Program Area: Sales Performance

Category: Best Use of AI for Sales Performance

The category **Best Use of AI for Sales Performance** is for a written description of how your sales departments are successfully AI to train their teams more effectively and efficiently on new and existing products, provide performance support, and, if applicable, integration with your customer relationship automation system (CRM) and other systems. The solution offers innovative applications of AI technology to enhance sales productivity, improve coaching, and increase performance.

Sales training, corporate training, learning, talent, HR, operations, or other related department can enter either alone or together with a helping organization (such as a vendor aka solution provider, or consultant). Helping organizations cannot enter alone.

**Instructions:**

1. You must use this Word document for your submission.
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6. Read the Judging Criteria below. The judges will evaluate your submission according to these criteria.
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| **Judging Criteria: The judges will evaluate your entry on a scale of 1-6 on each of these criteria below.** | |
| 1. **F**it to the Needs | The **AI** technologies effectively support the **sales objectives and** needs of the organization**.** Ethical use of AI that benefits sales reps and customers. Scalability of the AI solution across the sales organization. |
| 1. **Data Driven-Insights** | Use of AI to provide data-driven insights and recommendations to sales teams. Personalized coaching and training capabilities powered by AI. |
| 1. **Change Management** | There was an effective change management strategy that produced positive organizational outcomes.Increased adoption and usage of the AI solution by the sales organization. |
| 1. **Measurable Benefits** | Measurable improvements in sales metrics like lead conversion rates, average deal size, and sales cycle times.  Return on investment and quantifiable value added by the AI technology. |
| 1. **Overall** | Overall, the use of AI positively impacted its audience and organization. |

Entry Overview:

***Please make sure all information matches the online application.***

Entry Information

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| **Entry Title** | (Insert text here) |
| Name of Entering Organization | (Insert text here) |
| \*Name of Helping Organization (Vendor)  if submitted jointly: | (Insert text here) |
| \*OPTIONAL PR | (Insert text here) |
| Date | (Insert text here) |
| Brief Description of Entry (2-3 Sentences) | (Insert text here) |

Company Background (of entering organization, not the solution provider)

Insert company logo here

Use the grid below to give information about the organization, size and scope, and industries served.

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| **Company-at-a-Glance** | |
| Headquarters | (Insert text here) |
| Year Founded | (Insert text here) |
| Revenue | (Insert text here) |
| Employees | (Insert text here) |
| Global Scale (Regions that you operate in or provide services to) | (Insert text here) |
| Customers/Output, etc. (Key customers and services offered) | (Insert text here) |
| Industry | (Insert text here) |
| Stock Symbol | (Insert text here) |
| Website | (Insert text here) |

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Budget and Timeframe

Please fill out the following grid with your best ability. You may offer an estimate or range for each. If this information is confidential or not applicable, enter N/A. Your entry will not be judged based on this information; however, this offers the judges a greater understanding of your entry, complexity, and/or maturity.

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| **Budget and Timeframe** | |
| Overall budget | (Insert text here) |
| Number of (HR, Learning, Talent) employees involved with the implementation? | (Insert text here) |
| Number of Operations or Subject Matter Expert employees involved with the implementation? | (Insert text here) |
| Number of contractors involved with implementation | (Insert text here) |
| Timeframe to implement | (Insert text here) |
| Start date of the program | (Insert text here) |

Entry Details:

Judging Criteria 1: Fit to the Needs

Use this area to describe the business conditions and business needs that led your organization to apply AI technology to support the needs of the organization and sales performance.

Details:

Overview

Use this area to provide a description of the AI technology and its implementation in your organization. What goals did you establish and were they achieved?

Details:

Judging Criteria 2: Data-Driven Insights

*Use this area to describe how AI provided data-driven insights and recommendations to sales teams. How were these insights used, and what actions did you implement, such as personalized coaching and training?*

*Details:*

Judging Criteria 3: Change Management

Describe any challenges or obstacles that you may have encountered and how you overcame them. What was your process for addressing change management? What was your change management approach that produced positive organizational outcomes andincreased adoption and usage of the AI solution by the sales organization?

*Details:*

Judging Criteria 4: Measurable Benefits

*Use this area to discuss the measurable improvements in sales metrics like lead conversion rates, average deal size, and sales cycle times. Include details on your return on investment and quantifiable value added by the AI technology.as seen by your organization. How do you measure ROI/impact and what were the results? How did you prioritize and identify what was important?*

*Details:*

Judging Criteria 5: Overall

Use this section to provide a summary of key findings. What lessons did you learn? What is next/future outlook?

Details: