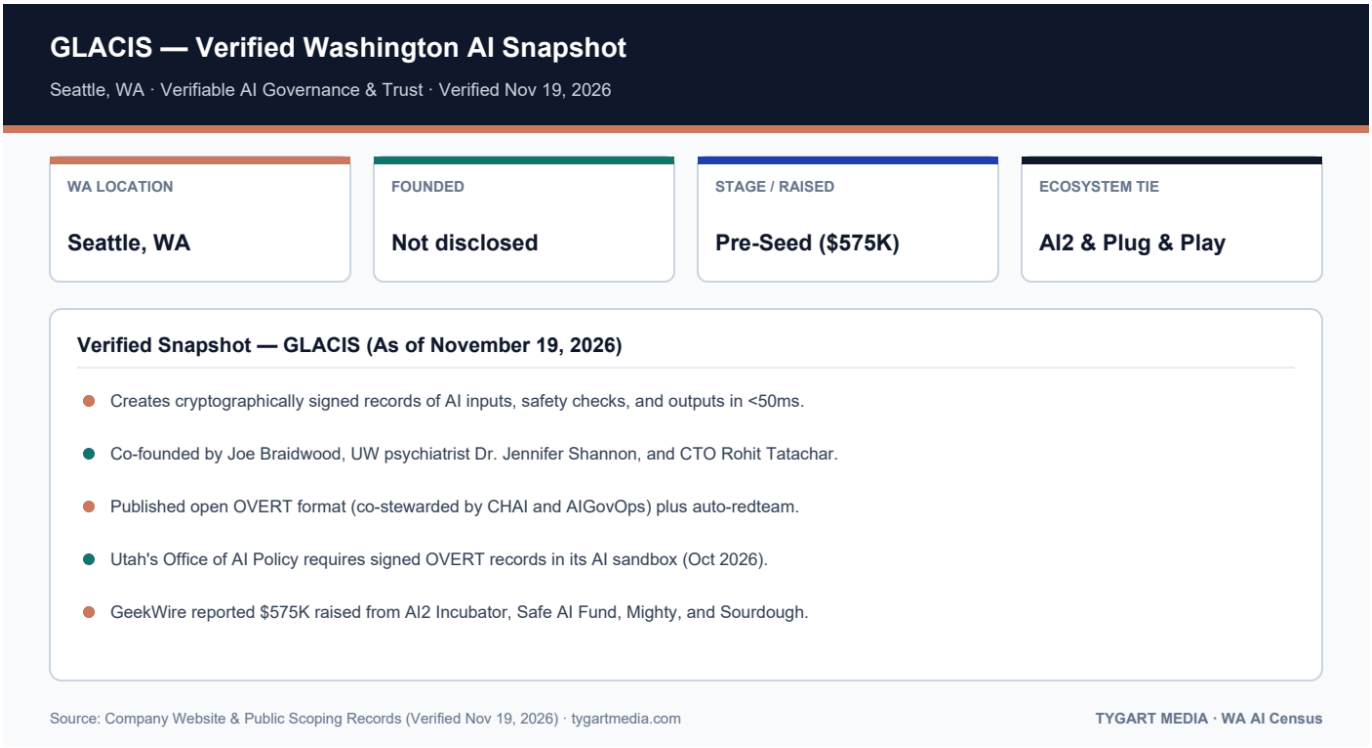
GLACIS: Seattle AI Profile — Product, Footprint & Verified Record

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Verified Record Summary: GLACIS (Glacis Technologies, Inc., glacis.io) is an independent Seattle AI governance and assurance startup backed by Seattle's AI2 Incubator and Plug and Play Seattle Batch 3. Its Arbiter runtime platform and open OVERT record specification produce cryptographically signed, tamper-proof operational evidence for production AI decisions across healthcare, fintech, and insurance.



Field	Verified Record (As of Nov 19, 2026)
Company	GLACIS (Glacis Technologies, Inc.; distinct from unrelated Glacis Labs and glacis.com)
Official Website	glacis.io
Washington HQ	Seattle, WA
Other WA Footprint	AI2 Incubator / AI House (Seattle); Plug and Play Seattle Batch 3 (UW CoMotion Labs access); UW faculty affiliation
Founded	Not publicly disclosed (first profiled by GeekWire Nov 20, 2025)
Founders / Leadership	Joe Braidwood (Co-founder & CEO), Dr. Jennifer Shannon, MD (Co-founder & CMO), Rohit Tatachar (Co-founder & CTO)
Stage	Accelerator / Pre-Seed
Announced Funding	$575,000 pre-seed reported by GeekWire (Apr 7, 2026; investors include Safe Artificial Intelligence Fund, Mighty Capital, Sourdough Ventures, AI2 Incubator; not listed on glacis.io)
Team Size	Not publicly disclosed
Primary Ecosystem Ties	AI2 Incubator / AI House; Plug and Play Seattle (Batch 3); UW and Microsoft Azure AI Foundry alumni roots

