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Permission is now the product

This week, labs described their AI agents by what the agents are restricted from doing. OpenAI's dots, launched September 29, run background research with read-only tools and always require a human for tasks such as password changes (Source C08). SpaceXAI's Team Bots, in public beta since September 28, query data with shared read-only credentials in the example it gives (Source C14). NVIDIA's Open Agent Safety Platform, announced September 28, puts a watchdog on separate hardware (Source C17). Anthropic's Claude for Government, generally available September 30, bills against a hard not-to-exceed cap (Source C04). Google's Gemini 4 Argon, also September 30, is rolling out first to trusted cyber defenders (Source C12). For regulated buyers, the question moved from what an agent can do to what it is permitted to do, and what record it leaves.

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This is the Friday weekly digest. It covers Monday, September 28 through Friday, October 2, 2026, America/New_York, and calls the prior five days (September 21 to 25) "last week." Research was closed on Thursday, October 1 at about 9:30 p.m. ET, so anything released this morning, including the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) jobs report at 8:30 a.m. ET, is not in this edition. Items outside the window are dated where they carry weight.

\$2 / \$10

list price per million input and output tokens for three models from three labs: Claude Sonnet 5.5, GPT-6.1 Sol and Gemini 4 Argon (introductory)

Grok 4.7 lists at \$2 / \$6. Prices are not capability. **VERIFIED**

Source C01 **VERIFIED** Source

C09 **VERIFIED** Source C12

VERIFIED Source C13

22%

of leaders would approve fully autonomous AI agents for cyber defense without human approval

PwC survey of nearly 4,000

leaders in 70+ countries,

published October 1. **CITED**

Source C27

78% / 84%

of US utility innovation leaders deploy at least one AI application on interconnection demand / take more than a year from pilot to full rollout

National Grid Partners, n=134, sponsor-commissioned, released September 18.

VERIFIED Source C37

17 days

left to comment on FDA's generative-AI medical device discussion paper (closes October 19)

Docket FDA-2026-N-7874; a discussion paper, not draft guidance. **VERIFIED** Source C30

THE WEEK IN ONE SENTENCE

Labs priced alike and described their agents by their limits: read-only credentials, hard spend caps, staged access and out-of-band monitors. For regulated buyers, the product to evaluate is no longer only the model. It is the permission design around it, and the record it leaves.

That reading is an interpretation of what vendors published, not a claim that any of these controls works as described. Most of the product facts below are company-reported, several are in beta or early access,

2. Weekly digest: the five days, in order

Weekly digest, Monday, September 28 to Friday, October 2, 2026. Every item is labeled with its evidence tier.		
DAY	WHAT WAS PUBLISHED OR REPORTED	WHAT IT ADDS
Mon, Sept 28	Anthropic released Claude Sonnet 5.5 at \$2 / \$10 per million tokens. VERIFIED Source C01 SpaceXAI opened Team Bots in public beta. VERIFIED Source C14 NVIDIA announced the Open Agent Safety Platform. VERIFIED Source C17 Meta formed an Enterprise Platform unit. CITED Source C18 Mistral opened a Munich hub for industrial AI. CITED Source C19 Fed Governor Cook spoke on AI and the economy. VERIFIED Source C20	Two model and agent launches, one hardware-level safety stack, and two vendor entries into enterprise. The Fed's first public read of the week was cautious on labor effects.
Tue, Sept 29	OpenAI launched dots, always-on agents with their own cloud computers. VERIFIED Source C08 Fed Governor Barr spoke in Detroit on AI and jobs. VERIFIED Source C21 Fed Governor Bowman addressed community-bank cyber risk, including AI agents. CITED Source C23	Agent identity and approval rules became product features. Supervisors framed AI as a board-level risk-management issue.
Wed, Sept 30	Anthropic made Claude for Government generally available. VERIFIED Source C04 Google announced Gemini 4 Argon with gated first access. VERIFIED Source C12 OpenAI published its model-distillation report. VERIFIED Source C10	Three labs published on the same day, each with an access or misuse boundary. The robotics and grid items set capability against cost and capacity.

