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2024 Application Packet For private and public companies

Online deadline for all applications: July 5, 2024



Dedication. Innovation. Growth.

Even though no one can fully predict what's to come, technology plays a key role in helping us tackle the challenges that may come our way. Tech companies' ability to pioneer new ideas and break the mold helps us shape a better tomorrow. And we think these achievements deserve celebration.

For 30 years, the Deloitte Technology Fast 500 program has recognized innovative companies across the technology, life sciences, fintech, and energy tech sectors. Past Fast 500 winners have included technology pioneers like Google, eBay, and Tesla, who have transformed how we all live, work, and play.

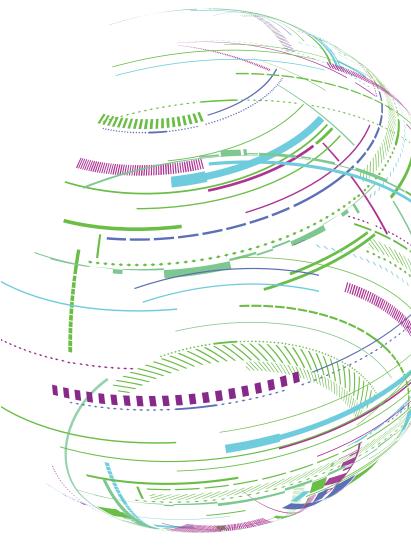
Is your company helping to reinvent what's possible? All while sustaining significant growth? We invite you to apply for the Deloitte Technology Fast 500, a ranking of the fastest-growing technology companies in North America.

The following Application Packet was created to guide you through the application process—and to answer any questions you may have about the program.

About the Deloitte Technology Fast 500

The Deloitte Technology Fast 500 is a leading technology innovation awards program in North America (United States and Canada), combining technological advancement, entrepreneurship, and resilience. Fast 500 companies—large, small, public, and private—are leaders in hardware, software, telecom, semiconductors, life sciences, fintech, and energy tech.

The Technology Fast 500 ranking is compiled from applications submitted directly to the Technology Fast 500 website and public company database research conducted by Deloitte Services LP. Technology Fast 500 award winners for 2024 are determined based on percentage fiscal year revenue growth during the period from 2020 to 2023. The ranking includes both private and public companies.



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Fast 500 application checklists

Private companies



CEO, CFO, and marketing/PR team contact information Completed online application form Proprietary Technology Statement 2024 Revenue Certification Form





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All applications due online by **July 5, 2024**.

All private company applicants must submit a Proprietary Technology Statement and the CEO/CFO Revenue Certification Form signed by their CEO or CFO.

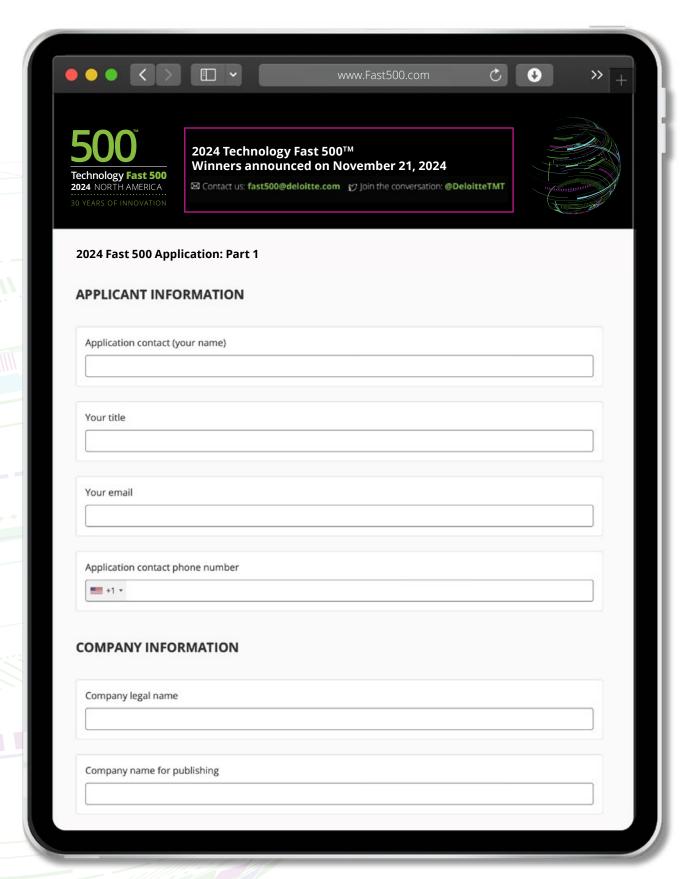
For companies in the Top 100 private companies, the Deloitte Fast 500 team will be reaching out to secure financial support documentation in July and August.

