

Delaware C-Corp Startup Fundraising Strategy

A practical capital-raising playbook for becoming investor-ready



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1. Executive Thesis

A Delaware C-Corp becomes attractive to investors when three systems are ready at the same time: a clean corporate legal foundation, an investable business case, and a disciplined fundraising process. Investors rarely fund a corporation simply because it is incorporated in Delaware. They fund a company when the structure reduces legal friction, the business has credible upside, and the founder can show a believable path from capital raised to measurable value creation.

The practical strategy is to prepare the company as if it were already in diligence: clean cap table, signed founder stock documents, vesting, IP assignment, bylaws, board approvals, bank account, EIN, accounting system, corporate records, investor materials, KPI evidence, and a financing plan tied to milestones. The company should also choose a securities exemption before communicating with investors, because general solicitation, investor eligibility, verification, and filing duties can change depending on whether the company uses Rule 506(b) or Rule 506(c).

Fundraising objective

Do not sell a company story alone. Sell a milestone plan: how a specific amount of capital will create a specific increase in enterprise value within a specific time period.

Core fundraising equation

- **Legal readiness:** Investors see a clean entity, clean ownership, clean board approvals, clean records, and no hidden IP or founder disputes.
- **Market readiness:** Investors see a large market, urgent problem, differentiated solution, and credible go-to-market path.
- **Financial readiness:** Investors see a capital plan, runway, burn discipline, unit economics, and use of funds connected to milestones.
- **Process readiness:** Investors see a founder who can run a disciplined, time-boxed process, follow up, negotiate, and close.

2. Why a Delaware C-Corp Is Advantageous for Fundraising

Delaware is not magic, but it is an efficient default for U.S. venture-backed companies because it gives investors, lawyers, and boards a familiar legal operating system. A Delaware C-Corp can issue multiple classes of stock, create an option pool, adopt standard governance documents, approve venture financings, and eventually support M&A or IPO pathways. For institutional investors, the value is predictability and standardization.

Advantage	Why investors care	Practical implication
Familiar legal structure	Vcs, startup counsel, and investors are accustomed to Delaware C-Corp governance.	Less negotiation friction; easier diligence and closing.
Scalable equity architecture	Common stock, preferred stock, option pools, SAFEs, notes, and priced rounds are all familiar in this structure.	Supports founder equity, employee incentives, and investor rights.
Board-centric governance	Investors can evaluate fiduciary duties, board approvals, and governance processes using familiar rules.	Maintain minutes, consents, and approvals from day one.
Exit compatibility	Acquirers, underwriters, and later-	Avoid entity conversion at the moment

	stage investors are comfortable with Delaware corporations.	of financing or exit.
Network effects	Law firms, banks, accelerators, venture funds, and cap-table platforms already work around the Delaware model.	Use standard documents and reduce custom legal complexity.

Important nuance

A Delaware C-Corp helps remove friction, but it does not create traction. Investors still underwrite market size, founder quality, product differentiation, growth evidence, economics, and exit potential.

3. Corporate Structure to Prepare Before Fundraising



Figure: Corporate readiness architecture before approaching investors.

Pre-fundraising corporate readiness checklist

Area	Investor-ready standard	Common failure
Share issuance structure	Authorized shares and issued shares are consistent with charter, board approvals, and stock purchase agreements.	Founder verbally owns stock but no signed purchase agreements or board approvals exist.
Cap table	Fully diluted cap table shows founders,	Spreadsheet errors, missing grants,

	employees, advisors, SAFEs/notes, option pool, and pro forma financing scenarios.	unmodeled SAFEs, or inconsistent ownership percentages.
Founder shares	Founder stock is documented, paid for, and approved; securities exemptions are considered.	No evidence of payment, no board approval, or late documentation.
Vesting	Founder vesting and employee/advisor vesting are signed and aligned with investor expectations.	Founder has 100% vested stock at inception, creating key-person risk.
IP ownership	Founders, contractors, employees, and contributors have signed IP assignment agreements.	Product code, brand, content, designs, or data belong to individuals or contractors.
Bylaws and board	Bylaws, initial board appointments, officer appointments, and written consents are complete.	Board cannot validly approve financing because records are missing.
Bank account and EIN	Company has a federal tax ID, bank account, and clean separation between company and personal funds.	Commingled funds, missing EIN, or personal reimbursements without records.
Accounting system	Books are maintained monthly; revenue, expenses, payroll, contractor costs, and runway are visible.	Founder cannot answer burn rate, cash balance, or runway accurately.
Corporate records	Charter, bylaws, stock ledgers, minutes, consents, tax filings, state filings, and material contracts are organized.	Diligence breaks down because documents cannot be found.

