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Hartford leaders clarify vision for proposed AI center

A rendering of the proposed Applied AI Center in Hartford. Contributed | JCJ Architecture

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As Hartford awaits a decision on tens of millions of dollars in state funding for a proposed downtown Applied AI Center, city leaders are working to clarify what the project would — and would not — be.

Unlike the massive, energy-intensive data centers drawing opposition in communities around the country, Hartford's proposal is envisioned as a workforce training and research hub.

City leaders say the center would not house the large-scale computing infrastructure used to train AI models. Instead, it would provide education, testing and collaboration space where residents, students, researchers and businesses can learn to use AI tools and develop practical applications.

"It's not a room full of servers sucking up energy," **Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam** said in a video recently posted to social media. "It's a place where a healthcare company can come and work with our students to build out technology that will save lives in the future."

The proposal is part of Connecticut's $100 million Innovation Clusters program, which seeks to accelerate growth in emerging industries in urban centers. In 2024, proposals centered on Hartford, New Haven and Stamford were selected as finalists.

So far, the state has awarded $50.5 million to a New Haven-based initiative focused on life sciences, artificial intelligence and quantum technologies.

Arulampalam said the city has received positive feedback on its plan and expects a decision in the coming months.

The center is intended to help Hartford residents participate in an economy increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence, he said.

"AI is creating a nationwide job crisis, and I will not let Hartford residents bear the brunt of it," Arulampalam said. "Hartford isn't going to wait for Wall Street or Silicon Valley to dictate what the future looks like. We are going to build it ourselves and ensure that our residents are sharing in the benefits."

City leaders have spent roughly two years working with colleges, businesses and nonprofits to develop plans for the AI center.

A first phase is already underway.

Hartford and Trinity College have opened a 6,433-square-foot innovation space in Constitution Plaza that serves as a gathering place for training sessions, community events, office hours and collaborative work among organizations including the Hartford AI Collective, Women in AI and QuantumCT.

The Constitution Plaza space is intended to serve as a stepping stone to a larger AI center planned for a roughly 3-acre city-owned site behind Dunkin' Park. Hartford has already secured $8.4 million in state funding to demolish the site's vacant former data storage building, with work expected to begin after the Yard Goats season.

If anticipated state funding comes through, current plans call for a 100,000- to 150,000-square-foot Applied AI Center costing up to $78 million, said **Hartford Director of Development Services Jeff Auker.** The facility would include workforce training space, flexible collaboration areas, robotics programs, makerspaces and offices for technology partners.

"Ideally, we'd be looking to get some suites in there where we could get some big tech partners to potentially set up a Hartford headquarters here," Auker said.

A nearby hotel and parking garage would be developed by Stamford-based RMS Cos., which is also building hundreds of apartment units near the ballpark.

Auker said major Connecticut employers are seeking an AI-literate workforce for entry- and mid-level jobs, not necessarily cutting-edge researchers and developers.

Travelers Cos., The Hartford, Nassau Financial Group and Hartford HealthCare are among organizations that have pledged financial support for the initiative, he said.