

## Readout of White House Roundtable on the Responsible Acquisition of Artificial Intelligence

In July, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) convened leaders from across industry to discuss plans for addressing the requirements of the Advancing American AI Act in developing an initial means on the Federal government's acquisition of AI. Earlier this year OMB released a [Request for Information on Responsible Procurement of Artificial Intelligence in Government](#), concurrently with OMB Memorandum [M-24-10, Advancing Governance, Innovation, and Risk Management for Agency Use of Artificial Intelligence](#), and this convening offered an opportunity to discuss and better understand the public feedback.

Last year, the President issued the [Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence](#). The Order directed sweeping action to strengthen AI safety and security, protect Americans' privacy, advance equity and civil rights, stand up for consumers and workers, promote innovation and competition, advance American leadership around the world, and more. Nonetheless, the responsible use of AI begins with responsible acquisition of AI.

The roundtable provided an opportunity for organizations from across industry, including trade associations and large and small business AI providers, to exchange views and further share their expertise as OMB continues to consider the interrelationship of strengthening the AI federal marketplace and managing the risks of acquired AI.

“AI is one of the most powerful technologies of our generation,” said Christine Harada, OMB's Senior Advisor for the Office of Federal Procurement Policy. “We are fortunate to have stakeholders across the Federal marketplace that are willing to take the time to help think through the best ways to responsibly harness its power.”

Participants reinforced that in order to strengthen the AI marketplace, it was critical to leverage innovative market research techniques and tools so that agencies can stay informed about state-

of-the-art AI capabilities while also fostering interagency collaboration for increased knowledge sharing.

“Acquisition and IT communities must work closely together to ensure that agencies are able to leverage different stages of the acquisition process to ensure that the AI acquired is able to be tested, monitored, and deployed, and in a manner that fosters robust competition,” said Drew Myklegard, Deputy Federal Chief Information Officer. “Ongoing collaboration is a key pillar toward fulfilling the Administration’s vision for American leadership in responsible governance, innovation, and use of AI.”

Participants also discussed the need for agencies to find a good balance in contracts and policies. While standard contracting language that applies to all AI use can help ensure consistency, AI can be used in many different ways and agencies need flexibility to address mission-specific use cases.

“Responsible AI acquisition ensures that when we seek to enhance the Federal government’s digital services with AI, risk management remains at the forefront by ensuring our contracts reflect our values in safeguarding against potential biases, protecting privacy, and maintaining transparency,” stated Federal Chief Information Officer Clare Martorana. “This approach allows us to responsibly leverage AI’s transformative power to improve the services we deliver to the public by proactively considering and mitigating risks before we buy—not just post-acquisition.”

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