

The Denver Gazelles

For six years, the Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) has celebrated Denver Startup Week by its tradition of recognizing a group of five high-growth companies as “Denver Gazelles.” Each firm has been named for its success and growth potential.

Being centered on technology isn’t a prerequisite for being named a Gazelle, but the fact that so many Gazelle honorees are tech firms not only illustrates Denver’s strength as startup hub but boosts our rising profile on the national tech scene.

OED selects its Denver Gazelles based on referrals and internal research among its business development staff and the venture capital/financial community. Criteria include exponential job growth and a CEO-level commitment to engagement in strengthening the Denver entrepreneurial climate.

The Blackstone Entrepreneurs Network (BEN) partners with OED for Gazelle program management and support.

OED adopted the name “gazelle” from the observation that all honorees are demonstrating swift growth in job creation. Small firms such as these are expected to drive half of Denver’s workforce growth over the next decade.

2012

Comcables
Trackvia
Inspirato
Ping Identity
Ibotta

2013

Sympoz (Craftsy)
Convercent
Welltok
FullContact
Placeable

2014

Galvanize, Inc.
NIMBL
Layer3 TV
RTL Networks
Adventura

2015

Altitude Digital
Four Winds Interactive
ProtectWise
Wayin

2016

Blinker
Cloud Elements
Havenly
MindAptiv
Parkifi
SendGrid

2017

CyberGRX
Evolve Vacation Rental Network
GoSpotCheck
PaySimple
SynchHR