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# Broadband Expansion Best Practices with PPPs

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## **Broadband Update**

#### State Grant Program – Fully Awarded

□ Broadband Opportunity Grant Program - \$363.9 million awarded for 137 grants in 59 counties

#### Federal Grant Programs – Fully Awarded

<u>Italicized Text indicates:</u> Proactively targeted participation of state colleges, technical colleges and local workforce boards

- □ Capital Projects Fund Program:
  - Broadband Infrastructure Program Approximately \$249 million awarded for 74 grants in 50 counties
  - □ Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program (workforce, health, digital literacy) Approximately \$87 million for 29 grants in 17 counties
  - Digital Connectivity Technology Program More than \$11 million for 15 grants in 25 counties
- □ Many of the recipients mirrored the Multi-Purpose Community Facilities grants
- As of 2024, an estimated 1,167 miles of aerial and underground fiber were laid, enabling 4,300 residential and businesses to have access to broadband infrastructure.

#### Federal Grant Programs – New; Grant Competitions in 2025

- Digital Capacity Grant Program \$70 million awarded to Florida (\$41.7 million in-hand), with the intent to have competitive grant application window in Spring 2025
- BEAD Program \$1.16 billion awarded to Florida, with the intent for competitive grant application windows in Spring 2025 and Summer 2025
  - □ Infrastructure More than \$970 million (\$200 million prioritized for Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes)
  - Uworkforce \$110 million
  - □ Digital Literacy and Cybersecurity \$30 million



## Office of Broadband: 255 Awards in 65 Counties

Since July 2020, FloridaCommerce's Office of Broadband has accomplished the following:

Awarded more than \$708 million in funding to four grant programs:

Broadband Opportunity Program

Capital Projects Fund

Broadband Infrastructure Program

Multi-Purpose Community Facility Program

Digital Connectivity Technology Program

Generated \$642 million in private leverage

Upgrading 29 community facilities

□Funded 15 programs for digital devices, equipment and training



## **Office of Broadband Award Map**





## **CYBERSECURITY STATISTICS**





# 30,000

Globally, 30,000 websites are hacked daily **24,000** On average 24,000 malicious apps are blocked daily





**39 SECONDS** Every 39 seconds there is a new attack somewhere on the web

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# What Happens to other Governments? Recovering from a Cyberattack

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# **Recovering from a Cyberattack**

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# Legislative Background: HB 7055 – Cybersecurity (2022)

- RANSOMWARE POLICY:
  - <u>Prohibits</u> a local government from paying or otherwise complying with a ransom demand
  - Notification Requirements
- TRAINING:
  - Two-tiered training curriculum: Basic and Advanced
  - Basic Training: All local government employees with network access
  - Advanced Training: All local government employees with access to "highly sensitive" data
- STANDARDS:
  - Directed local governments to adopt cybersecurity standards consistent with the widely accepted best practices in the NIST Cyber framework
  - As of January 1, all counties in the state are expected to have adopted such standards



# RANSOMWARE ATTACK

**Garrett S. Roberts, General Counsel** 





### May 10, 2022

Ransomware actor was able to embed software to allow a reconnaissance mission weeks before the actual attack. This is the typical strategy utilized by ransomware actors to give them time to analyze the system.



#### Attack on the Highlands County Sheriff's Office

## May 11-26, 2022

Reconnaissance of entire network to ensure they knew exactly how to hit our system to cause the most damage. During this time, the ransomware actors were able to obtain administrator credentials to our network.





### Attack on the Highlands County Sheriff's Office

### May 26, 2022

At approximately 11 p.m., an employee in the jail noticed an issue with our computer network and notified a member of the IT Unit. He quickly realized this was not a typical computer issue. This was on a Thursday night before the start Memorial Day weekend.





### Attack on the Highlands County Sheriff's Office

### May 26-27, 2022

**Despite** immediate steps being taken to isolate our network systems, the damage had been done. A significant portion of our data had already been encrypted and the entire system had to be taken offline. Our supposedly secure network backup had been completely erased.



#### **Ransom Demand**

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Now that they had our attention

. . .

When contact was made with the attackers, they demanded we pay them \$2.5 million in Bitcoin in order to receive the key to decrypt the data they now held hostage and to prevent it being leaked online.



## Our response ...







- 1 month after the initial cyber attack, snapshot images of our critical infrastructure were located on a SAN (Separate Storage Area Network)
- The recovered snapshots were from approximately 1 year prior to the cyber attack and included only critical systems.
- Data entered within 1 year of the cyber attack on critical systems was unable to be recovered and data from non-critical systems was permanently lost.





### Timeline Of Our Attack and Recovery



### Timeline of Technical Capabilities





### What to Expect Immediately After an Attack

- Panic by members
- Rumors were spreading internally and externally
- No VOIP phones
  - No computer access Dispatch Law Enforcement Detention Administrative

Jail security Building security ALPR In-car or body cameras





#### Prepare for a Marathon...Not a Sprint





**Prepare for at least several weeks and maybe months back in the 1990s!** 



### Data loss could occur in any (or all) of these areas:





Significance of a Ransomware Attack on a Public Agency

# Types of sensitive data that a public agency has stored in its computer network:



Florida [Digital Service]

Briefing

## Florida Association of Counties

Building a stronger and more resilient Florida cyber community



# Welcome

## The Florida Digital Service

Following Governor Ron DeSantis' call to modernize state government, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Digital Service (FL[DS]) in 2020 to develop and implement the state's enterprise-wide cybersecurity, data interoperability, and cloud-first initiatives to support Florida's government and the constituents who access its critical services.

