TECH EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

The Tech Executive Leadership Initiative prepares senior technology leaders with the skills critical to federal government service and public policy. This ten-week, remote, part-time fellowship — which consists of a bootcamp on the basics of government service, and a final project on a policy challenge with a government client organization — prepares senior technology leaders for future federal government service or working closely with the federal government.

POLICY IMPACT

Through their project work, TELI leaders have influenced federal, state, and local policy.

- TELI leaders are currently working on projects focused on procurement, supporting small businesses, and vaccine passports with the State of California and two other anonymous clients.

- Five groups of TELI leaders presented ideas to national and state/local US Census representatives on how to improve the quality of data collected from last year's decennial Census, several of which are under consideration for adoption.

- Four teams of TELI leaders developed various proposals and policy outputs — including white papers, infographics, and a website — to aid the US Department of Labor to improve unemployment insurance payment processing during the COVID-19 crisis.

PEOPLE IMPACT

After completing their training, several TELI leaders have transitioned, or are actively transitioning, into government and policy roles.

- Marcela Escobar-Alava is Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Technology at the White House.

- Ann Lewis is Senior Advisor for Tech and Delivery at the US Small Business Administration, a Senate-appointed position.

- Ashley Llorens is a Steering Committee Member for the OECD's Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence, a multi-stakeholder initiative aiming to bridge the gap between the theory and practice of AI.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Tech Executive Leadership Initiative is a collaboration of multiple nonprofit organizations that are committed to building technical talent within the federal government.

- The pilot TELI program was a partnership of the Aspen Tech Policy Hub, the Tech Talent Project, and the National Conference on Citizenship's Project Redesign, with support from the Beeck Center for Social Impact and Innovation. Many TELI participants are recruited through the Tech Talent Project pipeline.

- The TELI program remains a critical initiative to accomplish the United States of Technologists' goal to empower 10,000 technologists to enter the public sector.

FAST FACTS

2020 launched

2 cohorts run to date (one in progress)

72 senior executives trained

15 projects developed for government clients

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