

MassCEC Policy on Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for External Reviewers of MassCEC Tech-to-Market (T2M) Grant Programs

Tech-to-Market Grant Programs include Catalyst/DICES, AmplifyMass, InnovateMass, CriticalMass, Innovation Ecosystem Program, and Testing and Demonstration Assets.

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External Reviewer AI Policy

This document sets out MassCEC's standards for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to review MassCEC grant proposals to ensure that it is used effectively and responsibly. The use of AI comes with risks related to bias, disinformation, cyber security, privacy, and environmental impact. It is vital to conscientiously manage these risks to ensure and maintain the effectiveness and integrity of these tools.

For the purposes of this policy:

- Artificial intelligence ("Artificial Intelligence" or "AI") includes any software tool that can perform tasks such as text or image generation, data analysis, transcription, or chatbot functions without explicit human programming for each outcome.
- External reviewers ("External Reviewer/s") include subject matter experts not currently employed by MassCEC who are providing expertise on grant proposals submitted to MassCEC. This includes, but is not limited to, reviewing grant proposals, participating in pitch day panel evaluations, or otherwise.

MassCEC prohibits External Reviewers from using AI to support their review of T2M grant proposals. External reviewers may not use generative AI to support their review process, including uploading grant proposals to any AI tool or otherwise using AI to summarize proposals, write review summaries, evaluations, or feedback.