FL[DS] manages Florida's first State Cybersecurity Operations Center, leads data sharing between state agencies, and leverages the state's purchasing power to deliver taxpayer savings in technology procurement.

FL[DS] is administering the Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program, a program to provide funding for cybersecurity solutions and services to local Florida governments to improve their cybersecurity posture and resiliency.
### The Structure of the Florida Digital Service



# Cybersecurity Community Local Focus

Development of a local cyber community is an important next step in maturity to protect Florida's digital assets. Plans for the establishment of workgroups and other methods to engage and collaborate are being considered.

- Locals Resource Packet
- Town Halls
- Operations & Intelligence
- Local Cybersecurity Working Groups



# F.S. 282.3185 - Local Government Cybersecurity 282.3185(3) CYBERSECURITY TRAINING

• **Basic Training:** Required for all local government employees with network access. Must be completed within 30 days of employment and annually thereafter.

• Advanced Training: Required for local government technology professionals and employees with access to highly sensitive information. Must be completed within 30 days of employment and annually thereafter.



# F.S. 282.3185 - Local Government Cybersecurity 282.3185(4) CYBERSECURITY STANDARDS

**Cybersecurity Standards:** Each local government must adopt standards consistent with best practices, including the NIST Cybersecurity Framework.

### Counties:

- Population ≥ 75,000: Deadline by January 1, 2024
- Population < 75,000: Deadline by January 1, 2025

### Municipalities:

- Population ≥ 25,000: Deadline by January 1, 2024
- Population < 25,000: Deadline by January 1, 2025

Visit <u>digital.fl.gov/localgovernment-attestation-form</u> to submit an online attestation, affirming your compliance.

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# F.S. 282.3185 - Local Government Cybersecurity

282.3185(5 & 6) Incident Notification & After-Action Report

**Incident Notification:** Local governments must report cybersecurity and ransomware incidents to the Cybersecurity Operations Center (CSOC), the Cybercrime Office of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), and the local sheriff.

- Severe Incidents (Level 3, 4, or 5): Report within 48 hours (cybersecurity)
- All Ransomware Incidents: Report within 12 hours.

After-Action Report: Submit a report to the Florida Digital Service within 1 week after incident remediation.

# Incident Response



# F.S. 282.3185 - Local Government Cybersecurity 282.3185(5 & 6) INCIDENT NOTIFICATION & AFTER-ACTION REPORT

### Compliance – CSOC 24/7 Incident Response:

- Online https://IR.digital.fl.gov
- Email <u>CSOC@digital.fl.gov</u>
- Phone 850-412-6074

### FDLE Cybercrime Office:

- CyberCrimeOffice@fdle.state.fl.us
- FDLE IWW 24/7 Phone 850-410-7069

# ATTER ACTION REPORT INCIDENT REPORTING

#### STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Per Florida Statute sections <u>282.318</u> and <u>282.3185</u>, state and local governments are required to provide a report to the FL cybersecurity operations center (CSOC), their local Sheriff's office (local governments only) and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) regarding any ransomware incident or a cybersecurity incident level 3, 4, or 5 within 12 hours of discovery.

#### **REPORT AN INCIDENT**

INCIDENT REBORT

FLORIDA DIGITAL SERVICE CYBERSECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER

- Email: Cyl
- Email: CSOC@digital.fl.govPhone: 850-412-6074
- Email: CyberCrimeOffice@fdle.state.fl.us

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (FDLE)

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• Phone: 850-410-7069

CYBERCRIME OFFICE

FILL OUT WEB FORM

When reporting an incident **you may request assistance** from the Cybersecurity Operations Center, the Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, or the sheriff who has jurisdiction (for local governments only).

# Florida Statute Section 501.171: Security of confidential personal information.

### Required Notifications:

- A covered entity shall provide notice to the **department** of **any breach of security affecting 500 or more individuals in this state**. Such notice must be provided to the department as expeditiously as practicable, but **no later than 30 days** after the determination of the breach or reason to believe a breach occurred. A covered entity may receive 15 additional days to provide notice ... if good cause for delay is provided in writing to the department within 30 days after determination of the breach or reason to believe a breach occurred.
- A covered entity shall give notice to **each individual** in this state whose personal information was, or the covered entity reasonably believes to have been, accessed as a result of the breach. Notice to individuals shall be made as expeditiously as practicable and without unreasonable delay, taking into account the time necessary to allow the covered entity to determine the scope of the breach of security, to identify individuals affected by the breach, and to restore the reasonable integrity of the data system that was breached, but **no later than 30 days** after the determination of a breach or reason to believe a breach occurred unless subject to a delay authorized under paragraph (b) or waiver under paragraph (c).

Additional information about notification requirements, exclusions, and waivers can be found in section 501.171, F.S.

# Ransomware Compliance and Cybersecurity Protection

### Florida Statute Section 119.0725 – Public Records Exemptions Aligns local government with state agencies, exempting:

- Coverage limits
- Critical infrastructure information
- Network schematics, hardware and software configurations, and response practices
- Public meetings regarding exempt information

### Florida Statute Section 282.3186 – Ransomware Incident Compliance Aligns local government with state agencies, enforcing:

- Prohibition from paying or complying with ransom demands
- A robust response strategy without yielding to attackers, ensuring the security and integrity of government operations.