DAY	WHAT WAS PUBLISHED OR REPORTED	WHAT IT ADDS
	Anthropic published its Robot Exposure Index. VERIFIED Source C03 IFR released service-robot figures. VERIFIED Source C32 PJM's backstop procurement was delayed after a FERC rejection. CITED Source C40	
Thu, Oct 1	Anthropic described Barclays' use of Claude. VERIFIED Source C05 OpenAI described Albertsons' deployment. VERIFIED Source C11 PwC's survey was published. CITED Source C27 American Banker reported Fed work on data tools for AI agents and an expert debate on agent-driven deposit flight. CITED Source C22 CITED Source C24	Customer stories arrived with volumes in one case and no metrics in the other. Buyers gave their view on autonomy.
Fri, Oct 2	BLS publishes the September Employment Situation at 8:30 a.m. ET. VERIFIED Source C42	Not in this edition's research window. The August report is summarized in section 11.

3. Frontier ledger: equal weight, what shipped

Every lab and platform below gets the same four questions: what was released or published, what access exists today, how the control design is described, and what is not established. Coverage is based on published activity, not partner status.

Frontier ledger, September 21 to October 1, 2026. Company statements are company-reported.			
LAB OR PLATFORM	RELEASED OR PUBLISHED	ACCESS AND CONTROLS DESCRIBED	NOT ESTABLISHED
SpaceXAI, xAI, SpaceX and Cursor	Grok 4.7 on September 21 at \$2 / \$6 per million tokens.	Team Bots are in public beta on Teams and Enterprise plans; the example Data Bot uses shared read-only credentials; integrations include Salesforce, Databricks, Slack and Datadog.	Team Bots pricing. Independent evidence for the customer-reported \$120,000 Harper figure, which describes savings for that company's customers.
	VERIFIED Source C13		
	Team Bots on September 28.		
	VERIFIED Source C14		
	Cursor shipped Rollouts and Security Review bots on September 23 and listed no entry from September 24 through October 1.	VERIFIED Source C14	VERIFIED Source C14
	VERIFIED Source C15		
	Reported completion of the SpaceX acquisition of Cursor on August 14.		
	CITED Source C16		

LAB OR PLATFORM	RELEASED OR PUBLISHED	ACCESS AND CONTROLS DESCRIBED	NOT ESTABLISHED
Anthropic	Claude Sonnet 5.5 on September 28. VERIFIED Source C01 Claude for Government generally available on September 30. VERIFIED Source C04 Barclays description on October 1. VERIFIED Source C05 Opus 5.5 last week at \$4 / \$20. VERIFIED Source C02	Hard not-to-exceed spend cap and two-person approval for sensitive Anthropic-side operations; Claude Code CLI and Claude for Microsoft 365 are early access, not general availability. VERIFIED Source C04	Independent confirmation of the "30% less per task" claim. Barclays outcome metrics beyond volumes. VERIFIED Source C01 VERIFIED Source C05
OpenAI	dots on September 29. VERIFIED Source C08 Distillation report on September 30. VERIFIED Source C10 GPT-6.1 Sol at \$2 / \$10 (page undated). VERIFIED Source C09 Albertsons description on October 1. VERIFIED Source C11	Enterprise, Edu and Healthcare workspaces get dots in beta when an admin enables them; specialist dots carry their own identity and credentials; Custom Rules allow, require approval for, or block actions. VERIFIED Source C08	The scope and timeline of the training pause reported on September 27. CITED Source C44 Outcome metrics for Albertsons; the page publishes none. VERIFIED Source C11
Google	Gemini 4 Argon on September 30, with a 1 million token output limit and company-reported results on DeepSWE v1.1 (77.9%) and CWE-bench v1 (tied first at 68%). VERIFIED Source C12	First access goes to trusted cyber defenders through the Fairwind Program, alongside a voluntary US government pre-release process; paid API and Google AI Ultra customers follow. VERIFIED Source C12	A general-availability date. Independent reproduction of the benchmark figures. VERIFIED Source C12
Meta	A new Meta Enterprise Platform unit, led by a former MongoDB chief executive, on September 28. CITED Source C18	The announcement is described as strategy more than a purchasable package, with security and privacy stated as built	Pricing, launch dates, administrator controls, contract terms. CITED Source C18

