

# Education and Industry Consortium Meeting

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# **Welcome & Introductions**



# **Our Vision...**

**To be the catalyst for collaboration between industry and education in Southwest Florida, empowering individuals with the skills, opportunities, and pathways to thrive in a dynamic workforce, while driving innovation, growth, and sustainable success for businesses and communities.**

**Through these collective efforts, we will ensure the Southwest Florida workforce board has actionable information to enhance workforce opportunities for business and job seekers in our region.**





# Why AI Literacy Matters Now

AI is impacting every industry

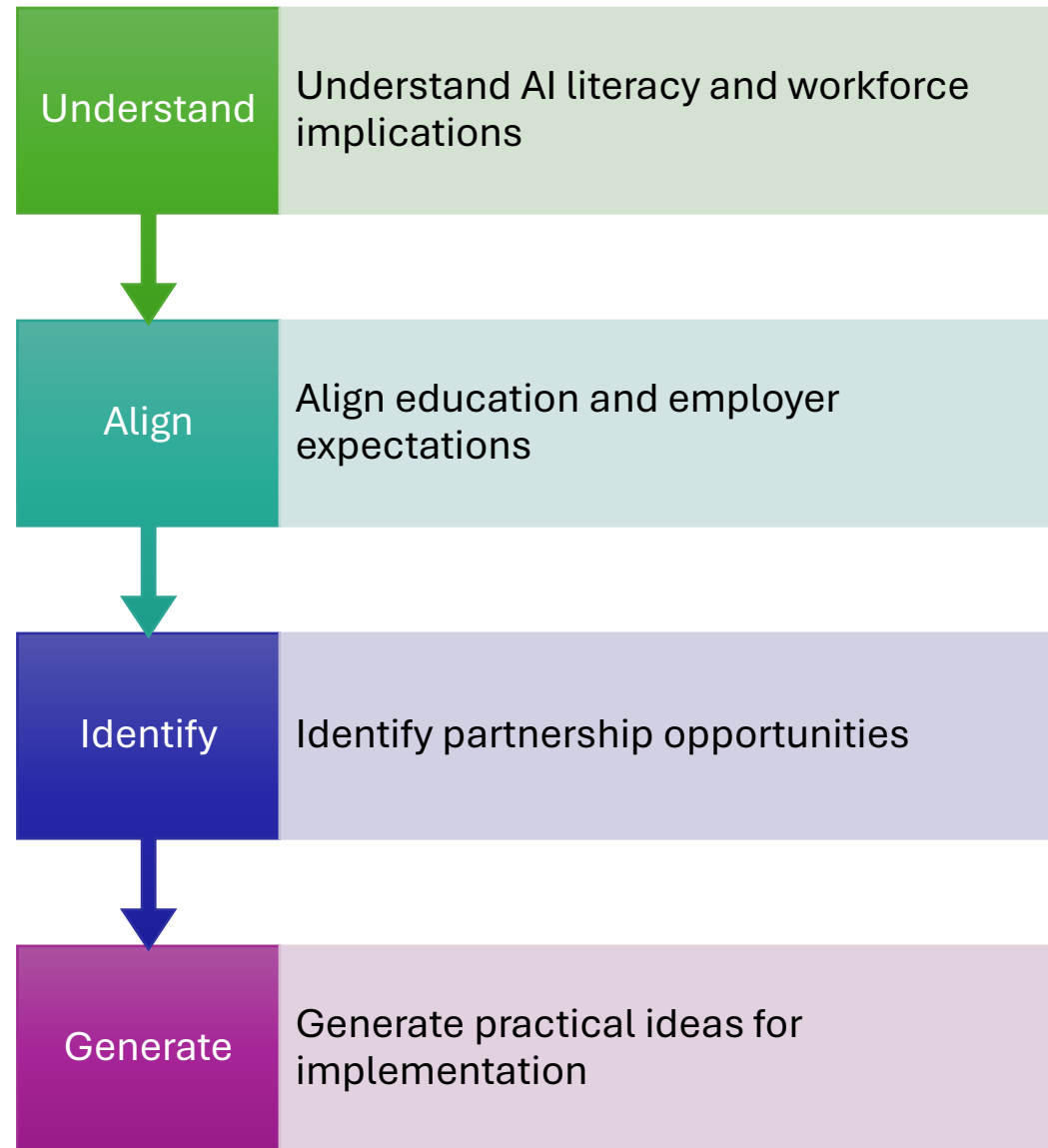
Entry-level roles are evolving

Human + AI collaboration is the new workplace norm






Workforce readiness must adapt



# AI Objectives...



# DOL AI Literacy Framework Overview

<b>Understand AI</b>	<b>Explore AI Uses</b>	<b>Direct AI Effectively</b>	<b>Evaluate AI Outputs</b>	<b>Responsible AI Use</b>
<b>AI Basics &amp; Awareness</b>	<b>Real-World Applications</b>	<b>Hands-On Skills</b>	<b>Critical Thinking</b>	<b>Ethics &amp; Safety</b>
				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Intro to AI Workshops</li><li>✓ Parent &amp; Youth Education</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Junior AI Consultant Projects</li><li>✓ Small Business AI Labs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Prompt Engineering Training</li><li>✓ AI Tool Practice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Project Analysis &amp; Feedback</li><li>✓ AI Ethics Discussions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Workforce Readiness Programs</li><li>✓ Community AI Talks</li></ul>

# Industry Impact Examples



**Healthcare:**  
diagnostics, personalised medicine, drug discovery and robotic surgery.



**Finance:**  
algorithmic trading, risk management, fraud detection, customer service via chatbots and personalised financial advice.



**Manufacturing:**  
optimisation of supply chains, predictive maintenance, quality control, and automates production lines with robotics and IOT integration.



**Transportation:**  
autonomous vehicles, route optimisation, demand forecasting, and improves supply chain logistics.



**Agriculture:**  
crop monitoring, soil health analysis, predictive analytics for yield and automates machinery for planting and harvesting.

# Employer Perspective Discussion



**WHERE IS AI  
ALREADY USED AT  
WORK?**



**WHAT SKILLS ARE  
MISSING IN NEW  
HIRES?**



**WHAT MISTAKES DO  
EMPLOYEES MAKE  
USING AI?**

# Education Perspective Discussion



**WHERE DOES AI FIT  
INTO CURRICULUM  
TODAY?**



**WHAT BARRIERS  
EXIST?**



**WHAT SUPPORT IS  
NEEDED?**

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## Collaborative Discussion



**Discuss shared challenges**



**What AI skills should every graduate have?**



**What workplace problems could students practice?**



**How can employers support learning?**



**What should we pilot together?**

# The Next Steps



**CONTINUE CROSS-  
SECTOR DIALOGUE**



**EXPLORE  
POTENTIAL  
COLLABORATIONS**



**BUILD FUTURE  
QUARTERLY  
THEMES TOGETHER**

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**Updates...**



# Adjourn...

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