Recommended pre-raise sequence

1. **Confirm charter and stock plan architecture:** Review authorized shares, issued shares, option pool, and whether amendments are needed before financing.
2. **Clean founder equity:** Prepare founder stock purchase agreements, vesting, 83(b) review if relevant, payment records, and board approvals.
3. **Lock down IP:** Collect invention assignment and confidentiality agreements from every person or vendor who touched the product.
4. **Build a pro forma cap table:** Model pre-money, post-money, SAFEs/notes conversion, option pool expansion, and dilution across financing outcomes.
5. **Create board consent package:** Prepare approvals for fundraising, SAFE/note/equity documents, officer authority, and investor acceptance process.
6. **Organize the data room:** Make diligence easy before the first investor asks.

4. Fundraising Strategy by Stage

The Startup Fundraising Journey

A structured path from early capital to long-term growth.



Figure: Fundraising stages, investors, and milestones.

Stage	Main purpose	Typical investors	Investor proof required	Common instrument
Pre-seed	Validate problem, founder-market fit, prototype, early user demand.	Founders, friends/family if compliant, angels, micro funds, accelerators.	Sharp thesis, credible founder, prototype, early interviews, LOIs, waitlist, pilot demand.	SAFE or convertible note.
Seed	Build product, prove early traction, validate GTM, hire first core team.	Angel groups, seed funds, micro VCs, operators, early-stage VCs.	Usage, revenue signs, repeatable sales motion, retention, pipeline, early economics.	SAFE, note, or priced seed.
Series A	Scale a validated business model and accelerate growth.	Institutional VC funds, sector specialist funds, growth-oriented seed funds.	Strong growth, retention, clear ICP, revenue quality, unit economics, scalable GTM.	Priced preferred equity.
Strategic investment	Use corporate partner capital, distribution, data, supply chain, or market access.	Corporates, corporate VC, media/tech/industry partners.	Strategic fit, commercial upside, partnership terms, non-conflict with future financing.	Equity, SAFE/note, commercial agreement plus investment.
Venture debt	Extend runway without immediate equity dilution after	Venture debt funds, banks, specialty lenders.	Strong VC backing, revenue or assets, runway, ability to	Debt facility with warrants.

	equity financing.		repay, covenants.	
Bridge round	Reach the next financing, acquisition, revenue milestone, or survival point.	Existing investors, insiders, strategic backers, bridge funds.	Specific milestone gap, credible next round, lower risk than new outside raise.	SAFE, note, insider priced round, bridge note.

Stage-specific strategy

- **Pre-seed strategy:** Raise the smallest amount needed to create proof. The goal is not to maximize valuation; it is to buy time to produce credible evidence.
- **Seed strategy:** Show why the market is large, why the product is differentiated, and why early traction can become repeatable. Seed investors fund a sharper execution plan.
- **Series A strategy:** Move from story to operating system. Series A investors expect metrics, process, hiring plan, revenue quality, and evidence that capital can scale growth.
- **Strategic investment strategy:** Avoid restrictive terms that scare later VCs. Protect optionality around exclusivity, ROFR, information access, commercial lock-in, and acquisition rights.
- **Venture debt strategy:** Use only when the company has enough runway discipline and investor support. Debt can be useful, but it can also magnify distress.
- **Bridge strategy:** Make it milestone-based, not hope-based. A bridge should answer: what changes after this capital that makes the next financing possible?

5. SAFEs, Convertible Notes, and Priced Equity Rounds

Instrument	Advantages	Disadvantages	Best use case
SAFE	Fast, relatively simple, no maturity date, no interest, widely used in early-stage markets.	Can create hidden dilution if many SAFEs are issued; investors may require caps, MFN, side letters, or pro rata rights.	Pre-seed or seed rounds where speed matters and valuation is hard to price.
Convertible note	Debt-like structure with maturity date and interest; familiar to many investors; can bridge to next round.	Maturity pressure, interest accrual, debt characterization, possible default issues if round does not occur.	Bridge rounds, investor groups preferring note economics, or situations where a maturity date creates discipline.
Priced equity round	Sets valuation, creates preferred stock terms, gives investors clearer rights, and can support institutional lead investor requirements.	Higher legal cost, longer negotiation, more diligence, board/charter amendments, preferred stock complexity.	Seed with institutional lead, Series A, strategic investment, or any round where governance rights must be formalized.