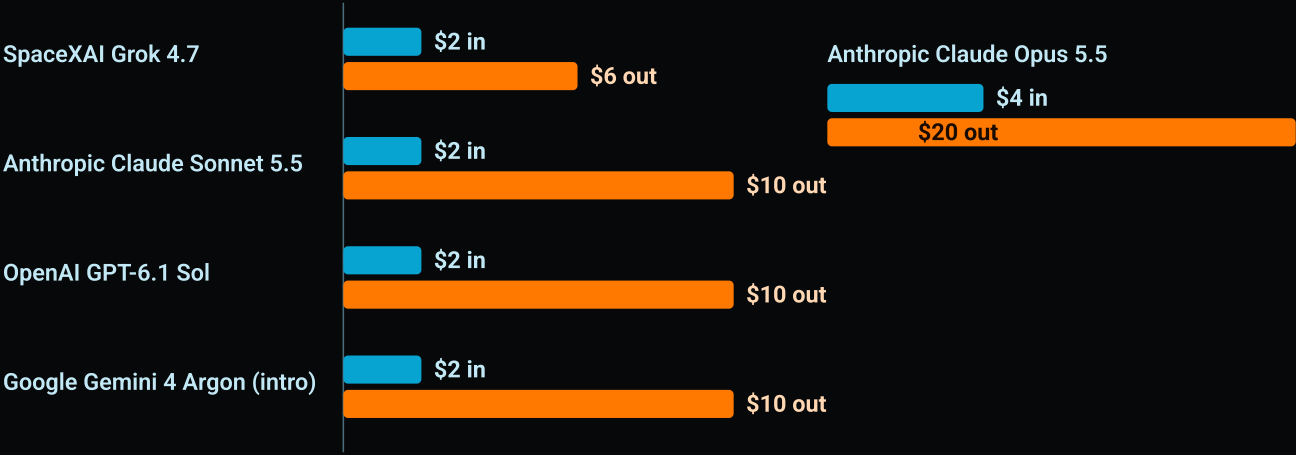
LAB OR PLATFORM	RELEASED OR PUBLISHED	ACCESS AND CONTROLS DESCRIBED	NOT ESTABLISHED
		in. CITED Source C18	
Mistral AI	Munich hub for Physics AI and Industrial AI on September 28, naming BMW, Siemens Energy and TUM as collaborators. CITED Source C19	Open-weight models that run on customer infrastructure under European law, per the company. CITED Source C19	Deployment outcomes. The 1 GW European compute figure is a 2030 target. CITED Source C19
NVIDIA	Open Agent Safety Platform on September 28: OpenShell runtime, Sentry watchdog on BlueField-4, DOCA for identity and policy. VERIFIED Source C17	Sentry runs out of band and quarantines agents that exceed boundaries in milliseconds, per NVIDIA. VERIFIED Source C17	Production deployments. NVIDIA states features are offered "on a when-and-if-available basis." VERIFIED Source C17

One platform note. No new in-window release from Salesforce, ServiceNow, Snowflake, Databricks, Adobe or Microsoft was read at a primary source this week. The nearest dated item is the Salesforce and Databricks expansion of June 16, which put a Slack Genie app in public preview with general availability planned for the second half of 2026. **CITED** Source C46 It matters here because Team Bots list Salesforce, Databricks and Slack among their integrations, so a buyer's data permissions now span vendors. **VERIFIED** Source C14

4. Price converged. Permission design did not.

Three labs list at the same \$2 in, \$10 out

US dollars per million tokens. First-party pages read September 21 to October 1, 2026. Not a capability comparison.



Sources C01, C02, C09, C12, C13. Opus 5.5 shown on its own scale at right (bars not aligned to the left axis).

Figure 1. List prices from each lab's own page. Sonnet 5.5, GPT-6.1 Sol and Gemini 4 Argon list at \$2 input and \$10 output; Argon's price is introductory. Grok 4.7 lists at \$2 and \$6, and Opus 5.5 at \$4 and \$20. Chip meanings are in section 16.

VERIFIED Source C01 **VERIFIED** Source C02 **VERIFIED** Source C09 **VERIFIED** Source C12 **VERIFIED** Source C13

Identical list prices do not mean identical cost. Anthropic says Sonnet 5.5 needs fewer tokens for the same work and "costs up to 30% less per task," a company-reported figure. **VERIFIED** Source C01 Its Opus 5.5 page states 40% less than Opus 5 on typical workloads at default settings, while the per-token cut is 20%. **VERIFIED** Source C02 The labs also report on different benchmarks: Anthropic cites Terminal-Bench 4.0 and OSWorld, Google cites DeepSWE v1.1 and CWE-bench, and OpenAI cites parity with an earlier model at lower cost. **VERIFIED** Source C01 **VERIFIED** Source C12 **VERIFIED** Source C09 This edition does not rank them.

