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Massachusetts High Technology Council Champions AI Innovation Following Release of the Governor’s Task Force Report

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Boston, MA (December 19, 2024) — Today’s release of the Governor’s Artificial Intelligence Strategic Task Force report and the announcement of the creation of a Massachusetts AI Hub mark a significant step toward establishing the Commonwealth as a global leader in artificial intelligence. The Massachusetts High Technology Council, through its [MassVision2050](#) initiative, is proud to have contributed to the report and is already advancing efforts aligned with its recommendations to position Massachusetts at the forefront of AI innovation.

“Artificial intelligence has the potential to transform industries, improve lives, and grow the Massachusetts economy,” said Chris Anderson, President of the High Tech Council. **“The High Tech Council was pleased to contribute the expertise of its members to the Governor’s Task Force and will continue to take a leadership role in advancing initiatives designed to make Massachusetts a leader in AI.”**

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- **Innovation Sector Fact Packs:** Developed in collaboration with Knowledge Partner McKinsey & Company, [these fact packs](#) provide data-driven insights on nine innovation sectors, including artificial intelligence. They identify Massachusetts’ competitive strengths and opportunities for growth, informing key strategic recommendations.
- **AI and Healthcare Strategy Whitepaper:** Produced with Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and a working group of High Tech Council leaders, [the whitepaper](#) examines the transformative impact of [AI on the healthcare and life sciences sectors](#) in Massachusetts and charts strategies to reinforce the state’s leadership position.

Building on its recommendations, the High Tech Council has initiated an AI pilot project focused on maternal health.

- **Financial Innovation and Research Center:** The High Tech Council secured \$3 million in funding for this initiative, which aims to position Massachusetts as a leader in applied AI and FinTech. [FIRC](#) will drive job creation and economic growth in these emerging industries.

The High Tech Council's contributions extended beyond research and advocacy. Several High Tech Council members, including Vice President Elizabeth Mahoney, served on Task Force working groups, providing direct expertise that informed key elements of the report.

As the Commonwealth transitions from planning to implementation, supported by \$100 million in legislative funding, the High Tech Council is poised to lead in executing the Task Force's recommendations. Among the High Tech Council's immediate priorities is the establishment of the Massachusetts AI Hub and advancing strategic initiatives that will ensure the state's sustained competitiveness in AI innovation.

For more information on the High Tech Council's initiatives and its role in shaping the future of AI in Massachusetts, please visit www.mhtc.org.

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About the Massachusetts High Technology Council

The [Massachusetts High Technology Council, Inc.](#) is an organization of CEOs and senior executives representing innovation, technology, and scientific companies, professional services firms, and research institutions who are dedicated to creating and sustaining conditions that support investment, job growth, and improved quality of life in Massachusetts. Our members are growth-oriented, knowledge-intensive employers and institutions that develop, deliver, and depend on technology products, services, and innovations to advance their organizational objectives—a definition that covers just about all business enterprises in Massachusetts today. Our mission is to help make Massachusetts the world's most attractive place to live and work, and in which to create, operate, and grow businesses within the innovation ecosystem.

About MassVision2050

Spearheaded by the Massachusetts High Technology Council, [MassVision2050](#) is a multi-year collaboration between private, public, and academic leaders to advance Massachusetts' global economic leadership, focusing on key sectors that are likely to drive employment and economic growth in the coming decades. MassVision2050 aims to put Massachusetts at the forefront of global conversations and cross-industry collaboration on new technologies and their societal impact.