



## AWS Intellectual Property – Artificial Intelligence Policy

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to define the appropriate, authorized, and secure use of American Welding Society Intellectual Property in connection with Artificial Intelligence technologies and environments.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

“**Artificial Intelligence**” is the capability of computer systems or algorithms to imitate intelligent human behavior, including but not limited to any technology that uses machine learning, natural language processing, deep learning, algorithms, large language models, neural networks, and other tools, methodologies, or computational mechanisms to simulate human intelligence.

“**Intellectual Property**” is inclusive of all proprietary content, materials, data, systems, processes, and works owned, licensed, or controlled by the American Welding Society, including but not limited to publications, standards, curricula, training materials, examinations, assessment items, multimedia content, digital assets, trademarks, logos, software, data, and any derivative works thereof, whether in physical, digital, or electronic form.

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### 3. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PRACTICES

To preserve the integrity of AWS Intellectual Property and the development process:

- **Meetings.** Contributors shall not use Artificial Intelligence to record or take notes of any meetings that are related to development of AWS Intellectual Property, unless explicitly authorized by AWS for the purpose of preparing meeting minutes or other official summaries of proceedings.

- **Content.**
  - Contributors shall not use Artificial Intelligence in the creation, development, modification, or review of American Welding Society Intellectual Property without prior written authorization from AWS.
  - End Users shall not use Artificial Intelligence to reproduce, modify, extract, analyze, or otherwise process AWS Intellectual Property beyond the scope of permitted use without prior written authorization from AWS.
- **Artificial Intelligence Environments.** Upon approval for the use of Artificial Intelligence with AWS Intellectual Property, only AI environments owned, licensed, or maintained by the American Welding Society shall be utilized. The use of any external, third-party, or personally maintained AI platforms is strictly prohibited.
- **Decision Making.** Contributors shall not use Artificial Intelligence to rationalize or justify final technical decisions, recommendations, or votes.
- **Inputs.** Participants shall not input any AWS Intellectual Property, in whole or in part, whether in draft form or final, into any form of Artificial Intelligence. Participants shall not input any material that will be submitted as part of the standards development process into any form of Artificial Intelligence.
- **Human Review.** While Artificial Intelligence may be used for tasks such as data analysis, idea generation, and formatting, all results, findings, and outputs from such uses must be critically assessed and validated by qualified humans.
- **Disclosure.** Participants shall disclose any use of Artificial Intelligence in connection with the standards development process.
- **Copyright:** Participants are prohibited from using Artificial Intelligence to infringe upon existing copyrights, whether by reproducing content verbatim or creating derivative works without permission from the copyright holder. In particular, Participants shall not use Artificial Intelligence to create images or charts.

#### 4. QUESTIONS AND REPORTING CONCERNS

If Participants have any questions about appropriate use or suspect misuse of Artificial Intelligence, they should contact AWS for guidance at [customercare@aws.org](mailto:customercare@aws.org).