game that attempts to curb crime, violence, and poverty, by incentivizing positive decisions.	108M	1/12/2023

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Contrast AI Inc	Yes	Owned by a Person with a Disability		No	Cook County	contrastai.com	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Contrast is building an AI-powered clinical documentation solution for healthcare providers that saves time and empowers high-quality, data-driven patient care.	212M	12/1/2023
DeepWalk Research Inc.	No			Yes	Champaign County	https://www.deepwalkresearch.com/	Engineering	DeepWalk's scanning software automates Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Planning for cities.	115M	1/18/2023
Doc & I Inc.	No			No	Cook County	https://louvir.com/	Life Sciences / Healthcare	340B pharmacy program optimization for underserved populations	140M	2/24/2023
Earnest Agriculture, Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned, Owned by a Person with a Disability	Latinx/Hispanic-Owned	Yes	Champaign County	growearnest.com	Agriculture	Probiotics research and development company and manufacturer of soil amendments.	204M	10/20/2023
Evolve Security Corp.	No			No	Cook County	https://www.evolvesecurity.com/	Information Technology	Provide penetration-testing-as-a-service (PTaaS), Attack Surface Management and other technical cybersecurity services.	200M	9/21/2023
Flat Home Tech Inc.	No			No	Cook County	www.flathomecare.com	Information Technology	Flat is a fully integrated tech platform that provides proactive maintenance, assessment, and repairs for homeowners, landlords, or corporations. We've built the operating system for real estate assets.	191M	8/25/2023
FLEX-PACK SOLUTIONS LLC	No		Latinx/Hispanic-Owned	No	Cook County	FLEX-PACKPRINT.COM	Manufacturing	Flexographic Printing and Converting	171M	5/16/2023
Floracracy, Inc.	Yes	Women-Owned		No	Winnebago County	www.floracracy.com	Consumer Goods / Ecommerce	Floracracy brings flowers and people together by creating new ways to connect with people through customized experiences, personalized stories, and flowers.	122M	1/27/2023
Flow Medical Solutions, Inc	No			No	Cook County	https://www.flowmedical.co/	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Flow Medical is developing a next generation thrombolytic catheter to treat pulmonary embolism (PE).	209M	11/14/2023
Gillson Park Partners, dba Travelsports.com	No			No	Cook County	www.travelsports.com	eCommerce and Publishing	Travelsports.com provides an information portal to help navigate the youth and adult competitive sports market, including proprietary technology that allows for seamless booking of sports facilities, coaching sessions and clinic enrollment, and tournament signup.	146M	2/24/2023
HighBrow Holdings, Inc.	Yes	Owned by a Person with a Disability		No	Cook County	https://highbrowhome.com/	Information Technology	HighBrow is an innovative digital platform that leverages proprietary technology to facilitate communications and transactions between service providers and users.	145M	2/24/2023
HotMic Inc.	No			No	Lake County	www.hotmic.io	Information Technology	HotMic provides a white label creator live streaming platform so companies can let creators go live in their apps.	178M	6/15/2023
HumanPredictions Software Inc.	No			No	McHenry County	https://humanpredictions.io/	Information Technology	HumanPredictions is a data aggregator focused on collecting data about people in software, technical, and scientific careers and communities and providing products and solutions to solve customers problems.	136M	2/9/2023
Innovare - Social Innovation Partners, Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Black/African American-Owned, Latinx/Hispanic-Owned	No	Cook County	https://innovaresip.com/	Education Technology	Inno simplifies the intricate process of data analysis, offering a seamless integration of data, technology, and ease-of-use. By converging crucial student data into actionable insights, Innovare empowers educators to make impactful decisions swiftly—ensuring every student's potential is maximized within an intuitive, unified framework	211M	11/14/2023
Ion Grove LLC	Yes	Minority-Owned, Women-Owned	Black/African American-Owned	Yes	Champaign County	rechargerelax.com	Energy	Ion Grove LLC is a pioneering clean energy company focused on electric travel of all modalities, committed to the environment and the people and economy of Illinois.	206M	10/20/2023
Iris Light Technologies, Inc.	No			No	Cook County	irislighttech.com	Manufacturing	Iris Light powers the Moore's law for light chips.	193M	8/22/2023
Kazadi Enterprises Ltd.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Black/African American-Owned	No	Kane County	www.kazadienterprises.com	Manufacturing	We are developing refrigerators that use up to 90% less electricity than conventional refrigerators by accessing and using environmental heat as an energy source.	129M	2/9/2023
Lakril Technologies Corporation	No			No	Cook County	https://lakril.com	biotech	Lakril Technologies catalyzes sustainability in chemical processes through sales of acrylics and licensing of related catalyst and process technology.	188M	8/21/2023
LivNow Relocation	Yes	Women-Owned		No	Cook County	https://livnowrelocation.com/	SaaS	LivNow Relocation is a relocation management company dedicated to helping older adults make a later in life move into a new home.	112M	1/18/2023
LusOasis Inc	Yes	Minority-Owned, Women-Owned	Asian American-Owned	No	DuPage County	www.lovelandlovers.com	Manufacturing	We create, manufacture, and sell novel patented plant-based foods.	195M	8/25/2023
ManifestHQ, Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Asian American-Owned	No	Cook County	www.usemanifest.com	Information Technology	Manifest offers a fee-based responsive web application that provides users with help to consolidate their retirement accounts by guiding them through the retirement account transfer process.	142M	2/24/2023
memQ Inc	Yes	Minority-Owned	Asian American-Owned	No	Cook County	https://www.memq.tech/	(Quantum) Networking Hardware	We develop integrated photonic technology aimed at quantum networking applications.	114M	1/18/2023
MetriTrack Inc.	No			No	Cook County	www.metritrack.com	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Medical device manufacturer of medical imaging devices for breast cancer detection and treatment.	138M	2/24/2023

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Midwest Bioprocessing Center, LLC	No			Yes	Peoria County	www.,mwbioprocessing.com	Life Sciences / Healthcare	The Midwest Bioprocessing Center provides a number of products and services to the pharmaceutical R&D and personal care markets including rare sugars for drug discovery applications, proprietary ingredients for personal care applications, and bioprocess development services.	158M	4/24/2023
NanoPattern Technologies, Inc.	No			No	Cook County	https://www.nanopatterntech-nologies.com/	Manufacturing	Chemical and nanomaterial company commercializing a chemistry that enables the next generation of sustainable electronics.	202M	10/6/2023
Neursantys, Inc.	No			No	Cook County	https://neursantys.com	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Neursantys innovations in wearable medical devices and machine learning transform the diagnosis and treatment of age-related balance disruptions.	165M	5/2/2023
Nextme Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Asian American-Owned	No	Cook County	https://nextmeapp.com/	SaaS/Technology	NextME is a modern virtual waiting room that makes it simple for businesses to create amazing first impressions, manage wait times and serve more customers.	130M	2/9/2023
Notiphy Corporation	No			No	Lake County	www.notiphy.io	Information Technology	Notiphy is easy to use SaaS-based software that replaces paper and spreadsheets in small to mid-size manufacturers and warehouse/distribution. It makes labor accountable, efficient, productive, and safer while generating financial savings and operational data that management teams did not previously have.	121M	1/27/2023
Osteogen Technology Corp.	No			No	Cook County	www.osteogentech.com	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Osteogen is addressing the need for artificial bone implants that are more like real bone by developing a novel surface modification technology, called AquaPEEK, to improve bone cell attachment to the implant.	184M	8/11/2023
Out Of Office Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned, Women-Owned	Black/African American-Owned	No	Cook County	www.takemeoutofoffice.com	Consumer Social/Travel	Out Of Office is the leading social travel brand for gen z and millennial consumers.	199M	9/21/2023
Partum Health, Inc.	Yes	Women-Owned		No	Cook County	http://partumhealth.com	Life Sciences / Healthcare	Partum Health supports women and families with expert care, online and in person, that leads to better health and more joy as their families grow.	141M	2/24/2023