Practical choice

For many early Delaware C-Corps, a SAFE round is the fastest way to begin raising capital, but it must be modeled carefully. A founder should not issue SAFEs one by one without knowing the cumulative conversion impact. Convertible notes can be useful when investors want a maturity date and interest, but the company should avoid debt pressure it cannot satisfy. Priced rounds are often necessary when an institutional lead investor wants preferred stock, board rights, information rights, pro rata rights, and standard venture protections.

Investor psychology

Investors care less about the label and more about risk allocation: price, dilution, downside protection, ability to follow on, governance influence, and clean conversion mechanics.

6. Key Investment Terms

Term	Meaning	Founder concern
Valuation cap	Maximum company valuation used to convert a SAFE or note into equity.	Low caps can cause heavy dilution when the priced round occurs.
Discount	Percentage discount to the next priced round conversion price.	Stacking a discount with a cap may improve investor economics more than expected.
MFN	Most favored nation right allowing an investor to adopt better terms offered later.	Can limit flexibility if later investors demand different terms.
Liquidation preference	Preferred investor right to receive money before common holders on sale or liquidation.	Participating or multiple preferences can distort exit economics.
Pro rata rights	Right to maintain ownership by investing in future rounds.	Can constrain allocation in hot future rounds.
Anti-dilution	Protection if later shares are issued at a lower price.	Full-ratchet protection is founder-unfriendly; broad-based weighted average is more common.
Board seat	Investor right to appoint or elect a board member.	Board composition affects control, approvals, and exit decisions.
Information rights	Investor right to receive financials, budgets, and operating updates.	Overly broad access can create burden or confidentiality risks.
Protective provisions	Investor veto rights over major actions.	May be reasonable, but broad vetoes can slow strategy.
Option pool	Shares reserved for employees, advisors, and future hires.	Pre-money option pool increases founder dilution if required before valuation calculation.

7. What Investors Actually Evaluate

Investors evaluate a startup by triangulating narrative, evidence, economics, and risk. The best fundraising materials make the company easy to underwrite: the problem is large and painful, the solution is differentiated, the founder has an unfair advantage, early traction is credible, and the requested capital leads to a measurable milestone.

Factor	What strong evidence looks like	Weak signal
Market size	Clear TAM/SAM/SOM, buyer segment, expansion path, budget owner, market timing.	Large abstract market with no focused customer wedge.
Problem scale	Urgent, costly, frequent problem with clear buyer pain.	Interesting but non-urgent problem.
Differentiation	Technology, data, distribution, brand,	Feature list that incumbents can copy.

	network, regulatory insight, workflow advantage.	
Founder capability	Domain insight, sales ability, recruiting ability, speed, credibility, resilience.	Founder cannot explain why this team has an edge.
Traction	Revenue, pilots, usage, retention, pipeline, partnerships, waitlist, LOIs.	Vanity metrics without conversion or retention.
Revenue quality	Recurring or repeatable revenue, clear pricing, low concentration risk.	One-off revenue or non-binding interest.
Unit economics	Gross margin, CAC, LTV, payback, retention, contribution margin.	Growth that worsens losses without a path to margin.
Burn and runway	Monthly burn, cash balance, runway, hiring plan, contingency plan.	Founder does not know exact burn or runway.
Use of funds	Capital tied to product, hiring, GTM, compliance, and measurable milestones.	Generic use: marketing, team, product.
Exit potential	Strategic acquirers, IPO pathway, comparable transactions, category logic.	No plausible acquirer or public-market narrative.
Legal risks	Clean IP, employment, securities, privacy, contracts, taxes, permits, compliance.	Unknown liabilities, undocumented equity, or aggressive solicitation.

Metrics investors often request

- Cash balance, monthly burn, net burn, gross burn, runway, planned runway after financing.
- Revenue, ARR/MRR if applicable, gross margin, churn, retention, expansion, pipeline, win rate.
- CAC, payback period, LTV, sales cycle, conversion rate, average contract value, customer concentration.
- Product usage, active users, engagement, cohort retention, activation rate, time to value.
- Hiring plan, milestone budget, product roadmap, go-to-market experiments, and board reporting cadence.

8. Fundraising Operating System

Step-by-step process

7. **Define the raise:** Set target amount, instrument, minimum acceptable close, valuation/cap range, runway, and milestone plan.
8. **Prepare investor materials:** Create pitch deck, executive summary, financial model, investor memo, and data room before outreach.
9. **Build investor map:** Segment angels, seed funds, sector funds, strategic investors, existing relationships, and advisor networks.
10. **Prioritize warm introductions:** Ask credible connectors for concise intros. Use cold outreach only when targeted and personalized.
11. **Run meetings in waves:** Start with friendly investors for feedback, then high-fit investors, then lead candidates.
12. **Control follow-up:** Send same-day recap, materials, answers, and clear next step. Track in CRM.
13. **Create momentum:** Use deadlines, updates, customer wins, and soft commitments without misrepresenting demand.
14. **Negotiate term sheet:** Focus on economics, control, investor quality, future financing impact, and closing certainty.

15. **Close cleanly:** Use counsel, board approvals, investor signatures, wires, Form D, state notices, cap-table updates, and final records.

Pitch deck structure

- Cover: company, one-line thesis, contact.
- Problem: urgent pain, economic cost, current broken workflow.
- Solution: product, why now, customer value proposition.
- Market: target wedge, TAM/SAM/SOM, expansion path.
- Product: screenshots, demo logic, roadmap.
- Traction: users, revenue, pilots, pipeline, retention, partnerships.
- Business model: pricing, margins, sales motion.
- Competition: alternatives, differentiation, defensibility.
- Go-to-market: ICP, channels, sales process, CAC logic.
- Financials: historicals if any, forecast, burn, runway, use of funds.
- Team: founder-market fit, advisors, hiring plan.
- Ask: amount, instrument, milestones, timeline.

Executive summary

The executive summary should be a two-page narrative that gives an investor enough context to decide whether to take a meeting. It should include the company thesis, problem, solution, customer, traction, business model, market, competitive edge, team, raise amount, use of funds, and milestones. It should not be a long business plan.

Financial model

- 12-month operating budget with monthly burn, hiring, software, contractors, legal, accounting, marketing, and contingency.
- 24-to-36-month model with revenue drivers, customer counts, pricing, gross margin, CAC assumptions, and runway.
- Scenario model: base case, downside case, upside case, and financing required under each scenario.
- Cap table model: pre-financing, post-financing, option pool, SAFE/note conversion, and founder dilution.

Investor memo

A strong memo is the founder-controlled investment case. It should read like the document an investor could forward internally: thesis, evidence, risks, why now, why this team, financing terms, diligence materials, and milestone plan. A memo is especially useful for strategic investors, angel syndicates, family offices, and investors who need internal approval.

Investor CRM

CRM field	Purpose
Investor name / firm	Avoid duplicate outreach and track relationship owner.
Investor type	Angel, seed fund, VC, strategic, family office, lender.
Fit thesis	Why this investor should care.
Intro source	Warm connector, direct contact, conference, inbound, cold email.
Status	Target, intro requested, contacted, meeting scheduled, diligence, soft commit, pass, closed.
Last touch / next step	Prevents silent deal drift.
Concerns	Log objections and prepare answers.
Commitment amount	Track soft and signed commitments separately.

9. U.S. Securities-Law Guardrails

Do not improvise securities compliance

A startup selling SAFEs, notes, preferred stock, common stock, warrants, or other investment contracts is generally selling securities. The company should choose an exemption, document communications, verify investor eligibility when required, file notices on time, and coordinate with counsel before public statements.

Topic	Practical rule of thumb	Risk if ignored
Regulation D	Common federal exemption framework for private offerings. Startups often use Rule 506(b) or Rule 506(c).	Unregistered offering problems, rescission risk, enforcement risk.
Rule 506(b)	Allows unlimited accredited investors and up to 35 sophisticated non-accredited investors, but generally prohibits general solicitation.	Public advertising can blow the exemption.
Rule 506(c)	Allows general solicitation, but sales must be only to accredited investors and issuer must take reasonable steps to verify status.	A simple checkbox may not be enough for verification.
Accredited investors	Individuals may qualify through net worth, income, or certain professional criteria; entities have separate tests.	Selling to ineligible investors can increase disclosure and compliance risk.
Form D	Notice filing is generally due within 15 days after the first sale in a Regulation D offering.	Late filings and state issues can complicate the raise.
State blue sky notices	Rule 506 offerings often still require notice filings and fees in states where investors reside.	State-level penalties, late fees, or notice defects.
General solicitation	Website posts, social media, podcasts, public pitch events, mass email, and media can be solicitation depending on context.	Could force 506(c) verification or create exemption problems.
Investor communications	Avoid false statements, exaggerated metrics, undisclosed risks, fake scarcity, guaranteed returns, or misleading revenue claims.	Antifraud liability and reputational damage.

