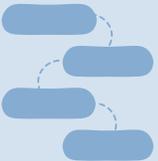# AI Foundations | CIO Engagement

Across small businesses, 80% of AI users – across all generations – are using their own AI tools in the workplace. And in cases where employees are using work-provided tools, only 16% strongly agree that those tools are useful.

Process & Outcomes

Our AI Foundations service was designed to get your team using **the right tools in the right ways**, all while building buy-in and consensus. Our CIO consultants will guide you through the following phases of methodical AI implementation.

	WHAT WE'LL DO	WHAT YOU'LL GET
PREPARE	We'll start by evaluating your **goals** and **readiness**. Through interviews and technical discovery we'll establish your AI **strategy**, compelling **use cases**, existing **toolset**, **data** hygiene, and **risk** tolerance. We'll identify any major gaps for remediation. We'll also build your AI use **policy**.	- AI App Inventory - Data & Access Audit - AI Readiness Score - Acceptable Use Policy
EXPERIMENT	Next we'll help you identify a group of champions for your **AI taskforce**. We'll train them on policy, goals, and how to experiment effectively. A **pilot phase** will begin where they'll explore, pressure-test, and document their work with the expert guidance of our CIO Consultants.	- Trained Taskforce - Facilitated Pilot Program - Knowledge-Share Stand-Ups - Open Info Exchange Forum - Documented Use Cases - Prompt Repository
IMPLEMENT	Then we begin a controlled, methodical roll-out to your entire team. We'll **enable** AI components in your existing software, **deploy** custom applications, and **provide** taskforce-built resources to guide secure, effective, proper use. We'll also **scope** out more complex app development efforts.	- Trained Workforce - 1-2 Native AI Apps Enabled - 3-5 Custom AI Apps - Development Roadmap
ELEVATE	With foundational elements now in place, we'll oversee the development and management of additional AI agents. The CIO will continue working with your stakeholders and taskforce to **evolve**, **iterate**, and **elevate** your use of AI.	- Facilitated Taskforce Meetings - Additional AI Apps/Agents - Follow-Up Training - Refined Use Cases - Updated Documentation