Division of Artificial Intelligence

History

2018 – Artificial Task Force Established ([Act 137](#), 2019 [Act 61](#))

2020 – Artificial Intelligence Commission [Final Report](#)

2022 – Creation of AI Council & Division of AI within ADS ([Act 132](#))

Our Approach to AI

- AI: Computers with capabilities that appear intelligent.
- AI systems exist in the context of human systems.
- AI systems should be human centered.
- AI should be approached as Power Tools that improve the ability of people to do creative, meaningful work.

The Director of Artificial Intelligence

- Policy
  - Code of Ethics
  - Guidelines on use, e.g. Large Language Models
- Center for Enablement
  - Technical oversight
  - AI Usecase Pilots
  - Template solutions

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AI Council Makeup

- Mark Combs, Agency of Digital Services, Co-chair

- Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Co-chair

- Jessica Vintinner, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

- Chris Curtis, Attorney General's Office

- Amanda Jones, Vermont Department of Health

- John Dooley, for the Vermont Supreme Court

- Jennifer Morrison, Department of Public Safety

- Joe Near, UVM, for the American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont

- John Cohn, for the Vermont Academy of Science and Engineering

- Philip Susmann, Norwich University, appointed by the Governor

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The AI Council's Work

- 2022: [Code of Ethics](#) and Conflict of Interest Policy

- 2023: Data Management Policy
  - Deployment and Use of Automated Decision Systems
  - Notice/Labelling of Decisions
  - AI Explainability
  - Added: Privacy, Consent, and Recourse

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The AI Division's Work

- What we've already done:
    - Creation of an [Inventory](#)
    - Evaluation of current state of AI Technology
    - Guidelines for Use of Large Language Models (like ChatGPT)
- Build an AI Center for Enablement
- Template solutions for:
    - Multi-lingual chatbots to improve access to services
    - Outcome monitoring for different types of AI systems
- Pilots of various types of Artificial Intelligence
- Develop a vendor community to enhance Vermont IT Tools with AI capabilities

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