506(b) vs 506(c) decision

Question	If yes, consider	If no, consider
Will you publicly market the offering online, at events, or through media?	Rule 506(c) with accredited investor verification.	Rule 506(b) may be available if no general solicitation.
Do you have a pre-existing relationship network of accredited investors?	506(b) can be efficient.	506(c) may expand reach but raises verification burden.
Can you operationally verify accredited status?	506(c) may work.	Avoid 506(c) unless counsel approves process.
Do you want non-accredited sophisticated investors?	506(b) may allow limited participation with heightened disclosure concerns.	506(c) is accredited-only.

Communication precautions

- Separate company marketing from securities offering communications when possible.
- Do not post financing terms publicly unless counsel has approved the exemption strategy.
- Keep investor materials consistent: deck, memo, data room, email claims, and oral statements should match.
- Do not claim commitments unless they are signed or accurately described as soft indications.
- Use risk factors in investor materials, especially for early-stage, revenue-light, regulated, or highly speculative companies.
- Maintain records of who received materials, when, and under what exemption strategy.

10. Why Delaware C-Corps Fail to Raise Capital

Failure reason	How to avoid it
Weak investor fit	Build a targeted investor list by stage, sector, check size, geography, and prior investments.
No compelling market wedge	Define one specific beachhead customer and show why that segment buys now.
Unclear use of funds	Tie every dollar to milestones: product, hires, revenue, pilots, compliance, or launch.
Messy cap table	Fix founder equity, option pool, SAFEs, notes, advisor grants, and board approvals before diligence.
IP uncertainty	Collect assignments from founders, employees, contractors, agencies, and contributors.
Bad storytelling	Lead with investor logic: market, pain, solution, proof, business model, team, ask.
Unrealistic valuation	Benchmark stage and traction; be flexible on structure; optimize for closing a high-quality round.
No traction evidence	Show customer discovery, pilots, usage, LOIs, revenue, retention, or pipeline.
Poor follow-up	Send same-day recap, answer diligence quickly, and keep momentum with weekly updates.
Securities-law mistakes	Choose 506(b) or 506(c) intentionally, control solicitation, track investors, and file notices.
Founder credibility gaps	Know the numbers, risks, competitive landscape, and why this company can win.
Process drift	Run a time-boxed process with CRM, weekly goals, and clear close mechanics.

11. 30-Day, 60-Day, and 90-Day Execution Plan

Period	Primary objective	Actions	Output
Days 1-30	Become investor-ready.	Clean corporate records, cap table, IP, bylaws, board consents, accounting, data room, deck, memo, model, target investor list.	Ready-to-send investor package and diligence foundation.
Days 31-60	Run targeted outreach and meetings.	Warm intros, cold emails to high-fit investors, first	Active pipeline, soft commitments, lead investor

		meetings, follow-ups, objections log, weekly investor updates, refine narrative.	candidates.
Days 61-90	Convert interest into term sheet and close.	Term sheet negotiation, diligence response, legal documents, board approvals, signatures, wires, Form D, state notices, cap-table update.	Closed financing or clear bridge plan.

Weekly operating cadence

- Monday: pipeline review, intro requests, investor prioritization, material updates.
- Tuesday-Thursday: investor meetings and follow-ups.
- Friday: send updates, answer diligence, update CRM, refine next week targets.
- Every week: review cash, runway, commitments, objections, closing probability, and legal tasks.

12. Templates

Sample investor email

Subject: Delaware C-Corp raising [amount] to reach [milestone]

Hello [Investor Name],

I am the founder of [Company], a Delaware C-Corp building [one-line description] for [customer segment]. We are raising [amount] to reach [specific milestone: launch, revenue target, pilots, product release, regulatory milestone, or hiring plan].

The core thesis is simple: [large market problem] is costing [customer] [economic pain], and our approach is differentiated because [unique advantage]. We have [traction: revenue, pilots, users, LOIs, partnerships, waitlist, product progress].

I thought of you because you have invested in [sector/stage/company] and may have a strong view on this market. Could I send a short deck or schedule a 20-minute conversation next week?

Best,

[Founder Name]

[Title]

[Company]

[Phone] | [Email] | [Website]

Pitch deck table of contents

Slide	Purpose
1. Cover	Company, one-line thesis, founder/contact.
2. Problem	Pain, urgency, cost, current alternatives.
3. Solution	Product, workflow, benefit.
4. Why now	Market timing, technology, regulation, behavior shift.
5. Product	Screenshots, demo flow, roadmap.

