

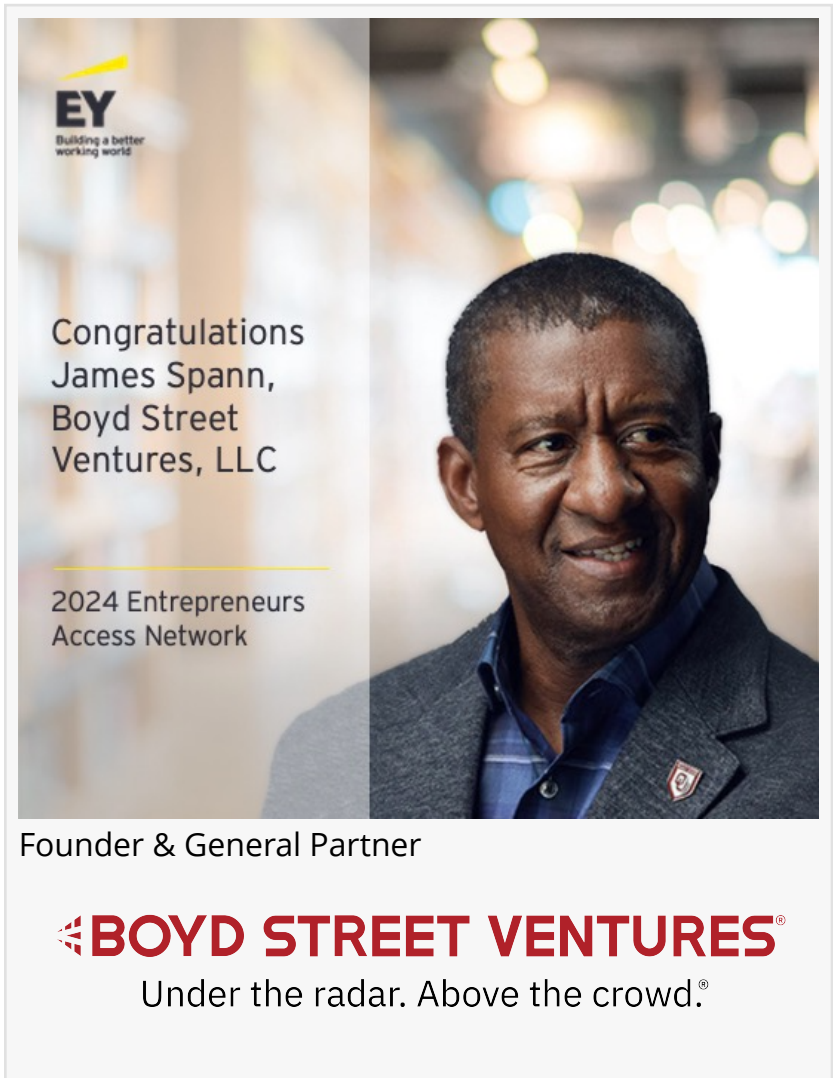
Boyd Street Ventures' James Spann Selected as a Member of the 2024 EY Entrepreneurs Access Network Cohort

Entrepreneurs accelerate with the EY Entrepreneurs Access Network

NORMAN, OK, UNITED STATES, January 29, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Ernst & Young LLP ([EY US](#)) announced that James Spann, Founder & General Partner of [Boyd Street Ventures](#), is a member of the 2024 EY Entrepreneurs Access Network (EAN) cohort. EAN is a business accelerator program created to support founders of Black- and Hispanic/Latino-owned companies. Thirty-six entrepreneurs representing seven industries were selected by an independent panel of executives. The 2024 EAN cohort members were selected based on their leadership skills and business acumen as well as their company's culture, level of innovation and potential for scalability.

"EY has cultivated a fantastic entrepreneurial ecosystem, and we are delighted to connect the 2024 EAN cohort to that community and offer our advice and support," said Lee Henderson, Americas EY Private Leader and Executive Sponsor of EAN. "It's inspiring to see the strides members of our EAN community make through their time in the program – from building connections that have led to major contracts and funding, to friendships that have turned into pivotal business partnerships. These business leaders are sure to broaden the already significant impact they make in their communities, to our overall economy, and society at large."

EAN participants access assessments, one-on-one coaching, a customized curriculum designed for entrepreneurs, online tools and access to an incredible established entrepreneur ecosystem



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that helps them to accelerate their businesses. Entrepreneurs of color are a critical economic force, operating more than 8 million businesses and generating \$1.4 trillion¹ in revenue — yet barriers such as lack of access to capital and networks continue to exist. The EAN program aims to close these and other gaps for diverse-owned founders and entrepreneurs. Since its inception, the program has helped align participants to capital, customers and other connections.

“I am honored to have been invited to be a member of EY’s impressive network and to have access to the extensive opportunities for learning and collaboration it provides,” said Mr. Spann. “I look forward to engaging with many

knowledgeable, growth-oriented entrepreneurs, industrial and financial leaders for the benefit of our firm, our investors and our portfolio companies.”

For more information, please visit ey.com/EAN.

About Boyd Street Ventures

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