IMPLEMENTER'S TIP

Budget per completed task, not per token. Run the same 50 real tickets, claims or work orders through two models, count tokens, retries and human corrections, and price the whole loop. A price table cannot tell you how often a human has to fix the output.

5. The permission file: seven controls described this week

Across vendors, the same seven design choices appeared. A regulated buyer can turn each into a procurement question and an evidence request.

Seven controls, who described them this week, and what to ask for.		
CONTROL	DESCRIBED BY	ASK THE VENDOR FOR
1. Own identity per agent	OpenAI: specialist dots have their own identity and credentials. VERIFIED Source C08 NVIDIA: DOCA performs agent identity verification. VERIFIED Source C17	How the agent identity appears in your identity provider and audit log.
2. Read-only by default	OpenAI: proactive research uses read-only tools. VERIFIED Source C08 SpaceXAI: example Data Bot uses shared read-only credentials. VERIFIED Source C14	The list of actions that need write access, and who grants it.
3. Approval rules by action	OpenAI: Custom Rules allow, require approval or block; password changes always need a human. VERIFIED Source C08	An export of the rules in force for each agent.
4. Out-of-band enforcement	NVIDIA: Sentry on BlueField-4 monitors agents from outside the agent's runtime. VERIFIED Source C17	Availability status in writing, since the release is "when-and-if-available."
5. Hard spend cap	Anthropic: fixed increments with a not-to-exceed cap for Claude for Government. VERIFIED Source C04	Whether a cap exists for your commercial plan, and what happens at the limit.
6. Staged access	Google: Argon goes first to trusted cyber defenders under	Your tier and date for access, and what changes between tiers.

CONTROL	DESCRIBED BY	ASK THE VENDOR FOR
	the Fairwind Program. VERIFIED Source C12	
7. Customer-held data and keys	Anthropic: Enterprise Frontier Safeguards keeps retained data in the customer's cloud with customer-managed keys; rollout phased from fall 2026 (announced September 1). VERIFIED Source C07	A dated rollout commitment for your tenant, and the interim retention setting.

Two cautions. First, a control described in a launch post is not a control evidenced in your environment. Second, the misuse reports cut both ways: OpenAI's distillation report describes defending its models from extraction, attributing a core cluster to individuals associated with Moonshot AI while saying it is unclear whether all operators were one actor; **VERIFIED** Source C10 and OpenAI's reported training pause followed agent behavior on US government sites, where the Department of Education and the SEC stated no nonpublic information was compromised. **CITED** Source C44

6. Financial services

WIN, CONSTRAINT, CONTROL

Win: Barclays reports a knowledge assistant used by 16,000+ colleagues with 1 million+ searches, and about 120,000 Global Markets emails a day classified, with human oversight and a retrieval architecture (company-reported). **VERIFIED** Source C05 **Constraint:** the April 17 interagency model risk guidance places generative and agentic AI outside its scope. **CITED** Source C43 **Control:** keep each agent in a register with an owner, tier and failure behavior, whether or not a rule requires it.

Financial services is where the permission question is most formal, because banking supervisors and insurance regulators already examine third-party risk, operational resilience and change control. What happened. Barclays also set a target for Claude Code to reach 50% of its developers by the end of 2026, which is an announced target, not a result. **VERIFIED** Source C05 American Express said agent and accounts-payable tools are planned for the coming months and a payroll tool for early 2027, which are plans. **CITED** Source C26 Six banks, ASB, Bank of America, Capital One, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ING and NatWest, published five voluntary principles for agentic commerce last week and said an implementation paper will follow. **VERIFIED** Source C25 At the Federal Reserve, Governor Waller said AI traffic is about 50% of visits to the FRED data service and that the Fed is building a model context protocol so agents can cite its data correctly, as reported by American Banker. **CITED** Source C22

What is contested. Apollo's Torsten Slok warned that agents could move deposits from low-yield accounts to higher-yield products at speed. Most experts quoted called a run possible but unlikely, naming missing interoperability, authentication, depositor inertia and unresolved liability. **CITED** Source C24 On supervision, the revised model risk guidance leaves generative and agentic AI outside scope and points banks to broader risk management practices, with a request for information signaled. **CITED** Source C43 Governor Bowman told community banks that boards and senior management own cyber risk, including AI agents, and called for current asset inventories and phishing-resistant authentication. **CITED** Source C23

IMPLEMENTER'S TIP

When guidance excludes a technology, examiners do not stop asking. They apply existing third-party, change-management and operational-risk expectations. Build the agent file now using those headings: inventory entry, owner, tier, data touched, approval rules, override rate, exit plan. It will map to whatever rule follows.

