

# 16th STS-AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference

*From Principles to Practice:*

▶ **Governing AI Responsibly in  
Manufacturing**

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# From Principles to Practice: Governing AI Responsibly in Manufacturing



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# Our Industry Manages Risk

- We engineer **safety & reliability** into operations—**control-layer safeguards, cybersecurity, and data privacy**.
- Apply the **same risk techniques** to AI: **assess, classify, set controls, document, monitor**.
- **Trust drives value:** Responsible AI boosts **privacy, decision confidence & brand**; governance gaps block scaling.



**Safety by design**  
Control-layer guardrails



**RAI in enterprise risk**  
Risk: cyber, privacy, data, AI

# RESPONSIBLE AI PRINCIPLES

## Dow Code of Conduct

Respect for People

Integrity

Citizenship

## Responsible AI Principles



### Human Oversight & Control

AI will be controlled by the expertise of humans to augment innovation, decision making & productivity to achieve trusted outcomes.



### Fair & Inclusive

AI must be unbiased and balanced for all groups to enhance inclusivity and well-being.



### Transparent & Accountable

Clearly link design and outcome to increase transparency and accountability.



### Data Security & Privacy

Safeguard autonomy, identity and dignity by protecting data privacy throughout AI system design, development, and deployment.



### Safe & Reliable

System to perform as originally designed and to respond safely to new situations preventing harm or endangerment of human life, health, property, or the environment.

## AI Policies, Processes and Procedures

GenAI – Acceptable Use

Benchmarking

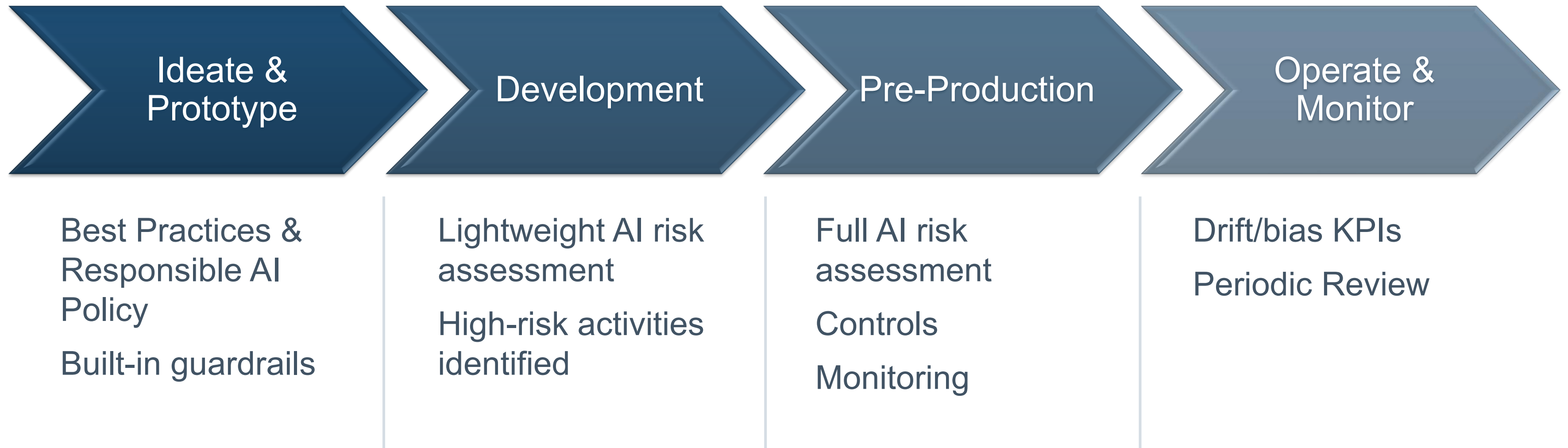
Governance

Drive innovation & value through responsible and ethical AI use rooted in strong core values