Any questions can be addressed to the Fast 500 Validation Team at Fast500Validation@deloitte.com

It is highly recommended to upload your financial support documentation if your company's three-year growth rate is 1,000% or above. If you have your company's financial support available, please upload it with your application.



Part 1 application form (private and public companies)





Part 1 application form (private and public companies)

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Part 1 application form
(private and public companies)

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Founded on or prior to December 31, 2019?			
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Headquartered within North America?			
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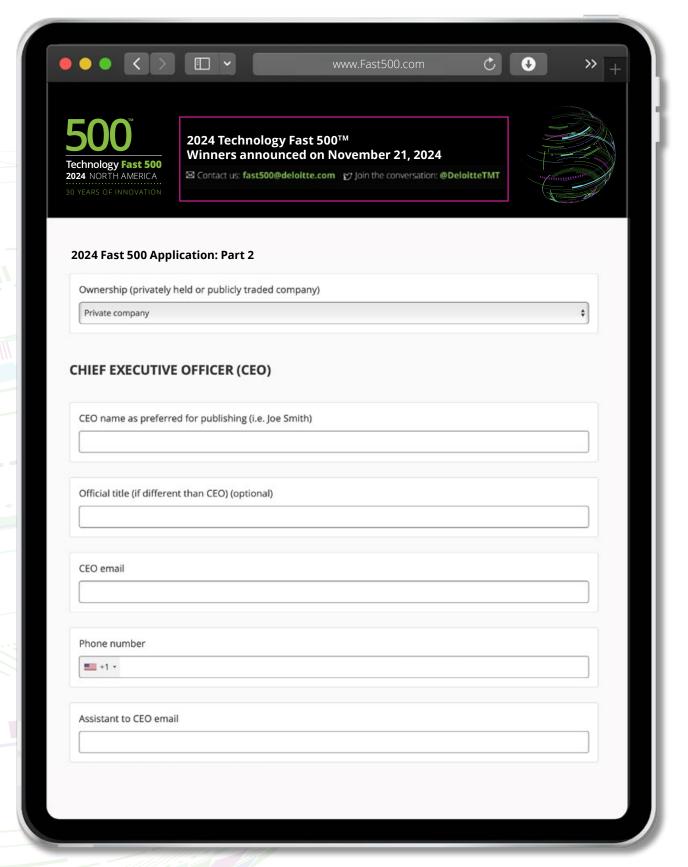


Part 1 application form (private and public companies)

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Part 2 application form (private and public companies)



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	Additional marketing contact title (optional)
	Additional marketing contact phone (optional)
	Company name if external Marketing/PR firm (optional)
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lf y oti	you'd like to add an additional company contact (e.g., Director of Human Resources, etc.), in addition to your contact information and her contacts collected in this application, please provide their details here. This person will be copied on communication related to ur company's application.
	Would you like add an additional contact?
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Part 2 application	form
(private companies)	

COMPANY INFORMATION			
Company phone number			
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Company website			_
Please use format: www.companyname.com			
Company Twitter handle (optional)			
Year founded			
Companies must be founded on or prior to December 3	31, 2019		
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Is your Company preparing to go public?			_
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Number of employees			
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In 100 words or less, provide a description of you	ur Company and its products and/or ser	vices. 0 / 100 v	vords