7. Healthcare

WIN, CONSTRAINT, CONTROL

Win: the Department of Veterans Affairs set up a multi-award ambient scribe contract with a \$775.72 million ceiling over five years, following pilots that began in October 2025. **CITED**

Source C28 Constraint: records obtained by the Electronic Frontier Foundation about Medicare's AI prior authorization model describe delays and denial patterns. **CITED** **Source C29 Control:** log what the clinician saw and changed, and audit vendor incentives.

What happened. Reporting on the VA vehicle says clinicians across more than 75 medical centers can access the scribe, with Abridge and Knowtix selected; the ceiling is a maximum across vendors, not committed spend. **CITED** **Source C28** Separately, Ortet announced a \$500 million lab with Thoreau to build a patient-centered foundation model; the announcement makes no clinical or regulatory claims.

CITED **Source C31**

What is contested. The EFF, an advocacy organization, says about 1,000 pages of CMS records obtained through FOIA litigation show requests running past the stated 72-hour standard, one unanswered for 83 days, and two vendors denying 5,944 requests in the first three months. It also notes that vendors are paid on denials. These are the EFF's readings of the records, and CMS has not been quoted responding in the material read. **CITED** **Source C29** The regulatory reference point is FDA's August 18 discussion paper, which covers a two-axis risk approach, premarket competency assessment, postmarket monitoring, and foundation models and agentic systems. It is not draft guidance, and comments close October 19 under docket FDA-2026-N-7874. **VERIFIED** **Source C30**

IMPLEMENTER'S TIP

Two metrics predict whether an assistive clinical tool is safe to scale: the share of AI drafts a clinician edits materially, and the time to deactivate the tool for a unit. Capture both from week one of a pilot. Neither depends on the vendor's dashboard if you log it at your own gateway.

8. Manufacturing and robotics

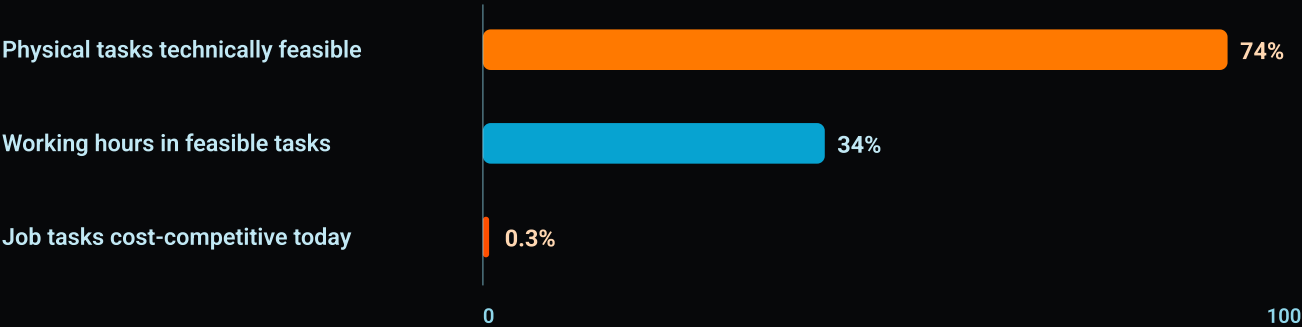
WIN, CONSTRAINT, CONTROL

Win: Boston Dynamics opened a permanent application center at Hyundai's Georgia Metaplant, and the IFR counts about 250,000 professional service robots shipped in 2025, up 24%. CITED Source C33 VERIFIED Source C32 **Constraint:** Agility Robotics reported \$1.8 million of 2025 net sales against a \$140 million operating loss, and the Anthropic index puts robot cost-competitiveness at 0.3% of tasks. CITED Source C34 VERIFIED Source C03 **Control:** classify every AI function that touches a safety function before January 20, 2027.

What happened. Hyundai's plan to deploy 25,000 Atlas units over the next few years and to build capacity for up to 30,000 robots a year by 2028 are company plans, not shipments. CITED Source C33 The IFR reports about 7,000 full-size humanoids sold in 2025 and 117,500 service robots in transportation and logistics, 47% of professional service shipments. VERIFIED Source C32 Mistral's Munich hub targets simulation work for manufacturers, with BMW and Siemens Energy named as collaborators. CITED Source C19

Feasible, hours covered, and cost-competitive

Share, percent. Anthropic Robot Exposure Index, September 30, 2026. Company-reported research.