# Move at the pace of innovation

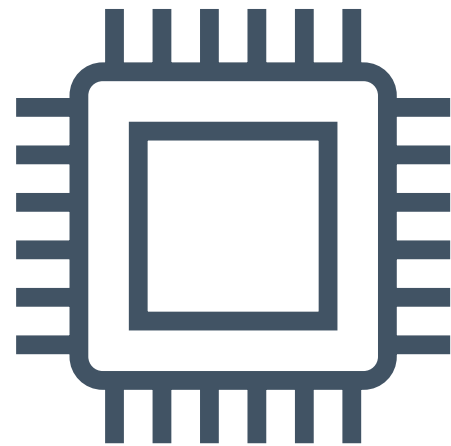
## AI Governance at the Right Time



# One Size Doesn't Fit All: Governing AI by Type

## Traditional AI

Solves specific problems using historic data



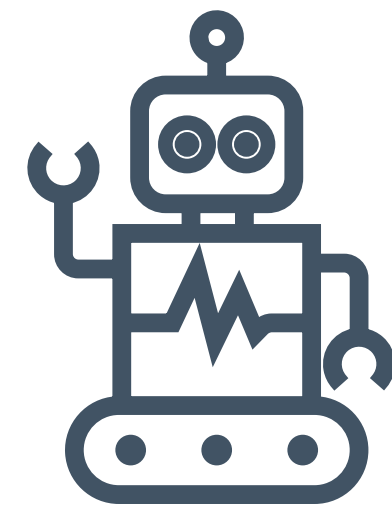