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Other APAC countries	
United Kingdom	
Other EMEA countries	
Canada	
United States	
Other countries not listed	
Don't know	
Which Cybersecurity and Privacy standards does your Company comply with? (Select all that apply)	
NIST Cybersecurity Framework (NIST CSF)	
Payment Card Industry - Data Security Standard (PCI – DSS)	
Privacy regulations such as GDPR and CCPA	
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)	
SOC (System and Organization Controls) 2	
FedRAMP Don't know	
Has your Company identified sustainability goals?	
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Has your Company assigned a leader or governance body for sustainability activities?	
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	Current Auditor/Accounting Firm
	Tell us all the ways you heard about Fast 500 this year. (Select all that apply)
	Prior knowledge of Fast 500
	Direct email from Deloitte
	Direct email from a Fast 500 sponsor
	From a Marketing/PR firm
	From a Venture Capitalist
	Internet search
	On Twitter
	On LinkedIn
	On Facebook
	On Instagram
	Word of mouth Other
	Please let us know how else you heard about Fast 500 this year.
(COMPANY REVENUE INFORMATION
	Fiscal year 2023 operating revenue in USD (do not round)
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	Must have current-year (FY2023) operating revenues of at least US\$5 million
	Fiscal year 2020 operating revenue in USD (do not round)
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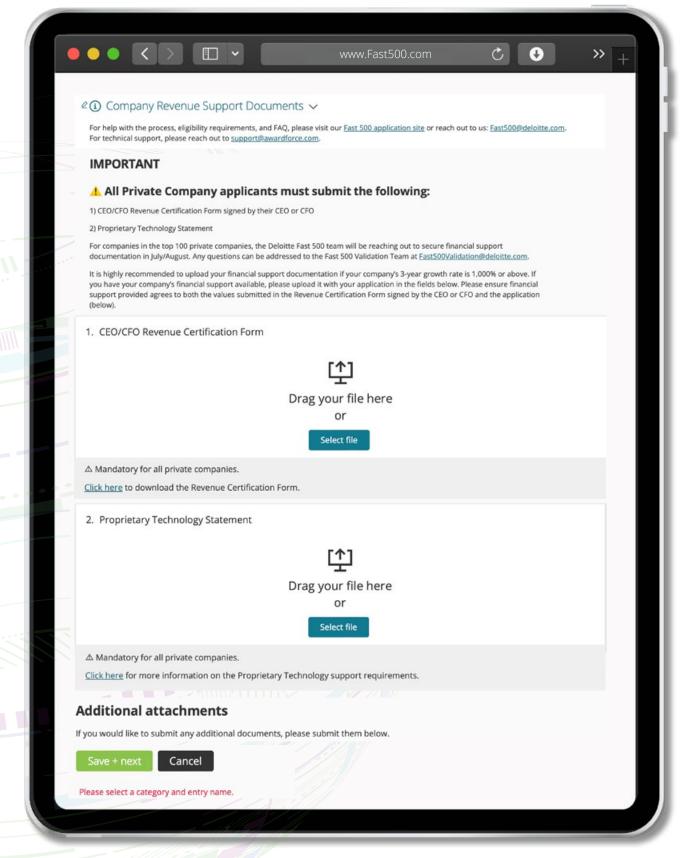


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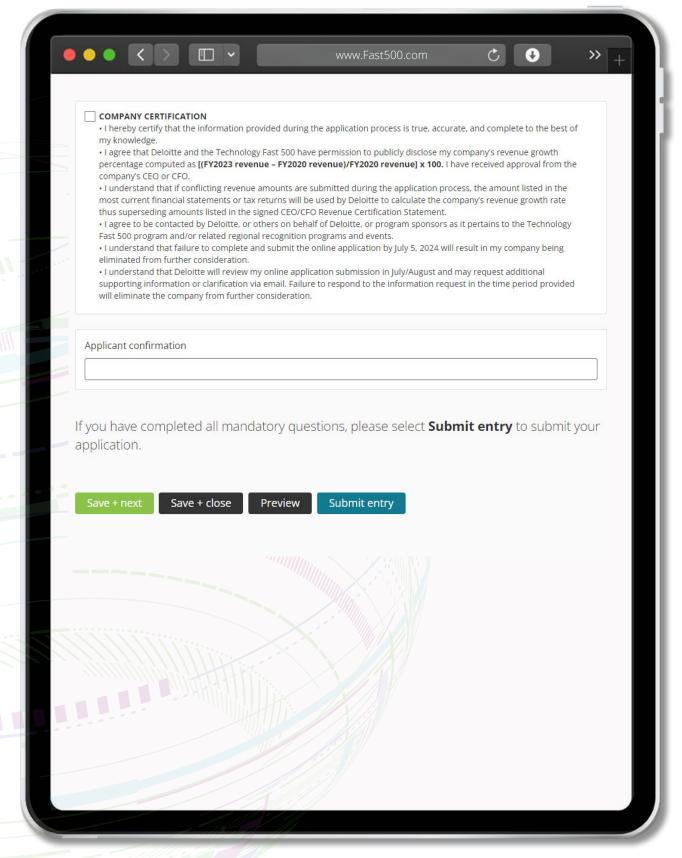


