

Vermont AI Governance & 2025 Council Report Overview

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AI Council and Taskforce



2018

AI Work at VTrans
Act creating AI Taskforce



2020

AI Taskforce Final Report



2022

AI Division + Council,
Code of Ethics, Inventory



2023

Data Management Policy,
Implementation Guidelines



2024

Scope beyond State Government,
Data Privacy

Overview of Vermont's AI Governance

Establishing a Responsible AI Framework

- **Act 132 (2022):** Established the Division and Council on Artificial Intelligence within the Agency of Digital Services.
- **Mandate:** Oversee AI systems in state government, ensuring ethical use and public engagement.
- **2025 Report Focus:** Evaluates the future scope and structure of AI oversight in Vermont.

Expanding and Strengthening AI Oversight

Key Recommendations - 2025 AI Council Report

- **Broaden Scope:** Extend AI oversight beyond state government to include private sector applications.
- **Educational Role:** Position the AI Division and Council as hubs for best practices and governance frameworks.
- **Workforce Development:** Support businesses and workers in adapting to AI-driven changes.
- **Ethical Standards:** Continue refining the Code of Ethics and operational guidance for AI use.

Preparing for the Future of AI in Vermont

Anticipating AI Challenges and Opportunities

- **Emerging Technologies:** Monitor developments like Agentic AI and their potential applications.
- **Risk Mitigation:** Address concerns related to AI misuse, including cyber threats and biased systems.
- **Policy Development:** Collaborate on state, regional, and federal levels to craft comprehensive AI policies.
- **Public Engagement:** Ensure transparency and involve citizens in discussions about AI implementation.

Charting Vermont's AI Policy Path Forward

Legislative Considerations

- **Legislative Actions:** Consider expanding the AI Division's scope to include private sector oversight.
- **Resource Allocation:** Provide necessary funding and support for the AI Division and Council's expanded roles.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Facilitate collaboration between government, industry, and the public on AI initiatives.
- **Ongoing Evaluation:** Establish mechanisms for regular review and adaptation of AI policies and practices.

AI Division Key Accomplishments

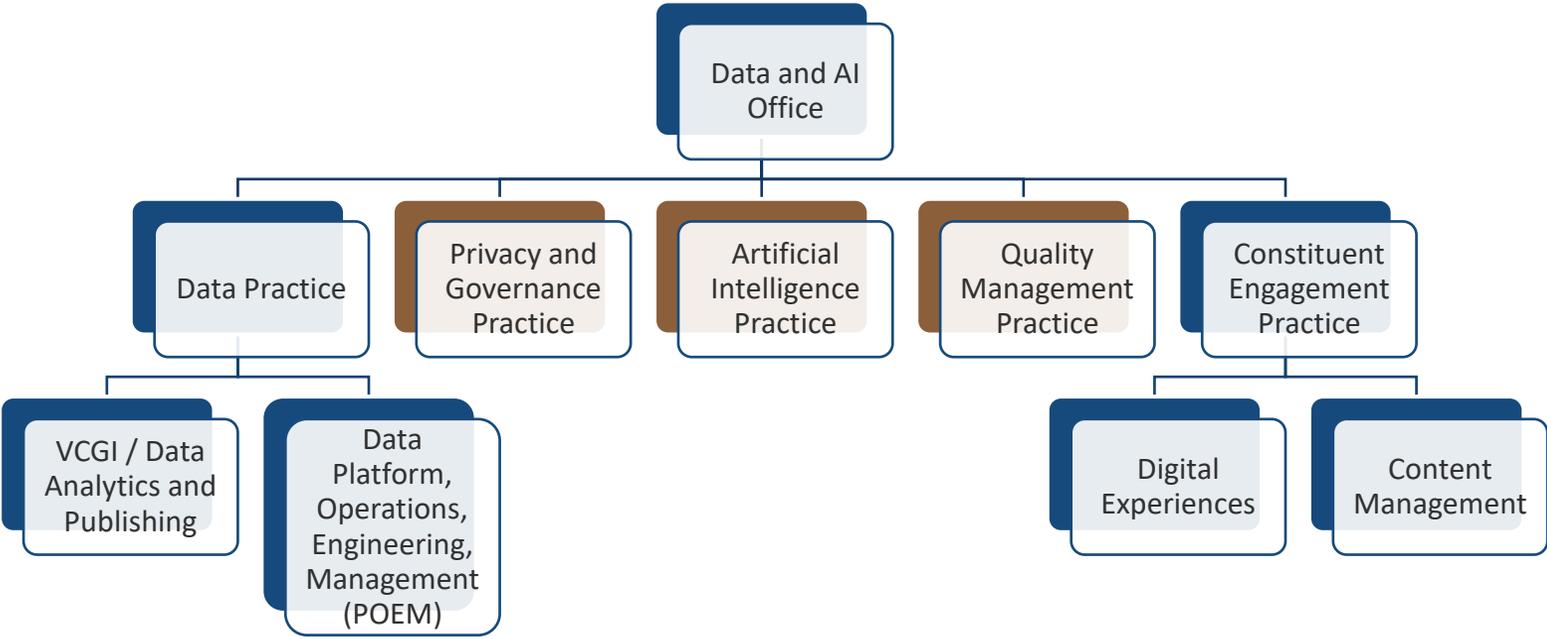
Recent Accomplishments

- Dozens of Pilots
- 300+ State Staff trained
- Flood Support
- ChatVT
- Code of Ethics

Coming soon:

- Public-facing chatbots
- Custom GPTs for State Staff

Data and AI Office



Data – platform, insights, and publishing (2018).

Privacy and Governance – ensures value and privacy are both maximized (2024).

AI – thoughtful adoption and implementation of AI (2022).

Quality Management – successful solution delivery (2022).

Constituent Engagement – easy, cohesive, and effective Vermonter experiences (2023).

Data and AI Office 2025 Strategic Priorities

Data

- Data Lake and more sustainable shared-responsibility data toolkit
- Blue-sky disaster response support, expanded analytics governance

Constituent Engagement

- Simplify implementation of new applications
- Accessibility and content presentation

Privacy

- Development of privacy program
- Data sharing process and inventory

AI

- AI Power Tool framework
- Public facing chatbots
- Make AI a common part of employees' workflow

Quality Management

- Make available to more app platforms
- AI-powered quality management