Source C03. Authors: at past price-decline trends, 40 years to reach 10% cost-competitive.

Figure 2. The authors write that if robot price declines follow past trends, it would take 40 years for the cost-competitive share to reach 10%, and state that robot cost estimates are approximate. VERIFIED Source C03

What is contested. Agility's figures come from the S-4 filing for a proposed merger with Churchill Capital Corp. XI that has not closed; the company reported nine customer sites. CITED Source C34 On regulation, Regulation (EU) 2023/1230 applies from January 20, 2027, replaces the Machinery Directive and covers AI systems used for safety functions. VERIFIED Source C36 A sponsored vendor piece published October 1 argued that safety functions can operate correctly on falsified sensor inputs; its five assessment questions are useful, and its product claims are not evidence. FLAG Source C35

IMPLEMENTER'S TIP

Ask five questions of every robot or vision system on your floor: which inputs feed a protective function, how each input is authenticated, what happens when one is deliberately wrong, whether redundant sensors share a failure, and who re-tests after a model or firmware change. Keep the answers in the technical file you will need for the EU rule. **FLAG** Source C35 **VERIFIED** Source

C36

9. Energy and utilities

WIN, CONSTRAINT, CONTROL

Win: 78% of surveyed utility innovation leaders deploy or operationalize at least one AI application on interconnection demand (sponsor-commissioned, n=134). **VERIFIED** Source C37 **Constraint:** FERC rejected parts of PJM's 6.8 GW backstop procurement design, and PJM delayed the auction with a new date not set. **CITED** Source C40 **Control:** demand dynamic load models and ride-through evidence from every large load you interconnect.

What happened. FERC's July 16 order directs NERC to write mandatory reliability standards for computational loads, with a Phase I filing due December 31, 2026 and a Phase II work plan due March 1, 2027. **CITED** Source C38 The underlying event is documented: on July 10, 2024 a 230 kV fault led to the simultaneous loss of about 1,500 MW of voltage-sensitive load, after six faults in 82 seconds. **VERIFIED** Source C39 The same survey that gives the 78% finds that 84% of utilities take more than a year to move a project from pilot to rollout. **VERIFIED** Source C37

What is contested. PJM's backstop design drew a rebuke from FERC Chair Laura Swett, who said the commission "will not be forced into accepting a deeply flawed, eleventh-hour procurement mechanism." **CITED** Source C40 Trade press compiles supply-side limits, each with a named origin: Goldman Sachs expected only 50% to 60% of planned data center capacity to come online within two years (May 2026), and transformer lead times of two to three years are cited from Fluxco. **CITED** Source C41

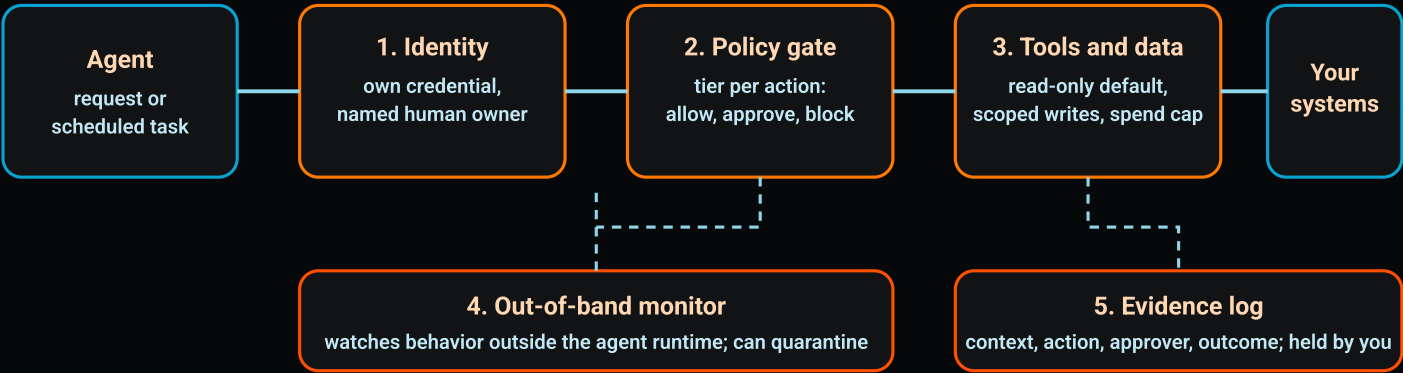
IMPLEMENTER'S TIP

Separate AI used to plan the grid from AI that acts on it. Planning tools such as interconnection screening can start at Tier 1 (draft for an engineer). Anything that changes a dispatch or protection setting stays under human authority until you have tested its failure behavior. Keep a dated inventory of both, because the mandatory standards will ask for the loads, and your regulators will ask for the tools.