## Florida Statute Section 112.22: Use of applications from foreign countries of concern prohibited.

### Blocking and Restricting Access:

- Mandates that any prohibited applications must be removed, deleted, or uninstalled from governmentissued devices within 15 calendar days following the release or update of the prohibited applications list.
- Requires public employers to block access to and ensure the ability to remotely wipe prohibited applications from all networks and government-issued devices.
- Prohibits employees and officers of public employers from downloading or accessing any prohibited applications on government-issued devices.
- Provides exceptions for law enforcement and an exception process for other uses

### Exceptions and Waivers:

- Provides exceptions for law enforcement officers if the use of the prohibited applications is necessary for public safety or conducting investigations.
- Allows public employers to request a waiver from the DMS for designated employees or officers to access prohibited applications under controlled circumstances, for a specified timeframe not exceeding one year, with potential for extension.

## Contact Us

# Cybersecurity: <u>Security@digital.fl.gov</u> State CISO: CISO@digital.fl.gov





**CYBERSECURITY TRAINING** - The Florida Digital Service shall:

1. Develop a basic cybersecurity training curriculum for local government employees. All local government employees with access to the local government's network must complete the basic cybersecurity training within 30 days after commencing employment and annually thereafter.

2. Develop an advanced cybersecurity training curriculum for local governments which is consistent with the cybersecurity training required under s. <u>282.318(3)(g)</u>. All local government technology professionals and employees with access to highly sensitive information must complete the advanced cybersecurity training within 30 days after commencing employment and annually thereafter.

(b) The Florida Digital Service may provide the cybersecurity training required by this subsection in collaboration with the Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, a private sector entity, or an institution of the State University System.

### **CYBERSECURITY STANDARDS:**

(a) Each local government shall adopt cybersecurity standards that safeguard its data, information technology, and information technology resources to ensure availability, confidentiality, and integrity. The cybersecurity standards must be consistent with generally accepted best practices for cybersecurity, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework.

(b) Each county with a population of 75,000 or more must adopt the cybersecurity standards required by this subsection by January 1, 2024. Each county with a population of less than 75,000 must adopt the cybersecurity standards required by this subsection by January 1, 2025.

(c) Each municipality with a population of 25,000 or more must adopt the cybersecurity standards required by this subsection by January 1, 2024. Each municipality with a population of less than 25,000 must adopt the cybersecurity standards required by this subsection by January 1, 2025.

(d) Each local government shall notify the Florida Digital Service of its compliance with this subsection as soon as possible.

INCIDENT NOTIFICATION.—(a) A local government shall provide notification of a cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident to the Cybersecurity Operations Center, Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, and sheriff who has jurisdiction over the local government in accordance with paragraph (b). The notification must include, at a minimum, the following information:1. A summary of the facts surrounding the cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident.

2. The date on which the local government most recently backed up its data; the physical location of the backup, if the backup was affected; and if the backup was created using cloud computing.

3. The types of data compromised by the cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident.

4. The estimated fiscal impact of the cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident.

5. In the case of a ransomware incident, the details of the ransom demanded.

6. A statement requesting or declining assistance from the Cybersecurity Operations Center, the Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, or the sheriff who has jurisdiction over the local government.

(b)1. A local government shall report all ransomware incidents and any cybersecurity incident determined by the local government to be of severity level 3, 4, or 5 as provided in s. <u>282.318</u>(3)(c) to the Cybersecurity Operations Center, the Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, and the sheriff who has jurisdiction over the local government as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours after discovery of the cybersecurity incident and no later than 12 hours after discovery of the ransomware incident. The report must contain the information required in paragraph (a).

2. The Cybersecurity Operations Center shall notify the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of any severity level 3, 4, or 5 incident as soon as possible but no later than 12 hours after receiving a local government's incident report. The notification must include a high-level description of the incident and the likely effects.

(c) A local government may report a cybersecurity incident determined by the local government to be of severity level 1 or 2 as provided in s. <u>282.318(3)(c)</u> to the Cybersecurity Operations Center, the Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, and the sheriff who has jurisdiction over the local government. The report shall contain the information required in paragraph (a).

(d) The Cybersecurity Operations Center shall provide a consolidated incident report on a quarterly basis to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council. The report provided to the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council may not contain the name of any local government, network information, or system identifying information but must contain sufficient relevant information to allow the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council to fulfill its responsibilities as required in s. 282.319(9).

#### AFTER-ACTION REPORT

A local government must submit to the Florida Digital Service, within 1 week after the remediation of a cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident, an after-action report that summarizes the incident, the incident's resolution, and any insights gained as a result of the incident. By December 1, 2022, the Florida Digital Service shall establish guidelines and processes for submitting an after-action report.

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# **CYBERSECURITY STATISTICS**





In 2020, ransomware cases grew by 150%

Email is responsible for 94% of all malware

**94**%

Average cost of a cyberattack is \$180 per record









# **Building Security**

# on a Budget Denise Vogelgesang

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# **Building Security on a Budget**







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# NACO CYBER SECURITY SURVEY



Take the survey

# Survey Open to Commissioners, Councilmembers, and Staff



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Jeff Scala Deputy Director of Public Policy FAC



# BOOTCAMP

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## **Constituent Help – Before**

I got a call today from Constituent A hes friend Constituent B at [Address]

Built a pole barn applied for a permit had footers poured and inspect only now to be told by the buildind dept they will not finial the permit because he built in a flood Zone

Doesn't the plans examiner check builng placement prior to permit issued?

What I got was Its his fault nothing we can do from the county

I am sure there is more to the story but this is how it came to me

# Constituent Help – After

I received a call today from Constituent A regarding his friend, Constituent B, who lives at [Address]. Constituent B built a pole barn, applied for a permit, had the footers poured and inspected, but is now being told by the building department that they will not finalize the permit because the structure is in a flood zone.

