

NYC's Automated Decision Systems Task Force — the Registry That Was Never Built

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

The first U.S. government task force on algorithmic transparency, created by New York City's Local Law 49, could not agree on a definition of "automated decision system" and disbanded in Nov. 2019 without producing a public inventory of the city's AI tools.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	0/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	0/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

[NYC Mayor's Office of Operations — Automated Decision Systems Task Force \(Local Law 49 of 2018\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

[NYC Automated Decision Systems Task Force Report, Nov. 2019 \(PDF\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

[NYC ADS Task Force — official site](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

[AI Now Institute — Confronting Black Boxes: A Shadow Report, Dec. 2019 \(PDF\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

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