6. Market	Beachhead, TAM/SAM/SOM, expansion.
7. Traction	Revenue, pilots, usage, pipeline, retention.
8. Business model	Pricing, gross margin, sales motion.
9. GTM	Customer profile, channels, CAC logic.
10. Competition	Positioning and defensibility.
11. Team	Founder-market fit and hiring plan.
12. Financials	Burn, runway, revenue model, use of funds.
13. Ask	Raise amount, instrument, milestones, timeline.

Data room checklist

Folder	Documents
Corporate	Certificate of Incorporation, bylaws, board consents, stockholder consents, good standing, annual reports, franchise tax records.
Capitalization	Cap table, stock ledger, founder stock purchase agreements, option plan, grants, SAFEs, notes, warrants.
IP	Founder IP assignments, employee invention assignment, contractor assignments, open-source review, trademarks, patents, domain ownership.
Finance	Financial statements, bank statements, budget, burn, runway, financial model, tax filings, accounting export.
Commercial	Customer contracts, pilots, LOIs, pipeline, sales materials, partnership agreements.
Product	Product roadmap, demo materials, technical architecture, security/privacy materials if relevant.
Team	Founder bios, employment agreements, contractor agreements, advisor agreements.
Legal/compliance	Material contracts, licenses, disputes, privacy policy, terms of service, regulatory analysis if applicable.
Fundraising	Pitch deck, memo, subscription materials, side letters, term sheet drafts, investor updates.

Sample one-page fundraising memo

One-page memo structure

Company: [Name], Delaware C-Corp

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Thesis: [One sentence explaining the investment case.]

Problem: [Who has the problem, why it is urgent, and what it costs.]

Solution: [What the product does and why it is better.]

Market: [Beachhead customer, market size, expansion path.]

Traction: [Revenue, pilots, users, pipeline, LOIs, retention, partnerships.]

Business model: [Pricing, margin, sales cycle, CAC/LTV logic.]

Competitive advantage: [Data, distribution, technology, brand, regulatory insight, network, speed.]

Team: [Founder-market fit and critical hires.]

Raise: [Amount], [instrument], [valuation cap or valuation range if applicable], [minimum close], [timeline].

Use of funds: [Hiring, product, sales, legal/compliance, runway.]

Milestones: [Specific outcomes expected within 12-18 months.]

Key risks: [Market, execution, financing, legal, technical, regulatory.]

Contact: [Founder name, email, phone, website].

13. Closing Discipline and Source Notes

Closing checklist

- Final term sheet approved by founder, board, and counsel.
- Investment documents match negotiated economics and control terms.
- Board and stockholder approvals completed where required.
- Investor accreditation, verification, and subscription materials completed as required by exemption strategy.
- Funds wired into company bank account, not personal account.
- Cap table updated immediately after closing.
- Form D and applicable state blue sky notices filed on time.
- Closing binder saved in corporate records and data room.
- Post-close investor update sent with next milestone plan.

The most fundable Delaware C-Corp is not the one with the most complex documents. It is the one with a clean structure, a credible market thesis, measurable traction, disciplined capital use, legally controlled investor communications, and a founder who can convert investor interest into a closed financing.

Selected source notes

- SEC, Private Placements - Rule 506(b): <https://www.sec.gov/resources-small-businesses/exempt-offerings/private-placements-rule-506b>
- SEC, General Solicitation: <https://www.sec.gov/resources-small-businesses/capital-raising-building-blocks/general-solicitation>
- SEC, Filing a Form D Notice: <https://www.sec.gov/resources-small-businesses/exempt-offerings/filing-form-d-notice>
- SEC, Accredited Investors: <https://www.sec.gov/resources-small-businesses/capital-raising-building-blocks/accredited-investors>
- Delaware Division of Corporations, Annual Report and Franchise Tax: <https://corp.delaware.gov/frtax/>
- IRS, Employer Identification Number: <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/employer-identification-number>
- NASAA Electronic Filing Depository: <https://www.nasaaefd.org/>
- Y Combinator Safe Financing Documents: <https://www.ycombinator.com/documents>

Final legal/tax reminder

The company should not issue securities, rely on an exemption, use general solicitation, accept funds, or make tax filings based solely on this document. Engage qualified startup counsel and a CPA before execution.