

Questions:

1. What does civil society mean in the context of the GovAI Coalition?
 - a. Civil society refers to advocacy organizations, non-profits, etc. that are neither governments nor institutions. Civil society is *not* citizens operating in an individual capacity.
2. Will the future work of the GovAI Coalition be a public process? Or will the people selected to be in the coalition be working in a closed group?
 - a. The work of the GovAI Coalition for the next phase will primarily be conducted in committees that members are able to join. Deliverables and related work will go public when they become more mature. We will be releasing updates about work direction on a monthly basis.
3. Do you see that municipalities are more consumers of AI rather than developers of AI?
 - a. While municipalities are consumers of AI tools, through the procurement process municipalities can shape the direction in which AI grows.
4. Can local city commission members join?
 - a. Yes. You can register your city as a whole (which gives your city a vote in leadership elections) by having the city (or any agency) sign the [agency registration form](#) and sending it to digitalprivacy@sanjoseca.gov, or you can join as an [individual government practitioner by filling out the form](#).
5. If an agency was involved in Phase 1, but does not sign the letter to become a core member in Phase 2, will there still be access to the Teams space?
 - a. Yes! You will still retain access to the Teams space if you joined in Phase 1. Letter is just for voting next year.
6. If a city has already decided to use an AI system, can they still vet it with the cooperative purchasing committee?
 - a. Yes! Please discuss this in the Cooperative Purchasing Committee. It could certainly form the basis of a cooperative purchasing agreement.
7. Will there be any kind of analyses to ensure the processes of this coalition would be free of conflicts of interest? Basic transparency and efforts to be free of these kinds of conflicts would be important to your work. [Note: This question also referenced the City of San Jose's ITAB (Information Technology Advisory Board), which ended in 2018].
 - a. Thank you for asking. The Coalition routinely reports its work to the public via our webpage at sanjoseca.gov/govai. We will also continue to hold public meetings like these in the future. The Coalition is now open to companies, civil society, and private universities, but it is still led by government practitioners, for government practitioners.
8. Just a quick note from Portland, we asked our Procurement team about vetting AI vendors and they advise us that that practice can be illegal in Oregon. This is due to transparency and procurement/vendor fairness laws. We will have discussions and sharing in our internal AI work group about all these options for participation.
 - a. Let's talk! We have heard everything from "this is necessary" to "no legal issues" to "this cannot be done". We find the real issue lies in the nuance of what is being asked and how the agency gets that information. Please share your experience in the cooperative purchasing committee, and come talk with us in the adoption committee on how we can find that balance of legal transparency.