My concern is whether the plans examiner reviews building placement for compliance with regulations, including flood zones, before issuing a permit. The response he received was essentially, "It's his fault, and there's nothing the county can do."

I understand there may be more to the story, but this is how it was presented to me. Can you call me and advise please Monday

Thank you,

Larry Harvey

## Letter to President – Before

Dear President Donald J Trump

Re; Commissioners representing Counties and Parishes

Dear President Trump

Let me start by saying Congratulations, never in my life I have been more excited that you were elected again and The Trump/Vance Administartion is in charge. I watch on TV, Your ability to walk, talk, class with your entire family I was in awh I couldn't be more proud of you and the direction this country is going

I was invivyed by Congressman Mike Waltz to attend your Ingauration but with airlines, hotels and weather I chose to not fly up with one of my grandsons.

I am writing this letter to encourage you to restart the Commissioners at the White House program

This was the high light of this Commissioner Career , not only to interact but a chance to voice concerns and high light our Counties

I am also asking that you establish a Rural county person ,who keeps there eye on the ball and reports to you and the Vice President on Rural needs and Infrastuture projects in Florida you cant get to urban unless you go through Rural. That being said we provide Infrustuture without the ability to recoup cost

Here in Florida with do have many garnts, loans and parterships with FDOT and FDEP and many state agencies, But in Putnam County a 13 million dollar raod project that is split in three phases paid by FDOT is vital to our citizens and general fund as you know when someone needs a bigger slice of the pie someother well deserving agency gets less.

# Letter to President – After

#### Dear President Donald J. Trump,

#### Vice President J.D. Vance

#### **Re: Commissioners Representing Counties and Parishes**

Let me begin by extending my heartfelt congratulations on your election victory. I have never been more excited to see you leading our nation once again as part of the Trump/Vance administration. Watching you and your family's grace, strength, and leadership fills me with pride and renewed hope for the direction of our country.

I was honored to be invited by Congressman Mike Waltz to attend your inauguration. While I regretfully could not attend due to logistics and weather concerns, my family and I, including my grandson (whose room is decorated with tributes to you at just 13 years of age), closely followed the event. It was an inspiring moment that reaffirmed my confidence in your leadership.

On a personal note, during your first term, I had the privilege of attending a meeting you hosted for us in the Eisenhower Executive Office. That experience not only gave me the chance to connect with other commissioners but also created relationships that led to one of the most memorable moments of my life. Late one Friday night, I brought two of my grandsons, my daughter, and my son-in-law to your office, where we stood together in the Oval Office and prayed for you and your family. That feeling—standing in that historic room lifting you up in prayer—will never leave me. Of course, my grandsons were fascinated by the drink machine, but for me and my family, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that we will cherish forever.

I am writing to encourage you to reinstate the "Commissioners at the White House" program. This initiative was the highlight of my career as a commissioner, offering an invaluable opportunity to engage directly with your administration, voice local concerns, and showcase the unique needs and achievements of our counties.

## Letter to President – After (continued)

Additionally, I urge you to consider establishing a Rural County Advisor within the administration—someone dedicated to monitoring and addressing the specific needs of rural communities and reporting directly to you and Vice President Vance. Here in Florida, rural counties like Putnam play a vital role in connecting urban centers. We provide critical infrastructure without the same ability to recoup costs, and our challenges often go unnoticed despite our significant contributions to the state and nation.

Under previous administrations, the federal government has often thrown money at problems without achieving meaningful results. For example, broadband funding has been allocated repeatedly to the same areas with minimal improvement. Even today, many rural communities, including parts of Florida, still lack reliable broadband access. A focused, strategic approach is necessary to ensure resources are used effectively to address these persistent issues.

In Putnam County, we are currently managing a \$13 million road project split into three phases, funded through partnerships with FDOT. Projects like this are essential to our citizens and our general fund. However, every time we stretch resources for such efforts, another deserving agency or program inevitably receives less. Additional federal support and attention to rural infrastructure challenges would greatly benefit counties like ours.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the needs of Americans from all walks of life. I am confident that your leadership will ensure rural communities remain a priority on the national stage.

Sincerely,

Larry Harvey

Putnam County Commissioner

CC; Susie Wiles Senator Rick Scott National Security Advisor Mike Waltz The Long Haul: How Innovation Used to Take Flight

### NUMBER OF YEARS IT TOOK FOR EACH PRODUCT TO GAIN 50 MILLION USERS:



## The Sprint Era: Technology Adoption in Hyperdrive



# Artificial Intelligence

- Technical Definition
  - The automation of tasks utilizing computer systems where little to no human intervention and oversight is required. Examples include speech recognition, language translation, security cameras and software applications such as computer monitoring of HVAC systems that automate heating/cooling
- Layman's Definition
  - Al is like a digital assistant, automating processes that organize data for employees to make informed decisions. Examples include smart devices such as lights in the courthouse or self-driving cars that collect data. Other examples include transcribing apps, voice command prompts, and customer relationship management scripts used in chatbots. This is similar to a behind-the-scenes advisor.
# Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI)

- Technical definition
  - The development and deployment of artificial systems that can generate novel content by relying on large language models, data sets and other methods of machine learning, including inputs from humans
- Layman's Definition
  - GenAl, such as ChatGPT, generates creative content, which not only assists in regular tasks but also is capable of drafting documents, designing educational materials, or creating public service announcements, showcasing its ability to produce new and original content when you ask it questions, otherwise known as prompts.