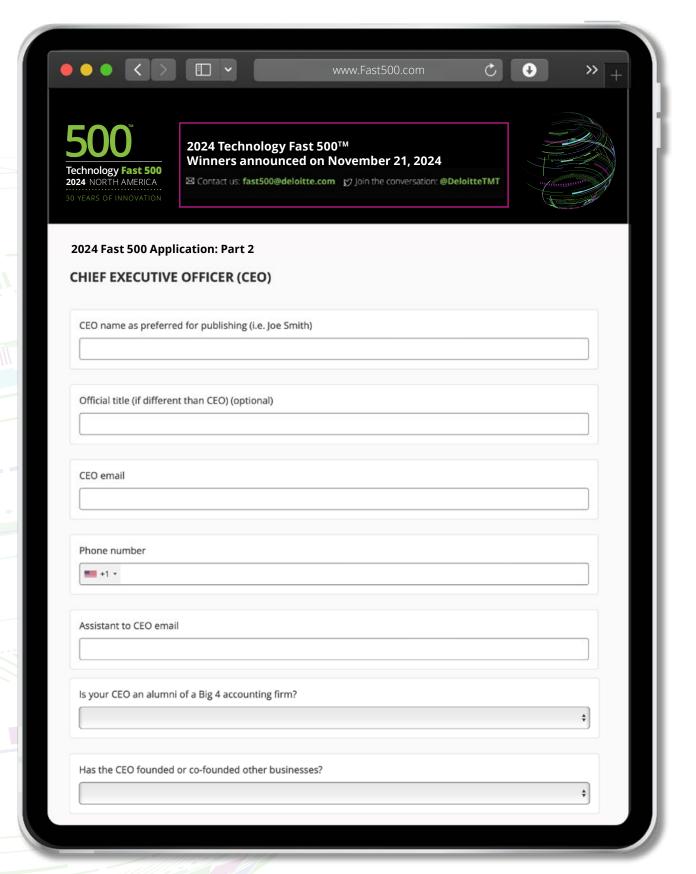
Part 2 company revenue support documents (private companies)





Part 2 company certification (private companies)





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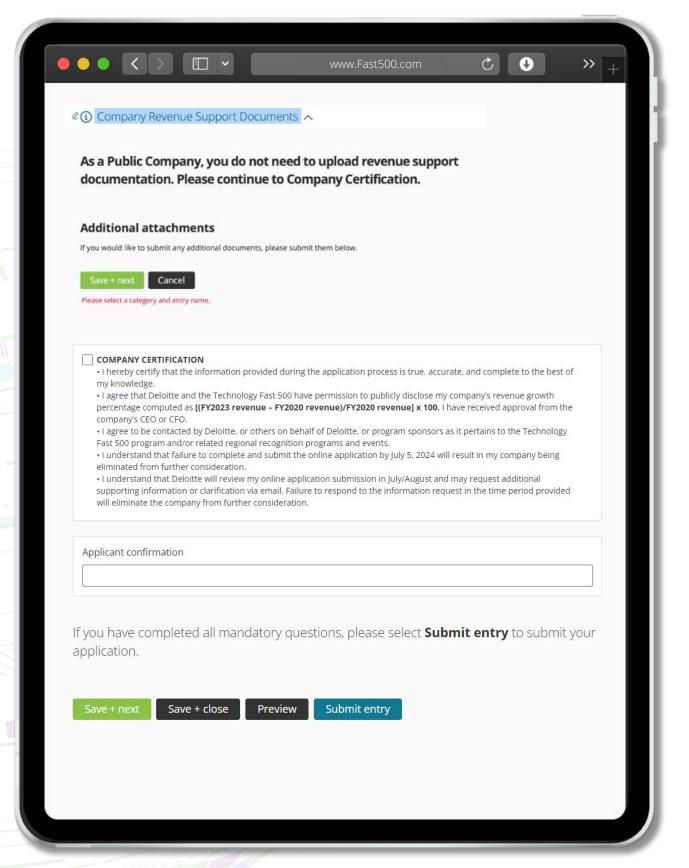
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Part 2 a	pplication form
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From a Marketing/PR firm		
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Revenue Certification Form

This form is required for all companies whose financial statements are not publicly available. **This form must be signed by the company's CEO or CFO.**

Name of company applying for the 2024 Technology Fast 500:

Fiscal year 2020 revenue (amount should agree to support):

Fiscal year 2023 revenue (amount should agree to support): _

You must complete the table related to revenue support type if your company falls within the top 100 private companies. If your company isn't within the top 100 private companies, you don't need to complete this section.

