



Canadian AI Vendor Evaluation Template

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Helping Canadian SMEs choose reliable, compliant AI partners.

1. Vendor Overview

- **Vendor Name:** _____
- **Headquarters Location:** _____
- **Canadian Office/Presence:** Yes / No (Details: _____)
- **Primary Contact:** _____
- **Website:** _____

2. Canadian Presence & Compliance

Criteria	Weight	Score (1–5)	Notes
Canadian Data Residency (servers in Canada)	20%		
Compliance with PIPEDA & AIDA (Bill C-27)	15%		
Provincial compliance (PHIPA, Law 25, etc.)	10%		
Local customer support availability	10%		
Participation in Canadian AI ecosystem	5%		

3. Technical Capability

Criteria	Weight	Score (1–5)	Notes
Core AI offerings (NLP, vision, predictive analytics, etc.)	15%		
API integrations / interoperability	10%		
Customization flexibility	10%		
Model transparency / explainability	10%		
Reliability & performance benchmarks	5%		

4. Data Security & Risk Management

Criteria	Weight	Score (1–5)	Notes
Encryption in transit & at rest	10%		
Access controls & authentication	5%		
Incident response & breach notification	5%		
Vendor's risk management framework	5%		
History of breaches or penalties	5%		

5. Cost & Value

Criteria	Weight	Score (1–5)	Notes
Transparent pricing model	10%		
Total cost of ownership	10%		
ROI potential	10%		
Contract flexibility	5%		

6. Overall Evaluation

Category	Weighted Score
Canadian Presence & Compliance	
Technical Capability	
Data Security & Risk	
Cost & Value	
TOTAL SCORE	

7. Recommendation

- **Recommended Vendor:** _____
- **Strengths:** _____
- **Risks / Weaknesses:** _____
- **Final Decision:** ☐ Approve / ☐ Reject

■ Value for SMEs: Ensures Canadian data residency & compliance are prioritized, provides a structured scoring system, and helps compare vendors consistently.