

This document summarizes the questions and answers received during the Artificial Intelligence Taskforce Information Sessions held on August 25, 2021.

**Partnerships:**

- Are you looking for someone from a particular industry?
  - No.
- Is the Taskforce already in place? If so, what are the insights on the team composition such as industry, academia, etc.?
  - The task force is being finalized now and will be announced when appropriate. Industry participants will include executives representing AI developers as well as ‘AI adopters’ from tech and innovation sectors that are critical to the Mass. economy, including robotics/logistics, health care, defense, and cybersecurity.

**Use of Funds:**

- Can you share more about the expected duration? And expected hours per week if possible.
  - The expected hours per week will vary as the work ebbs and flows, but the duration is estimated to be around six months.
- Is the time and material engagement considered an ad-hoc?
  - Yes, the time and materials are ad-hoc, there are others from the Innovation Institute staff who are partially dedicated to this effort.

**Other:**

- Is the work of the product focused to be a report for the Task Force that the policymakers in the Commonwealth can use?
  - The primary work product will be a report. The report is intended to include policy recommendations that are developed in partnership with the AI Taskforce. Recommendations from the task force and the consultant will be reviewed by MassTech and EOHEd. This will help inform discussions within the legislative and executive levels, but is not a replacement. As noted above, the recommendations put forth by this task force will help inform discussions within the legislative and executive levels, but is not a replacement. Recommendations from the task force and the consultant will be reviewed by MassTech and EOHEd. This will help inform discussions within the legislative and executive levels, but is not a replacement.
- When will an institution be selected and will the announcement be made public?
  - The task force is being finalized now and will be announced when appropriate. Vendor selection will likely be made by the end of September.

- Are you seeking for someone as a potential resource fit with an experienced background in Public Policy and Public Policy Development?
  - We will select the vendor who offers the best combination of skills suitable for the work at hand.
- Will future sessions occur virtually or is expected for in-person meetings?
  - It is expected that there will be a combination of both; however we will follow all appropriate state and federal guidelines to ensure safe in-person meetings.