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OCTOBER 8, 2019

Software Solutions for Regulatory Reform



by Richard Morrison
for *Competitive Enterprise Institute*

“The regulatory process is notoriously complicated and recondite for non-experts to engage with, so I especially enjoyed when Maleka Momand, CEO of the technology company Esper, took the floor and introduced her company’s recommendations.”

“Here’s to hoping that software like Esper’s will help future regulators improve cost-benefit calculations and serve as a way of introducing non-experts into the regulatory process.”

LINK

<https://cei.org/blog/software-solutions-regulatory-reform>

APRIL 24, 2018

With upcoming move to Austin, Esper preps to make state governments more tech-savvy



Kelly O’Halloran
for *Built in Atx*

“You’d think state governments would have some type of digital system in place to record data throughout the regulatory process, right?”

“While serving as president of the nonprofit, Argive, a San Francisco-based organization that provides free tech resources to government bodies, Maleka Momand realized that’s not quite the case.”

“There isn’t a lot of tech infrastructure in place to capture data around regulation, and there’s no workflow tools for government to manage these processes,” said Momand, who today is the co-founder of a govtech startup called Esper. “Often these processes are very complex and include nine-step, back-and-forth processes that are being managed over email, Excel spreadsheets and even hard copies, in some cases.”

LINK

<https://www.builtinaustin.com/2018/04/24/govtech-startup-esper-moves-to-austin>

JULY 13, 2018

Welcome, friends: 5 tech companies who recently moved their HQs to Austin



Kelly O'Halloran
for *Built in Atx*

“Esper, a govtech startup launched in 2018, told us this spring that it would be moving its headquarters from San Francisco to Austin over the summer. Co-founder Maleka Momand said the move was inspired by a combination of Austin’s healthy tech sector and its population of civic-minded professionals. Esper’s platform provides government entities with workflow tools to record and organize data during regulatory processes. Upon moving to Austin, Esper plans to hire three to five engineers, one to two designers and one to two customer support reps.”

LINK

<https://www.builtinaustin.com/2018/07/13/tech-companies-announce-austin-new-headquarters>

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Testimony Before the Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules and the Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Secretary Scott Brinkman, Kentucky

“We have also decided to digitize and modernize the manner in which our state agencies draft and promulgate regulations. To that end, Kentucky has contracted with Esper Regulatory Technologies Inc. to provide state of the art technological tools to our regulation drafters throughout the executive branch to assist them in the review of existing regulations and the promulgation of new regulations.”

LINK

<https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Brinkman-Kentucky-Statement-Deregulation-9-27.pdf>

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Built In Austin’s 50 Startups to Watch in 2019



by Kelly O'Halloran
for *Built in Atx*

“Government data has never received a proper digital upgrade, but Esper plans to change that. The company launched in the summer of 2017 in San Francisco and relocated its headquarters to Austin this past year. Led by CEO and co-founder Maleka Momand, Esper delivers a platform that offers a virtual, collaborative workspace for policymakers. When a regulation is adopted, the system continues to pull data so lawmakers can measure how effective the policy is.”

LINK

<https://www.builtinaustin.com/2019/02/05/50-austin-startups-watch-2019>

JANUARY 16, 2019

Esper is the Future of Governance

8VC Joe Lonsdale
for 8VC

“Taken as a whole, Esper’s product features allow regulators to perform their jobs quickly, effectively, and verifiably. Deconstructing complex processes within government agencies allows governors’ offices, legislatures, and independent bodies to hold regulatory agencies to account, set new policy agendas informed by quantitative metrics, and track goals to completion. Government executives can now make more informed decisions about which sectors of an economy to monitor, how to allocate monetary resources and personnel, and when to reward or discipline appointed officials.”

LINK

<https://medium.com/8vc-news/esper-is-the-future-of-governance-c93af4dd101>



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Leadership Team

CEO & CO-FOUNDER

Maleka Momand

Maleka holds a degree in political science from the University of Central Arkansas. Prior to Esper, she was the President of Argive, a non-profit dedicated to regulatory research. Maleka is an advisor to the Cicero Institute and calls Austin, Texas home.



CTO & CO-FOUNDER

Lilli Oetting

Lilli previously cofounded Sesh, an academic platform for college students acquired by GoFundMe in 2016. Lilli received a B.S. in Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence) from Stanford University and is currently on leave from the M.S. program. She now volunteers as a Computer Science teacher in the Austin public school system.



HEAD OF ENGINEERING

Chris Dunn

Chris joined Esper with decades of senior engineering leadership experience from companies including Head of Engineering at Blend Labs, VP of Engineering at Greystripe (acquired by ValueClick in 2010) and VP of Engineering at Pandora, where he was responsible for the development of Pandora's advertising and subscription platforms generating over 1B dollars annual revenue.