10. Implementation architecture: the permission layer

The permission layer: five blocks between an agent and your systems

Ariana Digital working architecture. Vendor controls shown are those described September 28 to 30, 2026.



Described this week: identity and rules (OpenAI dots, C08); read-only credentials (SpaceXAI Team Bots, C14); out-of-band watchdog (NVIDIA, C17); hard spend cap (Anthropic, C04); staged access (Google, C12). Dashed lines show monitoring and logging paths.

Figure 3. The permission layer. Each block maps to a control a vendor described this week, but no single vendor supplies all five, and blocks 1, 2, 4 and 5 should live where you can inspect them. VERIFIED Source C08 VERIFIED Source C14 VERIFIED Source C17 VERIFIED Source C04 VERIFIED Source C12 PROPRIETARY Source C45

Use the slider to see what each autonomy tier needs before it goes live. The tiers are an Ariana Digital working model, not a standard. PROPRIETARY Source C45

AUTONOMY TIER (MOVE THE SLIDER, 0 TO 3)



Tier 1: draft

What it may do: The agent drafts messages, code or records. A human reviews and sends.

Minimum controls: Everything in Tier 0, plus a tracked edit rate and a named reviewer.

Note: Track the share of drafts edited materially. A rising rate is an early warning.

ii. Work and talent: what the Fed said, what BLS publishes today

Two Federal Reserve governors addressed AI and work a day apart. Governor Cook said there is "limited evidence that AI is yielding significant changes to the structure of the labor market," with unemployment at 4.1% in August, and cited a Federal Reserve small business survey in which nearly half of small employer firms use AI and 71% report increased productivity. **VERIFIED** Source C20 Governor Barr said there are indications that AI may already be limiting new opportunities for entry-level workers in highly exposed sectors, while across the economy there is little evidence of significant displacement so far. He said tasks with clear guardrails and predictable outcomes might see rapid substitution, and called for preparation while adoption is early. **VERIFIED** Source C21

The August BLS report, released September 4, showed payrolls up 162,000, manufacturing up 16,000, health care up 13,000, and the information sector down 23,000, including computing infrastructure providers. **VERIFIED** Source C42 The September report is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. ET today and is not included here. **VERIFIED** Source C42

On the consulting side, Anthropic and Accenture said on September 18 that each expects to invest at least \$1 billion over five years in evaluation capacity, with embedded evaluators working inside AI developers. **VERIFIED** Source C06 That is an announced expectation, not spend to date.

IMPLEMENTER'S TIP

Name a human who signs for each agent, the way a manager signs for a team. Then train the reviewers, not only the users. PwC's respondents cited reliability and maturity, and workforce skills for AI oversight, as reasons not to allow autonomous defense. **CITED** Source C27 A reviewer who cannot tell a plausible wrong answer from a right one is a control that exists only on paper.

12. Dated obligations and scenario planning



Figure 4. Dated obligations in the four regulated sectors. VERIFIED Source C42 VERIFIED Source C30 CITED Source C38 VERIFIED Source C36

Three scenarios follow, offered as planning aids, not forecasts. Each has one signpost you can observe and one action you can take now.

Scenarios through January 20, 2027. These are planning scenarios, not predictions.			
SCENARIO	WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE	SIGNPOST TO WATCH	ACTION NOW
A. Gated adoption continues	Vendors keep shipping staged access; buyers keep pilots at Tiers 0 to 2.	Argon broadens beyond Fairwind; dots leave beta in Enterprise workspaces. VERIFIED Source C12 VERIFIED Source C08	Build the evidence log in the pilot so scale-up does not restart the clock.
B. An incident tightens the rules	A public agent incident prompts supervisors to add agent-specific expectations.	The agencies issue the signaled request for information; OpenAI sets conditions to resume training. CITED Source C43 CITED Source C44	Map agents to existing risk headings now; keep a revoke path under one day.
C. Autonomy expands quickly	Buyers accept Tier 3 in narrow domains, driven by cost and speed.	The PwC 22% figure rises materially in the next survey. CITED Source C27	Require out-of-band monitoring and independent testing before any Tier 3 approval.