Check one of the options below for each fiscal year to indicate the type of revenue support provided. Any combination will be accepted. "NA" is defined as not applicable.

Revenue support type			
2023	2020		
		Audited financial statements, including the signed audit report by an independent public accountant.	
		Reviewed financial statements, including the signed review report by an independent public accountant.	
		Federal tax return, as submitted to the IRS and signed by nominee, page 1. If the return was filed electronically and does not include a signature, please provide the "signed e-file authorization form" along with page 1.	
	NA	Unaudited or unreviewed internal financial statements, along with the name of your independent public accountant and an estimate of when the audited or reviewed financial statements will be available.	

Estimated date the audited or reviewed financial statements will be available (month/day):_

Name of independent public accountant:

Certifier must be the CEO or CFO

Certifier's name:		
Certifier's title:		
Certifier's email:		

I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Company's operating revenues, as stated above, are materially correct and presented in conformity with US GAAP or IFRS or as reported to the IRS on the federal tax return.

I agree that Deloitte and the Technology Fast 500 have permission to publicly disclose my Company's percentage revenue growth, computed as [(FY2023 revenue – FY2020 revenue)/FY2020 revenue] x 100. **Revenue will not be disclosed.**

I understand that if conflicting revenue amounts are submitted during the application process, the amounts listed in the most current financial statements or tax returns will be used by Deloitte to calculate the Company's revenue growth rate.

Certifier's signature:

For the online application submission to be complete, this form, along with the required revenue support, must be uploaded at the time of submission. The last day to submit an application is July 5, 2024. Failure to meet the July 5 deadline will preclude your company from participating.

We reserve the right to request further substantiation of claimed revenue amounts. For questions, email **Fast500@deloitte.com** attention Gavin Graves or visit **www.Fast500.com**.

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2024 Technology Fast 500 Does your company have what it takes to rank?



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Detailed guidance on eligibility requirements, revenue support, and proprietary

technology requirements

Eligibility requirements

In order to be eligible for the Technology Fast 500 program, companies must be a technology, media, telecommunications, life sciences, fintech, or energy tech company and:

- 1. Be in business for a minimum of four years. Founded on or prior to December 31, 2019.
- 2. Be headquartered within North America. Subsidiaries or divisions are not eligible unless they have some public ownership and are separately traded. Companies that are acquired prior to the finalization of the list are not eligible to participate.
- 3. Have base-year (fiscal year 2020) operating revenues of at least US\$50,000 and current-year (fiscal year 2023) operating revenues of at least US\$5 million, with a growth rate of 75% or greater.

- 4. Own proprietary intellectual property or proprietary technology, which must be sold to customers in products or services that contribute to a majority of the company's operating revenues.
 - A majority, greater than 50%, of the company's operating revenues must be derived from product or services sales that incorporate the company's proprietary technology, exclusive of related service revenue.
 - Using other companies' proprietary technology or intellectual property in a unique way does not satisfy this requirement.
 - Consulting companies, professional service firms, resellers, and others are not eligible.

The Fast 500 program may in its sole discretion remove any application from consideration for any reason.

More information

Percentage revenue growth is computed as: [(FY23 revenue – FY20 revenue)/FY20 revenue] x 100

Disclosures—percentage growth vs. revenue:

The Fast 500 ranking discloses percentage revenue growth. Revenue is **not** disclosed; however, participants are required to provide revenue support to Deloitte.

Companies are classified in one of the following industry categories:

- Communications/networking
- Digital content/media/entertainment
- Energy & sustainability technology
- Fintech

- Hardware & semiconductors (including electronic devices)
- Life sciences
- Software & services

Who should apply:

Private companies, as well as public companies traded via overthe-counter exchanges, must apply by completing the online application form.

Public companies listed on the NYSE, Nasdaq, or AMEX stock exchanges are encouraged to complete the public company online application form, or check with the National Fast 500 team via email at **Fast500@deloitte.com**, to confirm their inclusion in the research and application process.



Questions?

For questions or more information, contact **Gavin Graves** at **Fast500@deloitte.com**.

(1)	2024 Technology Fast 500 Revenue support requirements
Ċ	Revenue support requirements

All private company applicants must submit a CEO/CFO Revenue Certification Form signed by their CEO or CFO, along with any combination of the following revenue support for fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2020:

- Audited financial statements, including the audit report signed by an independent public accountant.
- **Reviewed financial statements,** including the review report signed by an independent public accountant.
- Federal tax return, as submitted to the IRS and signed by a "Company Officer," page 1 only. If the return was filed electronically and does not include a signature, please provide the "signed e-file authorization form" along with page 1.

For companies that are not able to meet the revenue support deadline of July 5, 2024, the following option is available for fiscal year 2023 revenue amounts **only:**

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• Unaudited or unreviewed internal financial statements, along with the name of your independent public accountant and an estimate of when the audited or reviewed financial statements will be available.

Additional information regarding an applicant's revenue may be requested.

Any questions can be addressed to the Fast 500 Validation Team at <u>Fast500Validation@deloitte.com</u>.

More information

Why we request the information:

In order to accurately rank the Fast 500 applicants and to assist Deloitte in the validation of information provided during the application process, applicants (private companies and public companies traded via over-the-counter exchanges) are required to submit the materials as described here.

How the information is used:

The use of these materials will be limited to the evaluation of the applicants' Technology Fast 500 eligibility.

Example applications:

<u>Private company</u> <u>Public company</u>

Eligibility requirement 3:

Base-year (fiscal year 2020) operating revenues of at least US\$50,000 and current-year (fiscal year 2023) operating revenues of at least US\$5 million, with a growth rate of 75% or greater.



Questions?

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Applicants are required to provide a brief statement regarding their company's proprietary technology and its application.

Oftentimes, companies can leverage this information from materials that have already been developed, such as a product brochure. The statement should be in either Word or PDF format.

Additional information regarding an applicant's proprietary technology may be requested.

More information

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Deadlines:

Online applications must be submitted by July 5, 2024, including proprietary technology support.

Eligibility requirement 4:

Own proprietary intellectual property or proprietary technology, which must be sold to customers in products or services that contribute to a majority of the company's operating revenues.

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- A majority, greater than 50%, of the company's operating revenues must be derived from product or services sales that incorporate the company's proprietary technology, exclusive of related service revenue.
- Using other companies' proprietary technology or intellectual property in a unique way does not satisfy this requirement.
- Consulting companies, professional service firms, resellers, and others are not eligible.
- Financial information provided must clearly separate revenue derived from the sale of products that incorporate the applicant's proprietary technology from service revenue.



Questions?

For questions or more information, contact **Gavin Graves** at **Fast500@deloitte.com**.



2024 Technology Fast 500 Frequently asked questions

This document contains answers to questions regarding the program, eligibility requirements, the application process, and information for award winners.

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1 About the program

What is the Technology Fast 500?

The Deloitte Technology Fast 500 is the leading technology awards program in North America (United States and Canada). Combining technological innovation, entrepreneurship, and rapid growth, Fast 500 companies—large, small, public, and private—span a variety of industry sectors and are leaders in hardware, software, telecom, semiconductors, life sciences, fintech, and energy tech. These companies are on the cutting edge and are transforming the way we do business today.

The Technology Fast 500 provides a ranking of the fastest-growing technology, media, telecommunications, life sciences, and energy tech companies in North America. This ranking is compiled from applications submitted directly to the Technology Fast 500 website and public company database research conducted by Deloitte Services LP. Technology Fast 500 award winners for 2024 are determined based on percentage fiscal year revenue growth during the period from 2020 to 2023. The ranking includes both public and private companies.

Is there an application fee?

No.

Are revenues published?

No. The Fast 500 ranking will disclose percentage revenue growth but will not disclose current- and base-year revenue amounts. Applicants that are in the Top 100 private companies will be required to provide revenue support to Deloitte.

What are the program's important dates?

- Application period: April 1-July 5, 2024
- Winner announcements: November 21, 2024
- Congratulatory events: Information on local winner celebration events can be found <u>here</u>.

In order to meet our program deadlines, we are unable to extend these dates for any reason. Failure to meet these deadlines will preclude your company from participating.

Are there similar programs around the world?

Yes. Deloitte has Technology Fast 500 programs in Asia Pacific and EMEA (Europe, the Middle East, and Africa). Note that a company can be a winner in only one program, dictated by where its headquarters are located.

Who are the primary contacts?

United States—Gavin Graves, Fast500@deloitte.com Canada—Nadine Ulrich, Fast500@deloitte.ca Asia Pacific—Jennifar Alam, <u>AP_DeloittePrivate@deloitte.com.cn</u> EMEA—Kariel Parian, <u>kparian@deloitte.co.uk</u>

Does the program use social media?

Yes. @DeloitteTMT and #fast500.

Is there an awards ceremony?

Awards are presented during local invitation-only winner celebration events across the country. More information on local events can be found <u>here</u>.

Is there a list of past winners?

Yes. The listing of historical winners is available here.

What is the ranking based on?

Award winners are determined based on percentage fiscal year revenue growth over a defined period. Because the program ranks companies based on fiscal year revenues, it is an indication of past growth. It does not take into account current performance or profitability.

Where do entries for the program come from?

Entries for the program come from applications submitted directly to the Technology Fast 500 website and public company database research conducted by Deloitte Services LP.

How many companies apply to the program each year?

Each year, Deloitte receives hundreds of applications.

Have any companies continuously ranked on the list since the inception of the program? No.

Why are there not more repeat companies?

Because the Technology Fast 500 is based on fiscal year revenue growth over a defined period, each company's baseline revenue can increase dramatically each year. A company can be very successful but not rank. The Technology Fast 500 ranks companies that have experienced exceptionally fast growth. It is not a measurement of current revenue, stock performance, profitability, or anticipated future success.

What Industry Practice Area of Deloitte presents the Deloitte Technology Fast 500?

The program is presented by Deloitte's Technology, Media & Telecommunications practice.

How long has the program been around?

The program was founded in 1995. 2024 marks the program's 30th year.





Is there an application fee?

There is no fee to apply.

When is the deadline to apply?

The application period begins on April 1, 2024, and closes on July 5, 2024. There are no extensions. Failure to meet this deadline will preclude your company from participating.

Private companies and public companies traded via over-the-counter exchanges must complete an online application.

Public companies on the NYSE, Nasdaq, or AMEX stock exchanges are data-mined by Deloitte Services LP from public databases. Public companies are encouraged to complete the application form and/or check with the national Fast 500 team, via email at <u>Fast500@deloitte.com</u>, to confirm their inclusion in the research and application process.

Does the application form have to be completed online?

Yes. Applications may only be submitted online.

Can the online application form be saved and completed at a later time?

Yes. The application form can be saved for completion at a later time. Detailed instructions on how to complete the form can be found <u>here</u>. We strongly encourage you to review these materials prior to completing the application form.

How will we know the online application form was received by Deloitte?

The application contact will receive an automated email notification indicating that the online application was received into the Deloitte database.

Is there a hard copy of the application form that we can review prior to starting the online application process?

Yes.

- To view and download a sample PDF of the **private company** online application form, click <u>here</u>.
- To view and download a sample PDF of the **public company** online application form, click <u>here</u>.

I have created a draft application I would like to delete. Can I delete it myself? Can I delete a submitted application?

Yes. From the Enter workspace, go to Entries, click the checkbox next to the entry you would like to delete, and click Delete.

I deleted our company's online application form. Is there any way to retrieve the application?

No. In order to be considered for the program, a new application will need to be completed and submitted by July 5, 2024.

How is the percentage growth calculated?

[(Current-Year Revenue – Base-Year Revenue) / Base-Year Revenue] x 100 = Percentage Growth

Is there any situation in which we can submit percentage revenue growth instead of providing the revenue amounts?

No. In order to accurately rank the Fast 500 nominees and to assist Deloitte in the validation of information provided during the application process, applicants are required to submit revenue amounts along with supporting documentation. The use of these materials will be limited to the evaluation of the applicant's Technology Fast 500 eligibility. Detailed information can be found <u>here</u>.

Can we submit the required proprietary technology support at a later time?

No. proprietary technology support must be submitted with the application by July 5, 2024.





Application process (cont.)

What is proprietary technology?

It is proprietary intellectual property or proprietary technology that is sold to customers in products or services that contribute to a majority of the company's operating revenues.

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- Using other companies' proprietary technology or intellectual property in a unique way does not satisfy this requirement.
- Consulting companies, professional service firms, resellers, and others are not eligible.

Can you provide more information on what to submit for proprietary technology support?

The Proprietary Technology Statement should be a detailed description of your technology product or service and how your customers use it. Oftentimes, companies can leverage this information from materials that have already been developed, such as a product brochure. The statement should be in either Word or PDF format. Additional information regarding an applicant's revenue and proprietary technology may be requested.

Does the program require that we provide supporting documentation for revenue amounts?

All private company applicants must submit a CEO/CFO Revenue Certification Form signed by their CEO or CFO.

For companies in the Top 100 private companies, Deloitte's Fast 500 team will be reaching out to secure financial support documentation in July and August. Any questions can be addressed to the Fast 500 Validation Team at <u>Fast500Validation@deloitte.com</u>.

