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Voices of AI Innovation

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Nominee/Project Name

Voices of AI Innovation recognizes organizations that have achieved key business outcomes by implementing AI/GenAI/agent AI technologies.

The honorees must demonstrate the following:

- **AI strategy:** The organization must have an overarching, organization-wide AI strategy that is tied to business goals. The project being entered for consideration must show how the initiative is part of the organization's long-term AI road map.
- The entry project must have AI, GenAI, or agent AI technologies at its center.
- The project must enable substantial use cases that transform complex processes or solve significant problems.
- The project must demonstrate responsible AI.
- The entry project must be in production, and not currently in a pilot/proof-of-concept stage.

You should have authority to apply as the CIO/CTO/CDO or on behalf of the CIO/CTO/CDO's office of the said organization.

You are encouraged to credit all members of the team that contributed to this entry.

1. Please be sure to spell names correctly and get titles correct. People appreciate it when their name is spelt correctly, especially when it appears on a certificate!
2. You may also use this space to credit any contributing organisations.
3. Email addresses are not required but may be used to arrange delivery of certificates.

Company

(Name of your organization to be used in official communications)

Company Profile

200 words

(Organization Profile 200 words max)

Department

Job Title

Email Address

Contact Number (Mobile Only)

Contact at Nominated Organization

(Fill out if different from above. Leave blank if not applicable.)

First Name (optional)

Last Name (optional)

Department (optional)

Job title (optional)

Email Address (optional)

Contact Number (Mobile Only) (optional)

Project roll-out date (Must be between January 2025 to March 2026)

All nominated projects/programs must have gone live no later than March 2026. Use the earliest date at which the project/program was rolled out in the country of nomination. If the project/program is part of a larger initiative, use the date specific to the project/program nominated.

Please ensure that the initiative or program that you are nominating has been rolled out for at least six months. Ultimately, IDC believes that a minimum of six months of live production use is an appropriate time to evaluate the outcomes of initiatives. However, if you can demonstrate that the initiative or project provided quantifiable benefits in less than 6 months, then please feel free to include such initiatives, but specify the reason why this was so impactful.)

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Project Lead

Please provide the name, designation, and email address of the project lead, should there be further clarifications on the nomination.

Executive Sponsor

Please provide the name and designation of the executive sponsor of this project, who will receive the award, should your organization win.

Nomination Information

Nomination Summary

200 words

This may be used in IDC CIO Awards press release should your initiative be awarded. Please include the overview, why it is innovative, and one major measurable business outcome as a result of the initiative.

Note: By submitting this nomination you are giving permission for IDC to publish a summary to support press releases and other documents related to the Awards and IDC research process, and to use the submitted project information as part of case studies and IDC research. Should any information be strictly confidential, please indicate in the corresponding field of the nomination form and/or the attachment.

1. AI at scale initiative/strategy

500 words

Provide an overview of your organization's AI strategy, and explain the background of your project in the context of this strategy. Address at least one of the following.

- History and road map of your organization's AI initiatives
- Guidance on responsible AI, dealing with the limits of AI, values alignment, and compliance issues
- How your organization differentiates itself in the market with this initiative/strategy
- Overarching approach to implementing your initiative/strategy

2. Key challenges

300 words

Elaborate on the key opportunities or challenges that either necessitated the commissioning of the AI/GenAI project or were overcome during the implementation of the project. Provide qualitative and quantitative data on the challenges. Address at least one of the following.

- Business problems addressed by the project
- Causes and impact of the problems/challenges
- Why this specific business problem/s should be addressed by AI/GenAI among many other business or technical problems
- What were your expected outcomes by adopting AI/GenAI for these problems/challenges

3. Solution details

500 words

Provide details on the solution(s) deployed, specific technologies utilized, vendors partnered with, and achieved technology outcomes. Address at least one of the following:

- The business opportunity/challenges addressed
- The specific technologies adopted (AI/GenAI/agent AI technologies)
- The evaluation process or criteria to select the final technologies among others
- The measurement/KPI design to evaluate the solution's success
- Human factors or cultural issues in designing and deploying the solution
- Responsible AI — ethical and security considerations

4. Transformation benefits

Please provide quantitative measures you have observed or measured for those areas positively impacted by this project (e.g., \$300,000 in savings, 20% revenue growth, 5% improvement in customer satisfaction score (CSAT), 20% growth in product upselling, number or % of processes enabled with AI agents, work hours saved).

5. Lessons learned

200 words

What important lessons have you learned from your initiative that you would share with business and technology leaders who are about to undertake a similar journey? How will you replicate the success of your initiative? Do you have plans to expand your initiatives in the future?

6. Additional Information

300 words

- Why was this project transformative and why does it deserve a nomination in this category?
- Please include recognition/awards from external organizations and relevant press releases/media coverage.

Material may be supplied as follows:

1. Upload JPEG or PDF files. A maximum file size is 5MB per piece. A maximum of ten pieces can be uploaded with your entry.
2. Video attachments may be hosted on a video site such as YouTube or Vimeo.
3. Provide website URLs to the publicly accessible campaign or active URL of a landing page. Please ensure any applicable usernames and passwords are provided and active.
4. Please do not upload any further written material as the judges will not consider these. The written component of your entry should be fully explained within the provided form fields.

To nominate yourself for the IDC CIO Awards 2026, please use this form to send in your project details.

1. Please provide the necessary details through your official email ID only. Incomplete forms will not be considered.
2. The project should have gone live between January 2025 to March 2026. Projects that are yet to go live will not be considered.
3. Based on the submitted information, the IDC CIO Awards 2026 honorees will be chosen by the judging panel of IDC's Analyst and CIO Advisory board.
4. Applicants are encouraged to include any information about their project or initiative that they would like the jury to consider.
5. Each entry will be judged based on how it compares to all other entries submitted. Honorees will not be ranked. Except for the Top 3 Winners.
6. IT Vendors and Technology Consultants do not qualify for the IDC CIO Awards. Vendors and consultants may instead nominate completed projects on behalf of end user* organizations utilizing their technology products or services. Please provide confirmation from the client that they wish to participate in the awards program.
7. Discovery of falsification of data or fraudulent claims will constitute grounds for disqualification.
8. Nominations must be by, or on behalf of, the senior most Information Technology executive in the organization who is authorized to apply on behalf of the organization.
9. Rest assured that nothing filed in the nomination form will be published on any website/social media of IDC or talked/discussed during the event or otherwise.

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 24, 2026