What GLACIS Builds

GLACIS builds a verifiable AI assurance and cryptographic runtime attestation layer that CEO Joe Braidwood has described to GeekWire as a "flight recorder for enterprise AI." Its core platform, Arbiter, sits in the execution path between applications and AI models, generating an unalterable, cryptographically signed operational record of the input, the safety checks that ran, and the final decision in under 50 milliseconds. At scale, Glacis's Witness Network notarizes those receipts into an auditable trail that customers, regulators, and insurance underwriters can verify directly in a browser without exposing personal data, prompts, or model weights.

As GeekWire reported on April 7, 2026, deployments can run either in "shadow mode" to observe behavior without intervening or in enforcement mode to constrain outputs in real time across three operational dimensions: infrastructure baseline, model behavior, and "intent drift." Alongside its commercial software, GLACIS introduced open-source testing tool auto-redteam and published **OVERT** (Observable Verification Evidence for Runtime Trust), an open, royalty-free signed record format using Ed25519 signatures and SHA-256 hashes. On September 14, 2026, GLACIS transferred OVERT to shared stewardship under the Coalition for Health AI (CHAI) and the AIGovOps Foundation (one vote each, with Glacis serving as a non-voting technical editor).

Washington Footprint and Leadership

GLACIS anchors its operations in Seattle—its official website carries the navigation tagline "Verifiable AI assurance, from Seattle"—with dual backing from Seattle's AI2 Incubator / AI House and Plug and Play Seattle's Batch 3 accelerator (which provided workspace access at UW CoMotion Labs from March through mid-June 2026). The company grew directly out of CEO Joe Braidwood's decision to shut down his prior mental-wellness AI startup, Yara, after observing model drift during extended conversations with vulnerable users and confronting Illinois regulations that made AI therapy effectively uninsurable.

The founding team blends healthcare clinical practice, cloud AI infrastructure, and enterprise product leadership. Co-founder and CEO Joe Braidwood previously served as CMO at SwiftKey, Chief Strategy Officer at Vektor Medical, and co-founder of Scener. Co-founder and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jennifer Shannon, MD is a practicing child psychiatrist with nearly two decades of clinical experience, an adjunct professor at the University of Washington, a former medical director at Cognoa, and a member of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry's AI Resource Committee. In April 2026, nearly 19-year Microsoft veteran Rohit Tatachar—most recently a principal product manager on Microsoft Foundry (Azure AI Foundry)—joined as Co-founder and CTO (per GeekWire).

Products, Users, and Public Traction

GLACIS targets enterprises operating AI in production, AI software vendors proving controls to buyers, and external overseers such as regulators and insurance underwriters across healthcare, fintech, and insurance. In November 2025, GeekWire reported that GLACIS was in private beta with digital health customers including nVoq and participating in Cloudflare's Launchpad program. By April 2026, GeekWire reported two pilot deals signed out of the J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference, three additional pilots in the pipeline, and a new self-serve waitlist offering a $49/month starter tier (up to 10,000 AI events per month) and a $499/month pro tier (up to 100,000 events).

In late 2026, GLACIS expanded its standards and regulatory footprint. On August 26, 2026, it joined PACT AI (Partnership for Assurance, Credibility, and Trust on AI) as a founding member alongside corporate members including Target and Mount Sinai Health System. On October 5, 2026, GLACIS announced that Utah's Office of Artificial Intelligence Policy (OAIP) will require designated vendors in Utah's AI Learning Laboratory sandbox to produce cryptographically signed OVERT records for every covered inference or control evaluation—an update Braidwood posted while attending Lloyd's Lab cohort 17 in London. Researchers should distinguish Seattle's Glacis Technologies, Inc. (glacis.io) from unrelated crypto entity Glacis Labs and unrelated domain glacis.com.

Funding, Stage, and Place in Washington's AI Landscape

In its April 7, 2026 report, GeekWire reported that Glacis had raised $575,000 from a group of investors including Geoff Ralston's Safe Artificial Intelligence Fund, Mighty Capital, Sourdough Ventures, and the AI2 Incubator, noting that Braidwood aimed to close a seed round later in the year. GLACIS's own site (glacis.io) does not publish funding figures or current employee headcount, and no formal incorporation year is listed publicly.

Within Washington's AI landscape, GLACIS sits at the intersection of Seattle's cloud security heritage, clinical healthcare oversight, and emerging AI insurability infrastructure. While many AI observability startups focus on internal dashboards and prompt guardrails, GLACIS differentiates around independent cryptographic receipts that third parties—regulators, hospital buyers, and London or U.S. underwriters—can verify without trusting a vendor's self-reported logs.

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