## Generative AI

Creates new content based on what you ask it

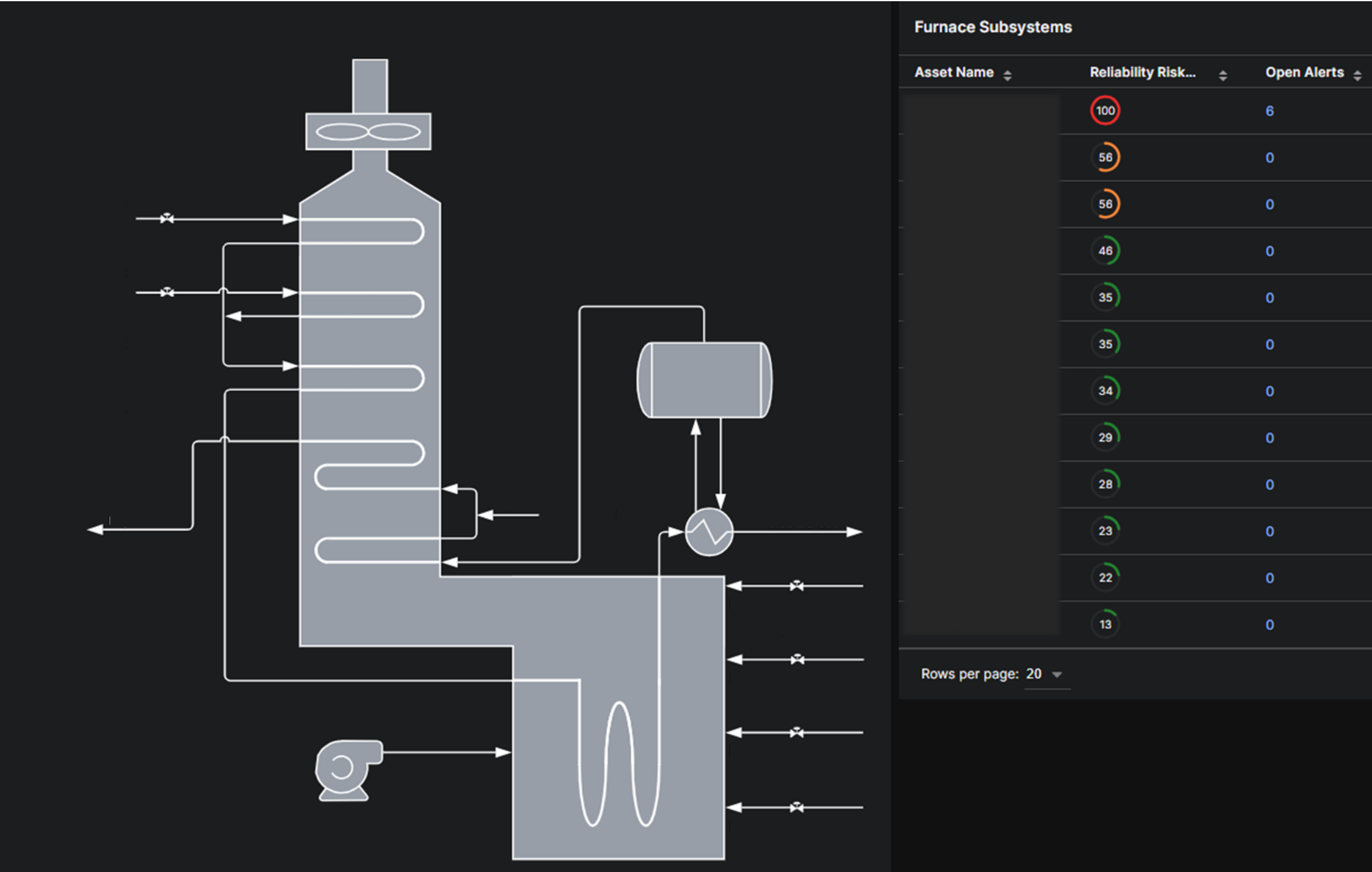


## Agentic AI

Reasons, make decisions, and take actions to reach a goal



# Traditional AI: Furnace Reliability



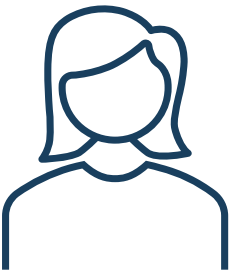
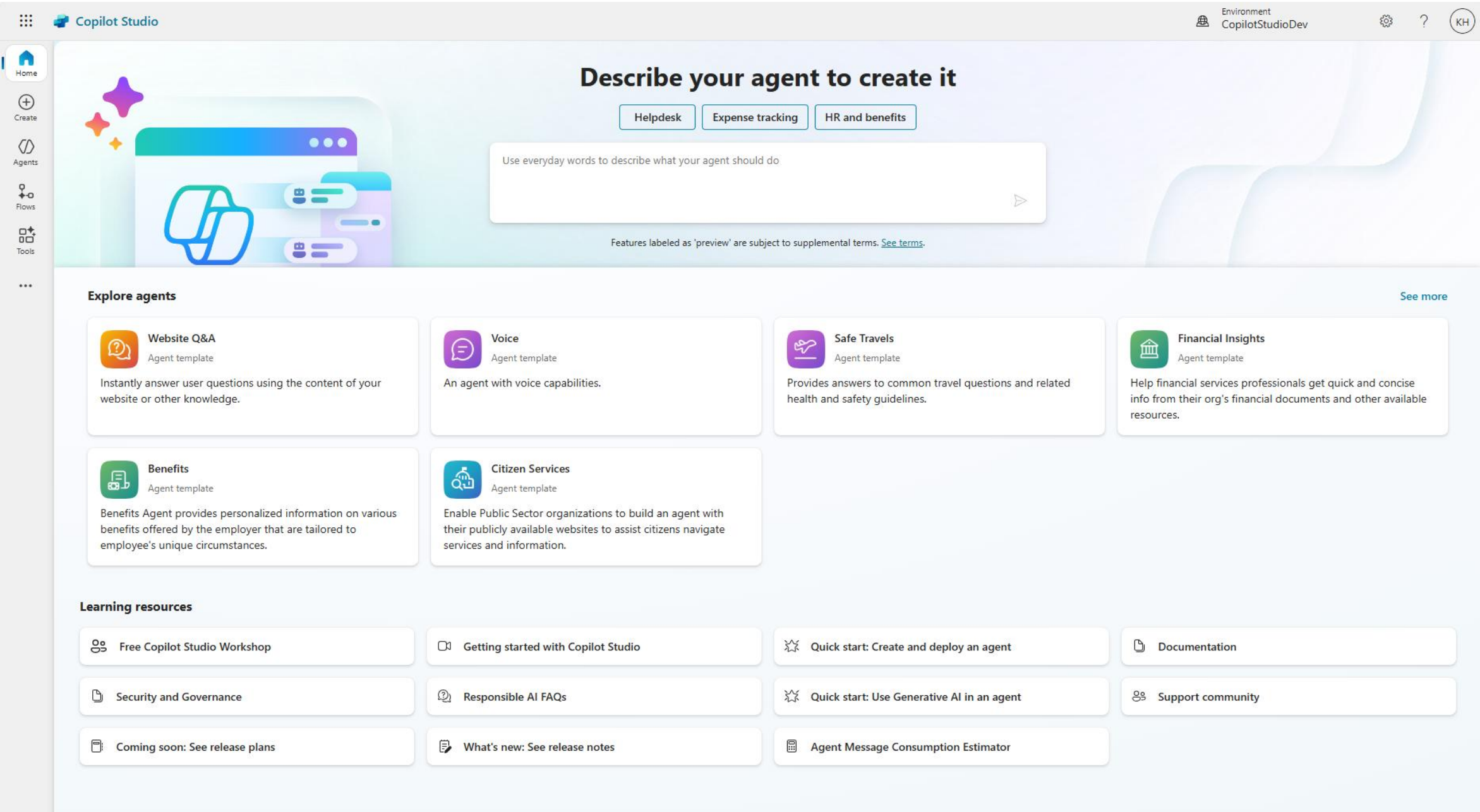
Accuracy  
Monitoring

