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FBT Gibbons partnered with *Louisville Business First* for a discussion exploring how the rapid adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and the growing [demand for data centers](#) are reshaping Kentucky's economy.

The panel looks at how businesses are moving beyond basic generative AI tools and beginning to use AI across day-to-day operations, from customer service and health care to legal work and business planning. The discussion also focuses on the importance of human oversight, particularly when judgment, accountability, privacy, and trust are involved.

The conversation then turns to the infrastructure behind AI. Panelists discuss why Kentucky is [drawing interest](#) from data center developers, including its available power capacity, land, [tax incentives](#), and support from state and local leaders. They also address questions surrounding these projects, including energy use, water consumption, job creation, community impact, [utility costs](#), and the potential for significant [new revenue](#) for local governments and school districts.

FBT Gibbons attorneys [Tanner Nichols](#) and [Mark Sommer](#) join Viji Evers of BrightSpring Health Services and John Bevington of LG&E and KU for the conversation. Together, they offer perspectives on AI adoption, responsible use, data center development, Kentucky's tax environment, energy demand, and the opportunities these projects could bring to communities across the state.

[Full Q&A available here.](#)

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