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## Federal News Roundup | December 7, 2023

### ADI in the News

**ADI's Executive Director Ross Nodurft** testified at a [hearing](#) on the **White House Policy on AI** held by the **U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Accountability Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation** on December 6, 2023. In the [testimony](#) and [comments](#) submitted in response to a draft memorandum by the **Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on Advancing Governance, Innovation, and Risk Management for Agency Use of Artificial Intelligence**, ADI shared that it believes a well-informed governance framework with appropriate guardrails is essential to harness the benefits of AI while mitigating its risks. However, as the OMB memo is currently constructed, it has the potential to create many agency and component specific governance processes that can make it more difficult for new, modern, cloud-based technology that leverages or offers AI to enter the government marketplace. *Politico's* Morning Cybersecurity [newsletter](#) and [Inside AI Policy](#) previewed the hearing. *Inside AI Policy* [quoted](#) ADI's testimony.

The **House Science, Space, and Technology Committee** unanimously [voted](#) to approve the **National Quantum Initiative Reauthorization Act**. **ADI** supported the bill.

### IT Modernization News

**OMB** is piloting new [digital experience analytics](#) to help measure and advance process across agencies. Around 30 indicators can already be scanned, and **OMB** has begun piloting 20 automated indicators on digital services and public-facing digital products. The pilot follows the **21<sup>st</sup> Century IDEA Act** guidance that **OMB** released in September.

### Artificial Intelligence News

**DHS** has [issued new guidance](#) on how employees should use AI commercial applications and is experimenting with building its own models. The DHS also issued a privacy impact statement on commercial AI tools that have been conditionally approved for use within the department, including **ChatGPT, Bing Chat, and DALL-E2**.

The **Social Security Administration** has [issued a temporary block](#) on generative AI on agency devices. Agency representatives have stated that this is a precautionary measure as they continue to study beneficial use cases and how to protect agency data.

### Cybersecurity News

In an effort to boost security, **OMB** has directed federal agencies to create an [IoT inventory](#) by the end of fiscal year 2024. The new guidance includes definitions of types of IoT assets and what information the inventory needs to include.

According to **CISA**, hackers have [exploited out-of-support software](#) to scan federal systems, including **Adobe ColdFusion**. **CISA** is once again urging agencies to keep their software up to date.

According to a **GAO performance audit** of 23 federal civilian agencies, only three federal agencies have complied with the deadline for implementing the most advanced cyber event logging requirements. The requirements were outlined in **President Biden's** May 2021 cybersecurity executive order.

### **Workforce News**

A new bipartisan **House** bill would create two [cybersecurity training programs](#) for federal government employees. The bill would establish a cybersecurity registered apprenticeship program in **CISA** and a **VA** pilot program that would provide cybersecurity training to veterans.

The federal government has begun advertising cybersecurity positions available through a [rotational program](#), which allows federal employees to temporarily work at another agency. The goal is to spread cyber expertise across the government. **OPM's Open Opportunities** platform currently has 50 postings across 12 agencies, including roles for cyber defense incident responders, IT project managers, and cybersecurity specialists.

### **People on the Move**

**Commerce CIO André Mendes** will [step down](#) at the end of the month. **Mendes** will take on a new role as CIO for **Tarrant County, Texas**.

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