# Generative AI Tools

- Chat and Search: ChatGPT, Bing, Gemini
- Artwork: Dall-E, Midjourney
- Writing Tools: Grammarly, OtterPilot
- Speech, Visual, Audio, Presentation and more

# **AI Potential**

### The Good

Enhanced human performance

**Endless** applications

Revolutionizing the build environment

Improved communication with machines

Improved accessibility and quality of life



#### The Bad

Potential bias from incomplete data

Increased dependence on technology reduces critical thinking

**Growing Pains** 

A large carbon footprint

Frivolous use of AI and machine learning



## **The Scary**

Artificial intelligence is influencing our decision making Potential loss of human connection Ethical considerations and workforce implications Job security

A potential tool for propaganda

# **Stephen Hawking**

"Success in creating AI would be the biggest event in human history. Unfortunately, it might also be the last, unless we learn how to avoid the risks." Hawking believed that in the coming decades, AI could offer "incalculable benefits and risks" such as "technology outsmarting financial markets, outinventing human researchers, outmanipulating human leaders, and developing weapons we cannot even understand."

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## **NACo's AI County Compass**

A Comprehensive Toolkit for Local Governance and Implementation of Artificial Intelligence

1.Policy

2.Ethics

3.Applications

4.Workforce





#### Customize Your Compass



#### GETTING STARTED ELECTED OFFICIAL COUNTY CIO/ IT STAFF COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Exploratory Committee was formed in May 2023 and tasked with analyzing the landscape of generative AI as it applies to counties.

Use the links below to download the AI Exploratory Committee's full report or jump to key sections of the report. In the navigation above, find an impact summary for your county role, as well as report highlights customized for you.

#### JUMP TO SECTION

- Download Full Report
- Letter from Co-Chairs
- Executive Summary
- Workgroup Recommendations
- Landscape Analysis

- Relevance of AI to Local Governments
- Guiding Principles
- Roadmap to Implementing AI Solutions
- Conclusion & Looking to the Future
- Additional Resources



# The output may look different, but the fundamentals are the same

**2024** Bureau of Technology Strategic Plan

CASE STUDY

County Innovates Using GeoAl to Inventory ADA Curb Ramps and Saving Significant Time and Money

Artificial Intelligence Report: Policies, Principles & Guidelines





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#### Managing change is a process in and of itself



# What's in a Prompt?

A prompt is how you talk to generative AI. The better you prompt, the better your results.

Think of it like giving directions: Would you rather say, "Take me somewhere nice" or "Take me to the beach, 15 minutes away, with great seafood"?



# Power of Creativity

Simple Prompts Instant Results

# FAC Mascot?

Design a mascot for the Florida Association of Counties with a blue hat that says 67

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#### Florida Counties Poem (created with Microsoft Co-Pilot)

In the land where the orange trees sway, Underneath the bright sun's ray, Lies the heart of Florida's way, The county government, in its array.

From the Panhandle to the Keys, In every county, like a breeze, Public servants work with ease, Striving to serve, to appease.

In the chambers, voices rise,

Underneath the southern skies,

Decisions made, where the power lies,

For the people, their ultimate prize.

Health and welfare, in their sight, Making Florida's future light. From Escambia to Miami-Dade, In every decision that is made,

Roads and parks, and schools so bright,

Public safety, day and night,

The county's hand is there, displayed, In the sunshine state's vast glade.

So here's to the government, local and proud, Working for the people, creating a shroud, Of progress and service, strong and loud, Florida's counties, standing unbowed.

# FAC Future Technology Guiding Principles

- Support the adoption of appropriate guardrails, standards, and policies, to ensure that artificial intelligence technologies continue to provide meaningful innovation opportunities while minimizing adverse effects to society.
- Support the adoption of **robust data privacy standards and data governance standards** across all levels of government to protect consumer and constituent information, and maximize the efficiency and minimize the risk of artificially intelligent systems' adoption into government services over time.
- Encourage **public engagement and participation in AI policy-making processes** to ensure that the voices and concerns of diverse stakeholders, including citizens, researchers, industry representatives, and advocacy groups, are heard and considered.

# Al Leadership Academy



6-week program with the **Professional Development Academy** 

Partnered with NACo

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Equip frontline county government leaders with practical knowledge and tools.



Designed to help county officials better understand and utilize AI to create higher levels of operational efficiency, organizational effectiveness and value for our communities.

# My Course Self-Reflection

Al is a tool to enhance your organization, not replace its people.

#### Start small and develop an AI roadmap

• Policy framework, organizational plan, issue-level guidance

Al strategies can only be as successful as the people integrated into the plan

• Training, investment, inclusion

Responsible AI must focus on policy, guardrails, bias awareness, and data protection.

• We must invest in the infrastructure—both data and human.

Ultimately, AI will accelerate our organizational mission and goals.

# **Organizations are People Powered**

Al is a toolpeople define the parameters for the	Ensure the accuracy of the results People create better stories Help stakeholders work through their learning curves Commit to best practices Ensure the efficacy of products, systems, and content produced so there is less waste financially and
tool	Ensure the efficacy of products, systems, and content produced so there is less waste financially and environmentally

# Workforce and Education

Training beyond IT dept, directors, everyone AI first skillsets, Upskilling, outsource AI support Seek feedback from your employees

# The Perfect Prompt

- Be Clear and Specific
- Provide Context
- Use Inclusive and Collaborative Language
- Specify the Desired Format and Tone
- Include Examples
- Define the Scope and Constraints
- Use Clear and Simple Language
- Iterate and Refine Prompts
- Provide Contextual Examples
- Encourage Creativity and Originality
- Ask for Multiple Perspectives
- Specify the Audience
- Use Open-Ended Questions
- Incorporate Feedback Loops
- Leverage AI's Strengths

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# The Perfect Prompt

Task: What do you want the AI to do?

