

2026 TRENDS REPORT

356 **TOTAL NUMBER OF 2026 NOMINEES.**

INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN

10

total industries from 356 nominees.



Business Services
Technology
Non-Profit
Consumer Products
Healthcare
Civic & Education
Food & Entertainment
Consumer Services
Industrial & Services
Financial

24.65%

16.81%

13.73%

12.04%

9.52%

8.96%

5.32%

4.48%

3.08%

1.40%



REGIONAL ANALYSIS

Nominees span communities across the region, including:

- ▲ River North/
The Loop
- ▲ South Side
- ▲ West Loop/
Fulton Market
- ▲ North Shore
- ▲ Uptown/
North Side
- ▲ Wicket Park/
Ukrainian Village
- ▲ Northern Suburbs

REVENUE



\$3 BILLION

total revenue generated from this year's nominated products/services/processes since launch.

EMPLOYMENT



14,604

new jobs created by this year's nominees as a result of their innovations.

CAPITAL

\$1 BILLION

total capital raised.



TOP SECTORS

Technology

50.45%

Healthcare

18.33%

Business Services

11.91%

55.27%



**OF NOMINEES ARE
INTERESTED IN
POTENTIAL INVESTORS.**

AI



83

nominees' products/services powered by AI.

PATENTS

121

total patents across 10 industries.



TOP SECTORS

Healthcare

35.54%

Industrial & Energy

23.97%

Business Services

14.88%