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BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES FIRST-EVER CONSORTIUM DEDICATED TO AI SAFETY

Consortium housed under NIST U.S. AI Safety Institute includes more than 200 leading AI stakeholders to help advance the development and deployment of safe, trustworthy AI.

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo announced the creation of the U.S. AI Safety Institute Consortium (AISIC), which will unite AI creators and users, academics, government and industry researchers, and civil society organizations in support of the development and deployment of safe and trustworthy artificial intelligence (AI). The consortium will be housed under the U.S. AI Safety Institute (USAISI) and will contribute to priority actions outlined in President Biden’s landmark Executive Order, including developing guidelines for red-teaming, capability evaluations, risk management, safety and security, and watermarking synthetic content. “The U.S. government has a significant role to play in setting the standards and developing the tools we need to mitigate the risks and harness the immense potential of artificial intelligence. President Biden directed us to pull every lever to accomplish two key goals: set safety standards and protect our innovation ecosystem. That’s precisely what the U.S. AI Safety Institute Consortium is set up to help us do,” said Secretary Raimondo. “Through President Biden’s landmark Executive Order, we will ensure America is at the front of the pack – and by working with this group of leaders from industry, civil society, and academia, together we can confront these challenges to develop the measurements and standards we need to maintain America’s competitive edge and develop AI responsibly.” “To keep pace with AI, we have to move fast and make sure everyone – from the government to the private sector to academia – is rowing in the same direction. Thanks to President Biden’s landmark Executive Order, the AI Safety Consortium provides a critical forum for all of us to work together to seize the promise and manage the risks posed by AI,” said Bruce Reed, White House Deputy Chief of Staff. The consortium includes more than 200 member companies and organizations that are on the frontlines of creating and using the most advanced AI systems and hardware, the nation’s largest companies and most innovative startups, civil society and academic teams that are building the foundational understanding of how AI can and will transform our society, and representatives of professions with deep engagement in AI’s use today. The consortium represents the largest collection of test and evaluation teams established to date and will focus on establishing the foundations for a new measurement science in AI safety. The consortium also includes state and local governments, as well as non-profits, and will work with organizations from like-minded nations that have a key role to play in developing interoperable and effective tools for safety around the world. ##

The Fires, Innovation, Science, Technology Accelerator- Innovation Park, Lawton Fort Sill, Ok, www.thefista.com, is excited to be selected to be among the impressive members of the Consortium. Those members include, but not limited to, Amazon.com, Bank of America, Booz Allen Hamilton, Georgetown University, Citadel, CISCO Systems, Cornell University, Duke University, Google, Hewlett Packard, IBM, JPMorgan Chase, Johns Hopkins University, KPMG, MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Meta, Microsoft, Northrop Grumman, NYU, Pfizer, Princeton University, and University of Notre Dame. President & CEO, Dr. Krista Ratliff stated "In today's fast-paced and dynamic artificial intelligence (AI) landscape, prioritizing safety is paramount. Being a partner with AISIC provides the FISTA with an invaluable opportunity for collaboration and knowledge exchange with industry leaders and experts. By becoming part of this consortium, organizations like ours gain access to cutting-edge research, best practices, and a network of professionals dedicated to advancing safety standards. Together, we can create a safer and more resilient future for our workforce and communities". Mayor Stan Booker stated, City of Lawton, "FISTA being selected as part of a program under the direction of the Biden-Harris administration that is dedicated to AI Safety speaks volumes of how Lawton Fort Sill, and FISTA, are leading the way."

About FISTA (Fires Innovation Science and Technology Accelerator): FISTA is a pioneering innovation hub dedicated to the development and promotion of innovative technology solutions to support the modern warfighter. Through collaborative partnerships with industry leaders, researchers, and governmental agencies, FISTA focuses on fostering a culture of innovation, research, and collaboration. FISTA works to enable the creation of advanced technologies and strategies that save lives, protect our nation, and ensure a more sustainable future and economy for Lawton Fort Sill.

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