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August Recess Update: *AI Action Plan*

Overview

On July 23, 2025, the Trump administration released its much-anticipated **AI Action Plan**, outlining 90 federal policy positions across three key pillars: Accelerating Innovation, Building American AI Infrastructure, and Leading in International Diplomacy and Security. These pillars are designed to guide near-term action and are underpinned by three cross-cutting priorities: protecting and promoting American workers, ensuring that artificial intelligence (AI) systems are trustworthy and free from ideological bias, and safeguarding AI from misuse, theft, or other risks posed by malicious actors. The scope of the AI Action Plan demonstrates the far-reaching impact of AI, with policy positions affecting not only technology but also trade, national security, cybersecurity, energy, labor, education, environmental regulation, antitrust, science, and financial markets.

Accompanying the AI Action Plan were three executive orders. **The first** promotes the development and export of the "American AI Technology Stack." **The second** directs a streamlining of the federal permitting process for building data centers. **The third** mandates the adoption of "Unbiased AI Principles," which prioritize "truth-seeking" in response to AI user prompts and "ideological neutrality" in federal government procurement. These executive orders build upon four previous AI-related executive orders issued by President Donald Trump earlier in 2025 as well as two from his first term.

Accelerating Innovation

The first pillar, Accelerating Innovation, is designed to ensure that the United States remains at the forefront of AI research, development, and deployment. This involves increasing federal investment in AI research and development, fostering public-private partnerships to develop "secure, full stack AI export packages," and supporting the commercialization of cutting-edge AI technologies. It also seeks to promote adoption of AI through a variety of measures, including promoting interoperability and leveraging open-source and open-weight AI. The AI Action Plan seeks to "ensure America has leading open models founded on American values." It further notes that "[o]pen-source and open-weight models could become global standards in some areas of business and in academic research worldwide. For that reason, they also have geostrategic value." The AI Action Plan further proposes to strengthen export control enforcement to protect American AI innovation and promote the adoption of American AI stacks within a global alliance.

Building American AI Infrastructure

The second pillar, Building American AI Infrastructure, centers on establishing the physical, digital, and human capital foundations necessary for robust AI development and deployment. This includes modernizing, securing, and expanding data center capacity, enhancing and expanding the power grid, improving American industry's access to high-performance computing resources, and ensuring the availability of secure, high-quality data for AI training and testing. The AI Action Plan also places a strong emphasis on workforce development, with initiatives to encourage the upskilling of American workers and AI education pipelines.

Leading in International Diplomacy and Security

The third pillar, Leading in International Diplomacy and Security, acknowledges the global implications of AI and seeks to ensure that the United States shapes international standards amid a rapidly evolving landscape of international AI laws, regulations, and technical standards. The AI Action Plan outlines strategies to promote the adoption of American-developed AI technologies and standards and to leverage America's global leadership in technology to forge "an enduring global alliance." The AI Action Plan promotes exporting America's "full AI technology stack — hardware, models, software applications and standards — to all countries willing to join America's AI alliance." The AI Plan also warns that "the failure to meet this demand would be an unforced error, causing these countries to turn to our rivals."