Context: Give some background.

Exemplar: Show what good looks like.

Persona: Who should AI "be"?

Format: Specify how you want it delivered.

Tone: How should it sound?

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Al Leadership Academy "Lessons Learned" Prompt Task: Summarize the key points from the attached document: "Al Leadership Academy Takeaways"

Context: I have a document containing various participants' takeaways from an AI Leadership Academy. The document includes insights, lessons learned, and main points from different individuals. I need a concise summary that synthesizes the most common themes and takeaways.

Exemplar: A good summary would highlight the top 10 takeaways, ensuring that common themes are not repeated, and the language is clear and concise. For example, "Effective AI leadership requires balancing short-term pragmatic goals with long-term transformative visions."

Persona: You are an intelligent, approachable, and empathetic assistant who understands the nuances of AI leadership and can synthesize information effectively.

Format: Provide the summary in a list format, with each takeaway clearly stated in one or two sentences.

Tone: The tone should be professional, clear, and supportive, ensuring that the information is easy to understand and actionable.

## "Lessons Learned" Prompt Guardrails

- **Anonymity and Attribution**: Ensure the information is shared in a way that respects the anonymity of the original contributors.
- **Purpose Alignment**: The information should be shared with the intent of fostering learning, collaboration, and improving practices in county government. This ensures alignment with the original purpose of the training.
- **Contextual Transparency**: Provide context about where the insights originated (e.g., an AI leadership training course) while clarifying that they are synthesized, aggregated takeaways.
- Value Addition: Offer the insights as a resource to benefit their work or decisionmaking, ensuring they can be applied constructively

# AI Leadership Academy Insights

- The following insights are not a replacement for completing the program
- The program offers
  - Interactive course work
  - Meaningful collaboration between participants
  - Great Instructors;)
  - And, so much more!

### Al Leadership Academy "Lessons Learned" All Participants

- Strategic Roadmaps
  - Develop and adhere to clear, adaptable AI strategies and roadmaps aligned with organizational goals.
  - Example: Create a five-year AI implementation plan, beginning with pilot programs for traffic management and expanding to predictive analytics for disaster preparedness.
- Data Governance
  - Focus on data quality, privacy, and security as foundational elements for effective AI use and decision-making.
  - Example: Develop data classification standards and implement security measures, such as encryption, to protect sensitive information while using AI for public services.

### AI Leadership Academy "Lessons Learned" All Participants

- Continuous Learning
  - Emphasize ongoing education and training to stay competitive with AI's rapid evolution and foster AI literacy across all levels.
  - Example: Organize quarterly workshops and online training modules for county employees to understand AI tools and best practices.
- Leadership Commitment
  - Commit to visionary and proactive leadership that embraces change, guides ethical practices, and inspires team collaboration.
  - Example: Designate an AI leader or task force within the county to champion AI initiatives, promote ethical usage, and provide regular updates to elected officials.

### AI Leadership Academy "Lessons Learned" All Participants

- Ethical Responsibility
  - Establish robust ethical frameworks, focusing on fairness, transparency, and accountability to build trust in AI systems
  - Example: Implement policies that require AI systems to undergo regular audits for biases and ensure transparent reporting to stakeholders about how AI decisions are made.
- Human-Centric Al
  - Prioritize the human role in AI by using it to enhance, not replace, human effort, while fostering collaboration and creativity.
  - Example: County governments can deploy AI to assist employees with repetitive tasks, like automating permit approvals, allowing staff to focus on community engagement and strategic planning.

### AI Leadership Academy "Lessons Learned" All Participants

- Inclusive Collaboration
  - Engage diverse stakeholders, including non-technical staff, to ensure holistic planning and successful implementation.
  - Example: Form cross-departmental AI committees that include IT staff, policy makers, and community representatives to ensure diverse perspectives.
- Incremental Implementation
  - Start with small, impactful AI projects (quick wins) to build confidence and demonstrate value.
  - Example: Begin with chatbots for answering common resident questions, then expand to more complex applications like predictive maintenance for public infrastructure.

### Al Leadership Academy "Lessons Learned" All Participants

- Communication and Transparency
  - Use clear and empathetic communication to build trust, align teams, and ensure transparency with stakeholders.
  - Example: Host community forums and publish regular updates online detailing how AI is being used and its benefits for residents.
- Adaptability and Resilience
  - Foster a culture of flexibility to navigate uncertainties and evolving AI technologies.
  - Example: Allocate a portion of the AI budget for experimentation and adaptation, such as testing AI tools for emergency response during unexpected events.

# County—Use Cases

Policy draft generation with ChatGPT

Constituent support with a chatbot

Meeting minutes with transcript tool

Writing financial narratives with AI budget software

Infrastructure assessment with 3d mapping technology

Property assessments with aerial (drone) imagery

Traffic enforcement with mobile perception systems

Utility recovery of past due accounts using AI-targeted digital marketing

Short-term rental enforcement with AI crawlers

# What are your County's next steps?

- Don't BAN Al/GenAl use
  - IT Directors tell me employees will use it anyway...
- Start your Al Journey...start small
  - Begin an AI planning committee
- Assess your County's AI Readiness to position strategy and prioritizing AI activities
  - organizational policy (vision, data governance, ethics, and regulation)
  - digital maturity (data and digital infrastructure)
  - human capacity and technological capability (computing resources and technology availability)





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## **Professor of Horticulture/Weed Science**

## **Gulf Coast Research and Education Center**







## OUTLINE

- Brief overview of emerging targeted weed management technologies
- Technology in Transition
- Why targeted weed management is the future of weed management





