



# Sovereign AI for State and Local Government



Adopt AI without surrendering control of public data, decisions, or operations. AI is entering government IT solutions faster than its control environment can evolve, and the challenge isn't access. It is maintaining meaningful control. Zensar helps agencies adopt AI on their own terms: trusted, governed, government-controlled GovTech innovation.

The market is moving toward sovereign AI

# \$600B

**Projected size of the global sovereign AI market by 2030, driven largely by public sector and regulated industries.**

# ~40%

**Share of AI workloads in regulated sectors expected to require sovereign environments as adoption scales.**

# G20

**Governments are increasingly moving toward mandating domestically hosted and tuned AI models for public services.**

## Why this can't wait

Productivity tools, cloud platforms, and employee experimentation are already expanding access to AI across most agencies, often outside a single approval process and through a supply chain of models, APIs, and subcontractors that the agency neither fully operates nor inspects. None of that changes who is accountable. Vendors may provide the technology, but agencies remain responsible for privacy, security, accessibility, and due process. Employees, labor representatives, and residents are closely watching how AI affects jobs and services, and the regulatory

floor is rising quickly, with AI inventories, risk assessments, and transparency requirements moving into law across the states.

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**“The challenge is not gaining access to AI. It is maintaining meaningful control.”**

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# Sovereignty is not a single decision. It is six.

Retaining meaningful control over public data, technology, and decisions doesn't require owning every component. It requires a deliberate, risk-aligned profile across six dimensions.

## 01 Public data

Control where data resides, who accesses it, and whether it trains models.

## 02 Models and technology

Approve models, evaluate performance, and govern changes.

## 03 Infrastructure and access

Determine where AI runs and who can administer it.

## 04 Decisions and oversight

Set limits on AI actions, with human review and appeal routes.

## 05 Operations and continuity

Monitor AI, manage incidents, and maintain services when AI is unavailable.

## 06 Vendors and exit

Control supplier obligations and preserve the ability to switch providers.

## Match controls to risk, not every use case the same way

Each use case is assessed by its data sensitivity, potential impact, and level of autonomy, then routed down one of three pathways. Green, for standard pathway: public information with limited consequences proceeds within approved guardrails. Amber, for enhanced controls: non-public data or outputs that influence operational work proceed only after use-case review and safeguards are in place. Red, for restricted pathway: highly sensitive data, or anything with rights, safety, or critical-infrastructure impact, requires explicit agency approval before it proceeds.





## Seven services, flexible entry points, with government control throughout.

The Zensar Sovereign AI Portfolio for public sector IT services can be entered at any point; an agency can start with a single assessment and stop there, or continue to fully managed government technology solutions and operations. Each engagement has its own defined deliverables.

### The portfolio

#### **01 Readiness and maturity assessment**

Delivers a control profile, gap report, and roadmap.

#### **02 Governance and policy implementation**

Delivers a governance charter, policy set, and decision-rights matrix.

#### **03 Architecture and platform blueprint**

Delivers a target architecture blueprint and control design.

#### **04 Government AI landing zone**

Delivers a deployed secure gateway, audit logging, and deployment pipeline.

#### **05 AI Assurance, evaluation, and red-teaming**

Delivers a Government AI Assurance Report, per use case.

#### **06 Sovereign AI use case factory**

Delivers production-ready use cases with deployment runbooks.

#### **07 Managed AI governance and operations**

Delivers Control Tower access and a quarterly sovereignty scorecard.

### A modular engagement journey

Begin with a fixed-scope assessment, not a commitment to a multi-year program. Each engagement has defined deliverables, and continuing is your choice.

**01 Assess:** Control profile, gap report, roadmap. 4-6 weeks, fixed scope, fixed fee.

**02 Design and build:** Landing zone and operating framework.

**03 Assure:** Government AI assurance report.

**04 Operate and sustain:** Control tower and quarterly scorecard.



## Proven at the scale and rigor government AI demands.

Zensar brings proven managed-services experience in mission-critical, regulated operations to the government's AI security and operations needs, translating governance requirements into architecture, workflows, and day-to-day controls that securely integrate AI with what agencies already run. Platform choice is built into the architecture, and experience design is built in through Foolproof and Indigo Slate.

### Why government agencies choose Zensar

#### Data sovereignty by design

Governed data architecture with built-in lineage, access controls, and residency, not bolted on after deployment.

#### Regulatory compliance, built-in

Government IT solutions aligned to national data protection and AI governance requirements from day one, reducing audit and compl

#### Faster time-to-mission-value prebuilt

GovTech accelerators and automated DataOps cut the path from pilot to production for citizen-facing AI services.

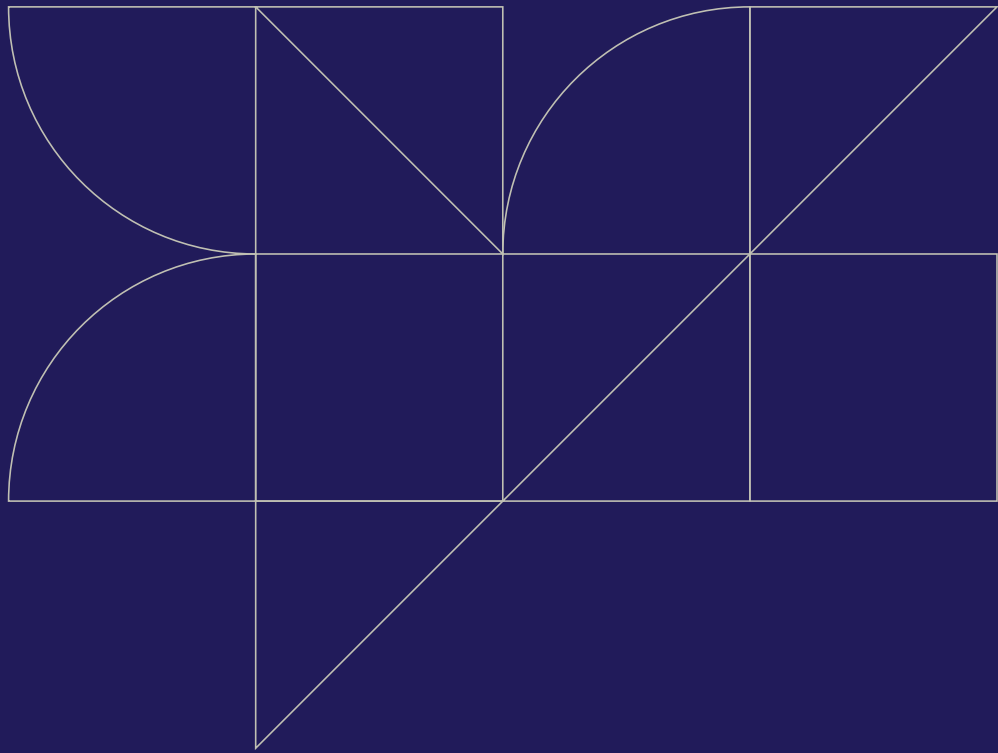
#### Proven GovTech delivery partner

A track record of delivering government technology solutions across agency operations, legacy security, and citizen service platforms at scale.

#### Start with a fixed-scope assessment

See where your agency stands across all six sovereignty dimensions with a clear gap report and roadmap in 4-6 weeks. No multi-year commitment required.

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