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AI Playbook for State and Local Governments

Provide an actionable playbook to help state and local government decision makers responsibly integrate AI tools while maintaining public trust and ethical standards.



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Challenges

46%

of state and local public employees report using AI tools currently, yet only 38% have been provided training or policies regarding their use.

38%

of city and county IT executives feel their organizations are not prepared to make productive and safe use of AI.

Achievements



Identified core **historical AI use cases** and the critical **factors driving successful adoption** in local governments.



Defined **actionable strategies for deploying AI** through stakeholder discourse and existing regulatory frameworks, **without compromising transparency, ethical standards, or public trust.**

Activities

1. Conducted a **literature review** analyzing **current government AI use cases, potential future applications, and key lessons learned.**
2. Evaluated **existing frameworks and publications** from associations of **state and local government officials, academia, and consultants** to develop AI implementation guidance while preserving **transparency and public trust.**
3. Synthesized **literature review findings** to identify **critical knowledge gaps** and developed **a curated roster of thought leaders and government executives** to fill these gaps.
4. Conducted **structured stakeholder interviews** to capture **practical implementation insights.**



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