## Mechanical Weed Removal



### Alternative Actuators

### **VERDANT** ROBOTICS











### Targeted Herbicide Applications

#### **Rapid Expansion in the Number of Companies Building Targeted Weed Control Technologies**

#### Targeted Lasers / Electricity/ Heat

- 1. Carbon Robotics; https://carbonrobotics.com/
- 2. Pixelfarming Robotics (mixed actuators); https://pixelfa
- 3. Rootwave; https://rootwave.com/
- 4. Tensorfield Agriculture; https://tensorfield.ag/
- 5. Weedbot; https://weedbot.eu/
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#### Targeted Spraying

- 1. Ecorobotix; https://ecorobotix.com/en/
- 2. Ez Ag Innovations; https://ezaginnovations.com/
- 3. Green eye; https://greeneye.ag/
- 4. GUSS; https://gussag.com/
- 5. John Deere/Blue River; https://bluerivertechnology.coi
- 6. Kilter; https://www.kiltersystems.com/
- 7. One Smart Spray; https://www.onesmartspray.com/
- 8. SolinFTE; https://www.solinftec.com/en-us/
- 9. Rometron / Weed-IT; https://www.weed-it.com/



## **Targeting Speed and Accuracy**





Dr. Arnold Schumann









## Targeting

- Specialized nozzles or spray mechanisms to target individual weeds
- Targeting with standard nozzles



### Dual Boom / Dual Tank Systems PRE and POST in a single pass









### AUTONOMY

- Transitions from autonomous (semiautonomous) to tractor-pulled.
- My view on the likely transition
  - Tractor-pulled
  - Autonomous tractor-pulled
  - Autonomous

Why I Believe Targeted Weed Management is the Future of Weed Management

It is the most effective way to reduce herbicide use without a reduction in overall weed control. Integration of Targeted Weed Management Technologies Into An IWM Program for Tomato



\*Renato Herrig and Ana Buzanini















# PRE Herbicides in Planting (1/season)







# POST Bed-Top Herbicide Applications (1/season)









# POST Row Middle Herbicide Applications (4/season)





## Total Applications (6/season)



## Summary

- Targeted spray systems accurately detect and identify weeds
- Targeted spray systems significantly reduce herbicide inputs and subsequently input costs
- Targeted spray systems reduce the potential for drift and crop damage.
- Targeted spray systems are adaptable
- Targeted spray systems can easily be integrated into IWM systems

## Dirty Dozen

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**1. Strawberries** 2. Spinach 3. Kale 4. Nectarines 5. Apples 6. Grapes 7. Peaches 8. Cherries 9. Pears 10. Tomatoes 11. Celery 12. Potatoes

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Herbicide Use in Florida Strawberry

Herbicides applied on 93% of planted acreage

Herbicides applied on 10,000 acres

> No herbicides applied on 800 acres



Herbicide Savings with Targeted Weed Management in Strawberry

<b>Row Middle Applications</b>	g a.i. / acre	\$ / acre
2 PRE + 2 Banded POST	320	636
2 PRE + 2 Targeted POST	241	312
*Ana Buzanini	25%	51%
10,000 acres x 320 g a.i./acre = 3,200,000 g a.i.		
10,000 acres x 241 g a.i./acre = 2,410,000 g a.i.		
	79	90,000 g a.i.
790,000 g a.i. / 320 g a.i. / acre = <b>2,469 acres</b>		

Why I Believe Targeted Weed Management is the Future of Weed Management

It will help growers achieve the goals of the Endangered Species Protection Program Why I Believe Targeted Weed Management

is the Future of Weed Management

The technology can be fully integrated into existing Integrated Weed Management Programs.
Why I Believe Targeted Weed Management is the Future of Weed Management

It facilitates the use of alternative herbicide resistant management tools.



### Its not just spraying







# Labor / Efficiency

### Center for Applied Artificial Intelligence







# Thank you!



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# Improving Resident Services with AI

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# How AI fixes this?



# No Wrong Door Policy

"AI ensures every visitor gets a white-glove experience, making the digital front door more welcoming and accessible for all residents."

– Jess Savidge, Administrative and Communications Manager, Town of Palm Beach

# Challenge: Residents Can't Find the Answers

#### **AI Search**



- Al helps by compiling website, municipal codes, and FAQs
- Residents can easily find and understand answers in plain language
- Supports 75+ languages
- Team members can use it for legacy knowledge

# Challenge: Residents Don't Know Where to Go for Answers



- Al Voice understand, answers and offers additional information
- Residents get transferred to the right department the first time
- Multilingual Support

29.9% of the households in Florida reported speaking a non-English language at home as their primary shared language - USDATA

# Challenge: After Hours Requests



- Passaic County, NJ got so many voicemails for wills and estate requests over the weekends that they had "no walk-in Mondays" to process
- Al voice replaced phone trees and was turned on after-hours
- Result: Callers can get a direct answer to their question anytime, regardless of language or call time.
- Result: Reduced voicemails allowed the have reopened on Mondays.

### Palm Beach's No Wrong Door Policy

#### Why Palm Beach Turned to AI:

- Needed 24/7 accessibility for residents.
- Reduce phone inquiries so staff can focus on work
- Found website content was inconsistent

#### 📊 Results & Lessons Learned:

- Cleaned up and structured content for accuracy and clarity.
- Al redirects residents to the right department even across agencies.

"The goal is 24/7 availability to resolve inquiries quickly and efficiently while maintaining the high level of customer service our community expects." -Jess Savidge



"Our employees are human, and they get tired of answering the same question over and over."

> "We want to be really good at what we do and this helps us be better."

