

The American AI Action Plan

The American AI Action Plan: A Roadmap for Innovation and Compliance

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Overview

The [America's AI Action Plan](#) passed on July 23, 2025, in response to [Executive Order 14179](#), "Removing Barriers to American Leadership in Artificial Intelligence." Setting the stage for the next decade of federal AI Adoption. This marks a major shift in national strategy, prioritizing private-sector innovation, deregulation, infrastructure expansion, and global AI leadership. Backed by three new Executive Orders, the plan accelerates AI adoption across federal, state, and local governments while tying funding to state-level policy alignment. It also establishes a **\$100 billion** federal fund to support the export of U.S.-built AI technologies to allied nations, reinforcing America's position as a global AI leader and creating new opportunities for export-ready vendors.

Pillar Priority	Directives
Pillar I: Accelerate AI Innovation	<p>The federal government is rolling back restrictive AI regulations, including several elements of previous executive orders and NIST frameworks. Agencies are directed to prioritize AI that is "mission-first," "truth-seeking," and "ideologically neutral," especially for use in defense, law enforcement, border protection, and citizen services.</p> <p>Impact: There is increased demand for AI that is accurate, transparent, and tailored to agency missions, especially in sensitive domains where interpretability and security are paramount.</p>
Pillar II: Build American Infrastructure	<p>Through fast-tracked permitting, loosened environmental reviews, and incentives for public-private partnerships, the administration is prioritizing data center buildouts (including on federal land), domestic semiconductors manufacturing, and energy supply modernization to support compute-intensive workloads.</p> <p>Impact: Opportunities abound to bundle AI software, edge solutions, and services with infrastructure projects, especially in rural or underserved areas prioritized by federal investment.</p>
Pillar III: Lead in International AI Diplomacy and Security	<p>The plan includes measures to promote American-built AI solutions abroad, establish a \$100B AI export fund, align U.S. foreign aid and trade with countries that adopt U.S. AI stacks, and ban federal funding to states and universities that regulate AI in ways deemed "anti-innovation"</p> <p>Impact: AI solutions that comply with federal priorities may receive export support. Vendors can also assist U.S. agencies and allies in deploying interoperable AI technologies abroad.</p>

Timeline: KEY DATES AND MILESTONES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

All new AI-related federal solicitations must comply with **M-25-22's** acquisition policies, including standardized clauses for privacy, risk management, and intellectual property

DECEMBER 29, 2025

All federal agencies must update internal policies on IT infrastructure, data, cybersecurity, and privacy vehicles

JANUARY 28, 2026

The General Services Administration (GSA) is launching a centralized AI Toolbox, hosted on platforms like **Buy.GSA.gov** and **AI.gov**. This initiative will serve as a go-to destination for federal buyers and vendors alike

Defining Success

As the 2025 AI Action Plan moves from policy to practice, success in the federal AI landscape will be measured by the ability to pair compliance with impact. The most effective initiatives will embed trust, transparency, and security into their design, ensuring they can withstand rigorous oversight while delivering clear, mission-driven outcomes. AI will be integrated seamlessly into larger infrastructure and modernization efforts, connecting data centers, edge computing, and smart energy systems so that capabilities are deployed quickly, scaled efficiently, and deliver value across critical sectors such as transportation, public safety, and national security.

Over time, lasting success will be shaped by the human and institutional capacity built alongside the technology itself. This means integrating workforce development, reskilling, and AI literacy into every deployment, so that adoption strengthens both capabilities and the people who operate them. Progress will also depend on alignment between federal, state, and local priorities, with forward-leaning jurisdictions modernizing regulations and creating the conditions for faster adoption. In this vision, success is not defined by technology alone, but by the creation of a resilient, adaptable ecosystem where policy, people, and innovation move in step.

Actions Underway

The General Services Administration ([GSA](#)) has launched [USAi](#), a centralized, secure AI evaluation suite to help agencies explore, test, and adopt generative AI tools in a trusted environment. **USAi** provides a cloud-based environment that helps agencies speed up AI experimentation and build interoperable tools. It supports the 2025 AI Action Plan by offering a low-risk, no-cost way to assess technologies before procurement. It includes tools for performance measurement and bias evaluation while aligning with the Executive Order on Trustworthy AI and FedRAMP.

In January, GSA will also launch a centralized [AI Toolbox](#) on [Buy.GSA.gov](#) and [AI.gov](#), providing acquisition guidance, templates, and best practices. At Carahsoft, we're working closely with our partners and customers to navigate this new landscape by aligning offerings with federal frameworks like FedRAMP to ensure readiness for high-impact, security-sensitive, and infrastructure-integrated deployments.

State and Local

- **Federal Funding Conditionality:** States that impose regulatory barriers to AI (licensing requirements, algorithmic audit mandates) may see a reduction in federal technology funding.
- **Federal Land Access:** States hosting new federally supported data centers, fabrication facilities, and high-performance compute (HPC) clusters will see economic benefits.
- **State-Local Procurement Alignment:** Local governments in supportive states will see streamlined access to federally authorized AI tools and pricing schedules.

Bottom Line: States aligned with the federal strategy will become hotbeds for investment and AI modernization. Vendors must evaluate where to prioritize go-to-market efforts accordingly.

Growth Potential

- **Federal Agencies:** Significant increases in discretionary and supplemental budgets for AI-enabled capabilities (fraud prevention, predictive analytics, battlefield support, language translation).
- **Public Infrastructure & Energy:** AI will be integrated into infrastructure revitalization, including transportation, public safety, and utility systems.
- **National Security & Emergency Response:** Investments in “resilient AI” systems that support defense, disaster recovery, and [CBRNE](#) event readiness.
- **International Markets:** U.S. government-backed AI exports to allied governments, especially in digital modernization and border control applications.
- **Workforce Transformation:** Funding tied to vendor-led upskilling and AI training programs integrated with technology deployments.