

OnPoint Sponsors ACT-IAC Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Automation Forum

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OnPoint sponsors ACT-IAC forum bringing together government and industry to see how AI and Intelligent Automation solutions can improve the operations of government.

Washington D.C. – OnPoint Consulting, Inc (OnPoint) was a proud sponsor of the American Council for Technology & Industry Advisory Council (ACT-IAC) Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Automation Forum. This event brought leaders from government and industry together to discuss the current state of machine learning, AI and Intelligent Automation solutions.

Michael Conlin, Chief Data Officer for the Department of Defense, delivered the keynote address. With over 20 years of experience in technology in both the private and public sector, his insights ‘from the field’ offered an extraordinary glimpse into AI and why it’s so important to foster continued maturation. Other highlights from his speech include:

- **“The organization with the most data wins.”** Data is the fuel for machine learning, so having vast amounts of clean, organized, and tagged data will put your organization at a greater advantage when leveraging machine learning.
- ‘General Purpose AI’ is ubiquitous and is not a differentiator. For AI to be truly successful, focus on smaller sets of patterns on targeted data sets to get results quicker - an approach he described as ‘**narrow AI.**’
- **“We are using compute at the edge** to run models and identify exceptions to feed back to the center to train new and improved models to push back to the edge.” With the massive amount of data being captured by sensors and IOT devices, it is generally not feasible to send *all* the data back to a central location to analyze. Utilize machine learning on the edge devices, and then send the insights back to the center to train future models.

Other leading AI innovators offered case studies of how intelligent automation and RPA are already utilized in government (think useful ‘chatbots’), and perhaps most importantly, discussed the ethics around machine-based decision making. For more information about this event and its distinguished speakers, please visit: <https://www.actiac.org/artificial-intelligence-and-intelligent-automation-forum>.

If you’re a business leader interested in how Artificial Intelligence can lower costs, drive affordability and increase organizational output, or you’re an IT leader who would like to understand if AI fits within your overall strategy to innovate for the future, then check out our AI Primer, available here: <http://www.onpointcorp.com/is-your-agency-ready-for-ai/>

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