It is highly recommended to upload your financial support documentation if your company's three-year growth rate is 1,000% or above. If you have your company's financial support available, please upload it with your application.

The use of these materials will be limited to the Technology Fast 500 program. Detailed information can be found <u>here</u>.

We are in the process of completing the online application form, and our CFO does not anticipate having the audited 2023 financial statements back in time for the application deadline. What other documents can we submit for 2023?

We can accept one of the following:

- **Reviewed financial statements,** including the signed review report by an independent public accountant.
- Federal tax return, as submitted to the IRS and signed by a "Company Officer," page 1 only. If the return was filed electronically and does not include a signature, please provide the "signed e-file authorization form" along with page 1.

For companies that are not able to meet the application deadline of July 5, 2024, the following option is available for fiscal year 2023 revenue amounts **only:**

• Unaudited or unreviewed internal financial statements, along with the name of your independent public accountant and an estimate of when the audited or reviewed financial statements will be available.

More information on what needs to be submitted can be found here.

Deloitte happens to be our company's accounting firm. Would you have access to the audited financial statements (tax returns) via this relationship, or do we still need to submit them via the application process?

Even if Deloitte is your auditor, private companies are required to apply and provide all requested information.

Our company's CEO/CFO has requested that Deloitte sign an NDA (nondisclosure agreement) in order to provide the requested revenue support (financial statements). Will Deloitte sign an NDA?

No. We are not able to provide an NDA.

If an NDA is not possible, can you provide the details of your privacy policy so that I can pass them along?

Yes. Our privacy policy can be found here.





How do companies qualify?

Eligibility requirements can be found here.

Are the eligibility requirements for the 2024 program the same as the 2023 program? Yes.

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Acceptable forms of revenue support for fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2020 include any combination of the following:

- Audited financial statements, including the signed audit report by an independent public accountant.
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Are rankings based on fiscal or calendar year revenues?

The ranking is based on fiscal year revenue growth from 2020 to 2023.

What constitutes a majority of the company's operating revenues?

A majority is defined as greater than 50%.

What are the choices for industry classification?

Companies are classified in one of the following industry categories:

- Communications/networking
- Digital content/media/entertainment
- Energy & sustainability technology
- Fintech
- Hardware & semiconductors (including electronic devices)
- Life sciences (choose from the following subsectors):
- Biotechnology/pharmaceutical
- Medical devices
- Health tech
- Software & services (choose from the following subsectors):
 - Consumer software
 - Digital platforms
 - Education
 - Enterprise infrastructure & productivity
 - Security

Every applicant must fall under one and only one industry category to participate.

How are industry classifications determined?

Public companies are classified by the primary SIC code listed on their most current Form 10-K, S-1, etc., on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. However, if a public company submits an entry via the public company application form, we defer to the industry selected on the online form.

Private companies self-select industry classification when completing the private company application form.

Are service providers or consulting firms eligible for the Fast 500?

No. Consulting companies, professional service firms, resellers, and others are not eligible.

What if our company is acquired after we submit our application?

Companies that are acquired prior to the finalization of the Winners' List are not eligible to participate. We strive to publish a list that is as current as possible.





Where can we find the Technology Fast 500 logo to put on our company website or marketing materials?

Please contact us at Fast500@deloitte.com.

Do winning companies receive an actual award?

Yes. Official Technology Fast 500 commemorative winner plaques will be presented at regional winners celebration events or delivered sometime after mid-November 2024.

How can our company order additional awards?

Your first award plaque is complimentary. Additional award plaques may be purchased online from our authorized vendor, The YGS Group. For more information, call YGS at **+1 800 755 2238** or email DeloitteFast500@theYGSgroup.com.

Where can we find official media guidance (press release) for winning companies?

In order to obtain the official media guidance, please contact us at Fast500@deloitte.com. Media guidance will be sent to all winning companies prior to the winner announcements to the public on November 21, 2024.

When do winning companies issue their press releases and/or publicly announce their rankings?

We ask that winning companies honor the embargo date of November 21, 2024, at 5 a.m. ET, before permitting any external announcement of this ranking or your receipt of this award.

Will the Technology Fast 500 ranking appear in the local or national press?

Deloitte plans to distribute a press release announcing the Technology Fast 500 award winners via PR Newswire on November 21, 2024, at 5 a.m. ET.

Deloitte also plans to announce the Technology Fast 500 rankings to key editors and reporters at national and regional media outlets across North America.



Questions?

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