



Enterprise AI Strategy Template

1. Executive Summary

This template is inspired by the US Marine Corps' AI Implementation Plan. It is designed to help enterprises develop and scale AI capabilities in a responsible, efficient, and outcome-oriented manner. The strategy aligns AI with business objectives, enables workforce readiness, and fosters innovation through governance and partnerships.

2. Strategic Pillars and Objectives

Pillar	Strategic Objective
AI Mission Alignment	Align AI with operational and business outcomes.
AI-Ready Workforce	Train and enable teams across the organization.
AI at Scale	Deploy infrastructure and workflows to support scale.
Responsible Governance	Enable innovation through clear governance.
Partnerships & Collaboration	Integrate external and internal ecosystems.

3. Key Implementation Components

AI as a Transformation Strategy

- Embed AI within digital transformation programs.
- Redesign workflows and decision models around data.

Embedded Transformation Teams

- Deploy cross-functional teams into business units.
- Focus on solving real-world problems, not just demos.

Data First

- Implement data lifecycle management and architecture.
- Follow VAULTIS data principles.

Tiered Workforce Training

- Users: Those using AI tools day-to-day.
- Builders: Engineers, analysts, data scientists.
- Decision Makers: Leaders directing AI usage.



Agile Infrastructure for AI

- Cloud/on-prem compute scalability.
- DevSecOps and MLOps integrated platforms.

4. Responsible AI Governance

Establish a governance board to oversee and accelerate AI. Reform legacy risk processes and integrate AI standards into compliance and audit frameworks.

5. Use Case-Driven Strategy

Collect and prioritize use cases based on business pain and ROI. Avoid hype-driven investment; focus on operational value.

6. Success Metrics

Metric	Description
User Adoption	Number of users actively engaging with AI tools.
Manual Work Reduction	How much repetitive work is automated.
Time-to-Value	Time from project start to measurable impact.
Blocker Resolution	Rate of resolving technical or organizational obstacles.
Operational Impact	KPIs improved due to AI implementation.

7. Execution Phases

Phase	Activities
Phase 1: Initiate	Establish governance and launch pilot teams.
Phase 2: Operationalize	Deploy teams, validate infrastructure, and prioritize use cases.
Phase 3: Expand	Scale successful implementations across departments.
Phase 4: Sustain	Institutionalize training and evolve AI strategy.

8. Input and Data Gathering Template

This template is designed to help teams collect the information required to develop and apply the AI strategy effectively.

Element	Description	Input Example
Strategic Goals	What business goals should AI support?	Improve efficiency, reduce costs, increase customer satisfaction
Use Cases	What business pain points can AI solve?	Inventory optimization, fraud detection
Data Availability	What data exists and what is its quality?	Internal logs, CRM, 3rd-party APIs
Infrastructure	What tools and platforms are in place?	Cloud platforms, data lakes, MLOps tools
Team Readiness	Do teams have the needed skills?	Technical gap analysis, training needs
Risks & Constraints	What limitations or risks exist?	Compliance issues, cybersecurity, data bias
Success Metrics	How will success be measured?	Time to impact, automation %, ROI