## CYBER SECURITY **KEYPOINTS**

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### Al Procurement

Questions & Strategic Considerations when adopting AI:

- What are the Specific Needs & Goals?
- What are the data requirements?
- What are the ethical considerations?
- What is the total cost of ownership?
- What are the vendor qualifications?



# to Evaluate

- > Regulatory Compliance: Assure AI solutions comply with local, state, and federal regulations.
- > Integration with Existing Systems: Assess how the Al solution will integrate with current IT infrastructure.
- > Scalability: Ensure the Al solution can scale with the growing needs of your county.
- > Training & Support: Plan for training staff and ongoing support from the vendor.
- > Risk Management: Identify potential risks up front and have a game plan.



#### **Potential Public Service Enhancements**

- Public Safety (predictive policing to allocate resources effectively)
- **Infrastructure Management** (predictive maintenance, traffic management)
- Citizen Services (virtual assistants for 24/7 citizen support)
- Administrative Efficiency (data analysis and decision support, automating routine tasks such as document processing)
- Public Health (chatbots for broadcasting public health information)

### **Ethical Considerations**

- o Evaluate potential biases in Al models.
- Verify transparency and accountability in Al decision-making.
- o Ensure constituent data remains protected by verifying it is not used to train models available to others.
- Conduct a security assessment and ensure AI solutions follow ethical coding standards.
- Ensure data privacy and security measures are in place.
- o Evaluate the return on investment and vet each vendor's experience/expertise.

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