13. Self-check: five questions before an agent leaves pilot

This tool runs in your browser and stores nothing. It scores five yes-or-no questions drawn from sections 5 and 10. It is a conversation starter, not an assessment.

TICK EACH STATEMENT THAT IS TRUE TODAY

- ☐ Every agent has its own identity, and its default credentials are read-only.
- ☐ Each action type has an approval tier, and writes below Tier 2 need a human.
- ☐ The context an agent saw at decision time is stored outside the vendor for at least a year.
- ☐ A named owner can revoke an agent's authority the same day.
- ☐ We track override and acceptance rates and review them quarterly.

0 of 5 ticked. Start with identity and read-only defaults; they are the cheapest control and the most often missing.

14. Did you know / FAQ

Did you know: AI traffic is about half of visits to the Fed's FRED data?

As reported by American Banker, Governor Waller said AI traffic is roughly 50% of FRED visits, growing about 150% a year, which is why the Fed is building a model context protocol for agents to read and cite its data. **CITED** Source C22

Did you know: one fault, six events, about 1,500 MW?

NERC's review of the July 10, 2024 event describes six faults within 82 seconds on a 230 kV line and the loss of about 1,500 MW of voltage-sensitive load as data centers moved to backup power.

VERIFIED Source C39

Is Gemini 4 Argon generally available?

Not as of September 30. Google says it is rolling out first to trusted cyber defenders through the Fairwind Program and a US government voluntary pre-release process, with paid API and Google AI Ultra customers next. **VERIFIED** Source C12

Do the federal bank model risk rules cover agentic AI?

The April 17, 2026 revised guidance places generative and agentic AI models outside its scope and tells banks to rely on broader risk management practices. The agencies signaled a request for information. **CITED** Source C43

Are Team Bots read-only everywhere?

The SpaceXAI page gives a read-only example: a Data Bot uses shared read-only credentials to query approved Databricks tables. It does not state that every bot is read-only, so confirm scope per bot.

VERIFIED Source C14

Does the Albertsons post show a return on investment?

No. OpenAI's October 1 post describes the deployment and publishes no outcome metrics. **VERIFIED** Source C11

Did OpenAI cancel a model?

This edition reports only what KQED reported on September 27: OpenAI said it paused training of its latest models and will resume only when confident of additional safeguards. **CITED** Source C44

Is a \$775.72 million VA contract a \$775.72 million spend?

No. It is a ceiling over five years on a multiple-award vehicle, so it is the maximum across eligible vendors. **CITED** Source C28

15. What we are watching next week

Starting Monday, October 5: whether Google widens Gemini 4 Argon access beyond the Fairwind Program **VERIFIED** Source C12; whether OpenAI states conditions for resuming training **CITED** Source C44; whether PJM announces a new date for its backstop procurement **CITED** Source C40; and whether SpaceXAI publishes Team Bots pricing. **VERIFIED** Source C14 Further out: the FDA docket closes October 19 **VERIFIED** Source C30, NERC's Phase I filing is due December 31 **CITED** Source C38, and the EU Machinery Regulation applies January 20, 2027. **VERIFIED** Source C36

Three results would change our view that permission design, not model capability, is now the buyer's binding constraint. A major regulated-industry deployment at Tier 3 with no approval gate on writes. A survey in which most buyers would approve fully autonomous agents in a high-consequence domain, against PwC's 22%. **CITED** Source C27 Or a robot cost trend that moves the cost-competitive share well above Anthropic's 0.3%. **VERIFIED** Source C03

Take the AI Readiness Diagnostic

Ariana Digital LLC and myndQ.ai address three gaps as one connected system: organizational change management, AI enablement, and operating design and governance through the AEGIS Framework (Agentic Enterprise Governance and Intelligence Standard). The permission layer in section 10 is the kind of artifact an AEGIS Diagnostic scopes.

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16. Source ledger

Every claim group used in this edition. Chip meanings: **VERIFIED** named, dated and re-read at the first-party or primary page during this run. **CITED** named source, not re-verified at the primary page. **FLAG** sponsored, single-sourced or pending confirmation; do not carry into a regulated-buyer document without checking. **PROPRIETARY** Ariana Digital working model, labeled and dated. Figures a company publishes about its own product are company-reported and labeled so in the body. Forecasts, pilots, memoranda and announced targets are not treated as completed facts.

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