PetCare Vet, Inc	No			No	Cook County	www.codapet.com	Information Technology	Internet marketplace connecting consumers with veterinarians for at-home pet veterinarian services.	110M	1/13/2023
Planet Focus, Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, Owned by a Person with a Disability	Black/African American-Owned	Yes	Pulaski County	planetfocusrecycle.com	Manufacturing	Planet Focus is a black, women-owned emerging business in post-consumer recycled raw material production.	185M	8/11/2023
Project Strong Group Inc.	Yes	Women-Owned		No	Cook County	https://www.mystrongcircle.com/	Information Technology	Project Strong Group Inc (d.b.a. MyStrongCircle) is a multi-fitness studio membership platform	117M	1/23/2023
PurelyMed, Inc.	No			No	DuPage County	https://purelymedinc.com/	Life Sciences / Healthcare	PurelyMed is building a remote digital platform (hardware device and software platform) that captures patient vitals anytime, anywhere, from the comfort of your home for better remote diagnosis and overall wellbeing.	135M	2/9/2023
Qumis Inc.	No			No	Cook County	https://www.qumis.ai	Information Technology	Qumis is an online knowledge platform that gives insurance professionals immediate answers to their complex insurance coverage questions.	152M	4/4/2023
Relivable	No			No	Cook County	www.relivable.com	Information Technology	Relivable allows users to collect their memories (digital photos and videos) for the purpose of reliving the memory using augmented reality and virtual reality.	101M	1/5/2023
Sandbox Carbon Inc.	No			No	Cook County	sandboxcarbon.com	Manufacturing	Sandbox Carbon manufactures a modular system to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere that can be installed on-premises at commercial properties to help our customers reduce their carbon footprints.	170M	5/16/2023
Showdrop, Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Latinx/Hispanic-Owned	No	Cook County	https://www.showdrop.com/	Information Technology	Via our growing network of smart sampling kiosks, Showdrop is giving CPG brands a new growth channel, while at the same time giving people an easy way to discover and try relevant new brands in the places they visit daily.	187M	8/21/2023
SparkLearn	No			Yes	Tazewell County	www.sparklearn.com	Information Technology	SparkLearn provides an adaptive learning experience platform (LXP) for businesses or organizations, enabling remote and "deskless" workers to easily access training materials and performance support tools from a mobile device.	172M	5/16/2023
Strut Learning	No			No	Cook County	https://www.learn2strut.com/	Information Technology	STRUT Learning makes individuals smarter and happier through emotional intelligence technology, making learning easier, faster, and healthier.	143M	2/24/2023
Tiny Brands, Inc.	Yes	Women-Owned		No	Cook County	smallwonder.world	CPG	Salon quality hair care in concentrate form	109M	1/12/2023
Under, Inc	No			No	Cook County	www.under.io	Information Technology	Under is a Software as a Service	167M	5/3/2023
UP Capital, LLC	No			No	Cook County		Finance	Technology company providing investments technology and tools to the trust industry.	215M	12/15/2023
Vitaminis LLC	Yes	Women-Owned		No	Cook County	www.vitaminisbrand.com	Food and Beverage Sales and Marketing	Vitaminis is a functional food and beverage brand with no added sugar or mystery ingredients.	175M	6/5/2023

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VSWC LLC d/b/a Meta Wine	No			No	Cook County	http://meta.wine/	Manufacturing	Meta Wine is a winery that produces wine with its winemakers around the world and finishes the wine production in Illinois, where it sells private label wines to wholesalers and retailers.	168M	5/5/2023
Wilder Fields, LLC	No			No	Cook County	www.wilderfields.com	Agriculture	Wilder Fields is a technology-enabled food company producing extraordinarily flavorful, fresh, safe, and sustainably grown food for our local community.	159M	4/24/2023
Zenblen, Inc.	Yes	Minority-Owned	Asian American-Owned	No	Cook County	www.zenblen.com	Food Technology	Zenblen provides freshly blended, nutritionist curated smoothies through a robotic smoothie bar.	127M	2/9/2023
Zuri Fertility	Yes	Minority-Owned, Women-Owned	Black/African American-Owned, Latinx/Hispanic-Owned	No	Cook County	zurifertility.com	Information Technology	Zuri is a patient-centered, hassle-free, digital fertility clinic designed to fit your lifestyle, and save you time and money while our app supports you along your fertility journey.	147M	3/10/2023