– Jay Litten, Town Manager, Bridgewater, VA





### Improved State: Two Click Cities & No Wrong Doors













# **10 DAYS TO 2**

Al can reduce processing of public records requests by 80% - frome 10 days to 2 days or less. 30%

AI chatbots handle 80% of citizen inquiries, cutting costs by 30%

# 25%

Al traffic systems cut congestion by 25%

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# **Legislative Outlook**

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## The Future of Technology Policy

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#### New Executive Order Actions on Artificial Intelligence Signed by President Trump

- Initial Rescissions Of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions (EO 14148) signed on January 20.
  - Rescinds the 2023 Executive Order by President Biden entitled Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence (EO 14110).
  - Rescinded order included safeguards for developing AI models, the establishment of federal agency chief AI officers and AI action plans, and the establishment of new standards for AI development and use.
- Removing Barriers to American Leadership in Artificial Intelligence (EO # pending) signed on January 23.
  - Calls for the development of a national AI action plan within 180 days of the order, and outlines implementation plan of EO 14148 for reviewing and rescinding all federal agency guidance documents on AI that do not comply with administration priorities.





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#### Federal Policy Trends – Artificial Intelligence

#### Key Congressional Priorities in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress

- Republicans control both chambers of Congress and the White House. Priorities outlined by the majority include:
  - Domestic energy reform to meet rising demands on energy by both the burgeoning advanced technology sector and consumers
  - Permitting reform to expedite the construction of infrastructure projects on federal and non-federal lands.
- Democrats in the minority hope to preserve key AI policies enacted during the Biden administration, including:
  - > The AI Safety Institute
  - The National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource Pilot
  - Federal agency actions on artificial intelligence undertaken by authority of the now-rescinded Executive Order



### Data center power usage expected to double in 4 years

Data center energy consumption projections as a share of total U.S. power demand, medium scenario



#### Federal Policy Trends – Artificial Intelligence



### Federal Funding and Private Sector Initiatives

- The outgoing Biden Administration awarded nearly \$25 billion in CHIPS and Science Act grant awards to date to foster continued growth of the semiconductor chips manufacturing sector in the United States
- President Trump announced "Stargate", a significant private sector investment in domestic AI infrastructure across the next five years

#### The Commerce Department has finalized more than \$25B in CHIPS awards Final awards announced by the CHIPS Program Office Semiconductors Packaging Equipment Materials **BAE Systems** \$36 million GlobalFoundries \$125 million Polar Semiconductor \$123 million Intel Micron Micron \$1.9 billion \$1.5 billion \$4.6 billion TSMC Entegris GlobalFoundries \$77 million \$6.6 billion \$1.4 billion C Intel \$1.5 billion Intel \$500 million Absolics Rocket Lab \$75 million \$24 million Intel \$3.9 billion Note: Data as of Dec. 10, 2024. Map does not include an additional \$3 billion awarded to Intel for a Pentagon project known as Secure Enclave. Source: CHIPS for America, Semiconductor Industry Association Rosmery Izagurre/POLITICO

#### Federal Policy Trends – Artificial Intelligence

#### NACo Legislative Priorities on AI in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress

- Preservation of the AI Safety Institute and continued refinement of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) AI Risk Management Framework
- Establishment of an information analysis sharing center (ISAC) dedicated to generative artificial intelligence
- Direct funding assistance for counties on educational resources for AI pertaining to digital literacy, workforce development and consumer awareness
- > Dedicate a support mechanism for **local compliance with emerging AI regulations**
- Support for the county role as administrators of the nation's elections with additional guidance from the Elections Assistance Commission and the use of Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant funds for resources pertaining to generative artificial intelligence
- > ...and more.







#### Federal Policy Trends – Broadband & Cybersecurity

#### NACo Legislative Priorities on Broadband in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress

- Continuation of the Broadband, Equity, Access and **Deployment (BEAD) program** and other federal broadband infrastructure deployment programs
- Securing new funding and authorization of a **permanent**  $\geq$ broadband affordability program at the federal level
- Securing funding for **next-generation 911 technology** deployment for public safety answering points across the country
- Improve the Federal Communications Commission's national broadband and cellular maps to ensure unserved and underserved locations are accurately reflected
- Reauthorization of the First Responder Network Authority before the agency's sunset date in 2027
- Preservation of the final year of funding for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)
- > ...and more.

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The NACo BEAD Program

County Action Steps for BEAD

Participation and Advocacy

Access to County Profiles of

NACo's County Explorer

An Overview of Resources

Information Administration

NACo Webinars and Resources

for Counties

Made Available by the Nationa Telecommunications and

Broadband Availability through

Action Center Includes

the Broadband Support it Needs

Internet access is a necessity - not a luxury - and is essential for participation in modern society. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) included a historic investment in broadband connectivity

through the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD)

Program. The BEAD Program provides \$42.45 billion in funding to connect every unserved and underserved location to high-speed

NACo's BEAD Program Action Center will help counties prepare for

participation in the BEAD program to ensure every eligible location

can experience build-out of high-quality broadband services.

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lart this process and learn more by visiting www.naco.org/resource/bead-program-toolki

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### State Issues

New House Committees

- Information Technology Budget & Policy Subcommittee
- Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee
- Security & Threat Assessment Committee

**Ongoing Broadband Programs** 

- BEAD & Digital Adoption
- Timelines & Implementation
- LTPT Involvement

State Councils

- Cybersecurity Advisory Council
- Government Technology Modernization Council



### Timeline

#### ConnectedFlorida BEAD Workforce Timeline



\*Note: The dates are subject to change.

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