

Artificial Intelligence Developments – January 2026

IP LICENSING

- Nvidia has entered a \$20 billion nonexclusive licensing agreement with Groq, a specialized AI inference chip startup. [Link](#)

FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS

- On December 11, 2025, President Trump signed an Executive Order directing the Attorney General to establish an AI Litigation Task Force “to challenge State AI laws.” [Link](#)
- Despite the federal order, New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed the RAISE Act in late December, the strictest such law enacted by any state so far. It requires that frontier AI models implement risk assessment plans and report safety incidents within 72 hours of discovery, or else face penalties up to \$1 million for initial violations and up to \$3 million for further violations. The law will take effect on January 1, 2027. [Link](#)

LITIGATION LANDSCAPE

- Seven new lawsuits targeting OpenAI were filed in California in November 2025, alleging that ChatGPT-4 was intentionally designed with features that contributed to multiple suicides and psychological injuries. OpenAI and other companies like Meta and Apple have responded with new child safety measures. [Link](#)

MARKET VOLATILITY

- CoreWeave lost \$33 billion in market value over six weeks as investors weighed AI bubble risks, construction delays, and debt-financed growth dependent on a few large customers, with weather and design revisions pushing back a 260MW Texas cluster intended for OpenAI. [Link](#)

M& A

- Meta agreed to acquire Singapore-based AI startup Manus for more than \$2 billion to bolster its AI agent capabilities, after Manus gained traction with research-report generation and no-code website-building tools. The deal follows Meta’s broader AI push and positions Meta to compete more directly with Google, Microsoft, and OpenAI in agentic products. [Link](#)

- On a musical note, on November 25, 2025, Warner Music Group and Suno formed the first major AI partnership in the music industry. The collaboration follows Suno’s \$250 million Series C funding announced November 19, which valued the startup at \$2.45 billion. [Link](#)

DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENTS

- Novel financing mechanisms are emerging to finance unprecedented AI infrastructure investment. OpenAI, Softbank and Oracle’s Stargate project, for example, is backed by a syndicate of over 30 banks through project-finance loans secured by the data centers. [Link](#)
- Meanwhile, Meta has entered into a deal with Blue Owl regarding its Hyperion data center, with Meta contributing certain land and construction-in-progress assets and Blue Owl investing \$7 billion. The agreement will have a four-year initial term with options to extend, offering Meta long-term strategic flexibility. [Link](#)
- Court decisions will determine how and where data centers are developed – and who foots the cost for their electricity demand. Many lawsuits targeting data center energy use are pending. [Link](#)