Transparency



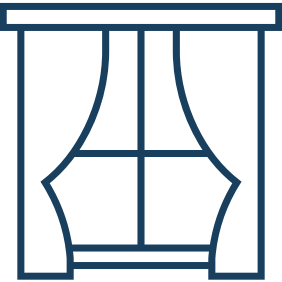


# Generative AI: Chatbots



Human Review

Transparency



Data Security & Privacy Controls



# Agentic AI: Freight Leakage

Freight Agent

Show me the top freight opport...

Work

Web

New chat

...

November 7, 2024 at 09:40 AM

Show me the top freight opportunities

Freight Agent 09:40 AM

Here are the top freight opportunities:

Shipment Number	Discrepancy Amount	Carrier
81155637	\$41,271.70	99799
		99799
		22054
		99799
		95404

Specific shipment, feel free to ask!

29617361 4 14091883 +1

of 30 responses AI-generated content may be incorrect

Freight Agent

Dow

Freight Agent

Shipment #: 81155637 (Tank Truck)

Lane: CIRCLEV DRDOVA, PA, US

Carrier: 99799

Completed: 2024-01-05

Total Accrued:

\$5,751.83

Discrepancy

Actual Total:

\$45,800.70

\$41,271.70

Contracted Rate:

\$4,529.00\*

\*Contracted rate hasn't been confirmed by sourcing

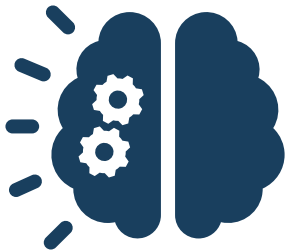
Show Line Items

Get Rate Confirmation



Failsafe

Human-in-the-loop





# Responsible AI: The Foundation for Scalable Innovation

- Governance builds trust
- Trust accelerates adoption
- Innovation thrives responsibly

