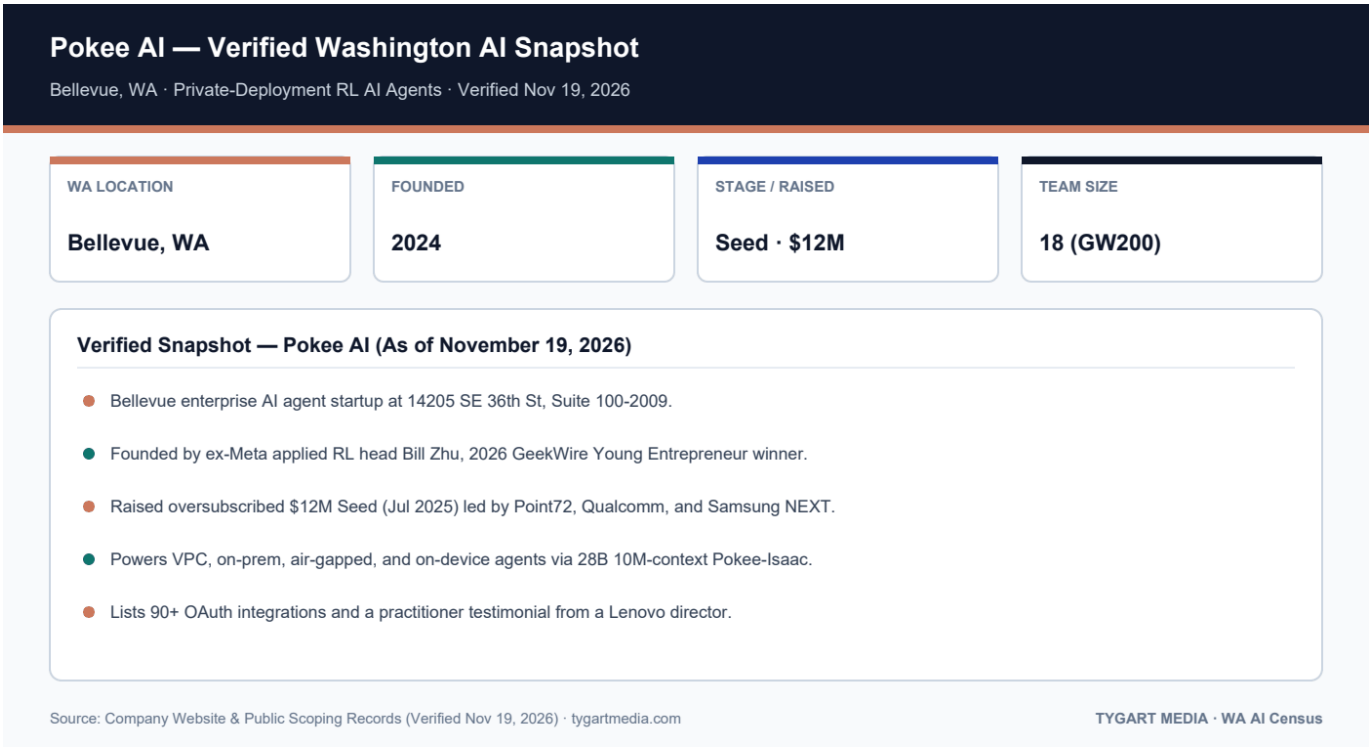
Pokee AI: Bellevue AI Profile — Product, Footprint & Verified Record

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Verified Record Summary: As of November 19, 2026, Pokee AI operates as an independent, Seed-stage Bellevue company at pokee.ai building private-deployment enterprise AI agents powered by reinforcement learning and its 28B-parameter Pokee-Isaac foundation model. Founded in 2024 by former Meta applied reinforcement learning leader Zheqing (Bill) Zhu—winner of Young Entrepreneur of the Year at the 2026 GeekWire Awards—Pokee AI raised an oversubscribed $12M seed round in July 2025 led by Point72 Ventures and lists 18 employees on the Fall 2026 GeekWire 200.



Field	Verified Record (As of Nov 19, 2026)
Company	Pokee AI (Pokee AI Inc, Delaware corporation)
Official Website	https://pokee.ai/
Washington HQ	Bellevue, WA (14205 SE 36th Street, Suite 100-2009, Bellevue, WA 98006)
Other WA Footprint	Hires across Bellevue and the San Francisco Bay Area (GeekWire, Jul 8, 2025)
Founded	2024 (GeekWire Jul 8, 2025 & Fall 2026 GeekWire 200)
Founders / Leadership	Zheqing "Bill" Zhu (Founder & CEO), Michael Cai (Co-founder & Head of Product Engineering), Christopher Wu (Co-founder & Head of ML Engineering), Yi Wan (Co-founder & Founding Research Scientist)
Stage	Seed
Announced Funding	Oversubscribed $12M Seed round (Jul 8, 2025; led by Point72 Ventures with Qualcomm Ventures, Samsung NEXT, Salience Capital, SCB 10X, Abhay Parasnis, and Lip-Bu Tan)
Team Size	18 employees (Fall 2026 GeekWire 200; up from ~10 reported by GeekWire in Jul 2025)
Primary Ecosystem Ties	2026 GeekWire Awards Young Entrepreneur of the Year winner (Bill Zhu); GeekWire 200 (Fall 2026); Eastside Meta alumni lineage

What Pokee AI Builds

Pokee AI builds an enterprise AI agent platform trained with reinforcement learning to plan, execute, verify, and cite multi-step business workflows inside customer-controlled infrastructure boundaries. Whereas Pokee AI initially debuted in July 2025 as a public-beta online workflow agent emphasizing reinforcement-learning tool selection over pure LLM function calling (GeekWire, Jul 8, 2025), its live platform at pokee.ai has expanded into a full private-deployment enterprise architecture spanning managed cloud, customer VPC (AWS, Azure, GCP), on-premises hardware, air-gapped environments, and on-device workstation runtimes.

At the core of the platform is **Pokee-Isaac**, a proprietary 28B-parameter model built with a **10M-token native context window**, paired with an RL-trained Plan · Act · Verify · Cite tool-use harness, **PokeeResearch**, **PokeeClaw**, and a developer API. Rather than requiring manual API key wiring or brittle webhooks, pokee.ai provides one-click OAuth connectivity across more than 90 integrations spanning thousands of underlying enterprise tools.

Washington Footprint and Leadership

Pokee AI Inc (incorporated in Delaware) lists its corporate headquarters at 14205 SE 36th Street, Suite 100-2009, Bellevue, WA 98006 in its Privacy Policy and Terms of Service, and maintains hiring across Bellevue and the San Francisco Bay Area (GeekWire, Jul 8, 2025). Headcount grew from roughly 10 employees at its July 2025 funding announcement to 18 employees on the Fall 2026 GeekWire 200 index.

Founder and CEO **Zheqing "Bill" Zhu** previously served as head of applied reinforcement learning and an AI manager at Meta for more than seven years, earned his Ph.D. in reinforcement learning from Stanford University, and completed undergraduate and graduate studies at Duke University (GeekWire, Jul 8, 2025). Zhu won **Young Entrepreneur of the Year** at the 2026 GeekWire Awards on May 7, 2026 in Seattle, where he emphasized Pokee AI's push into on-premises and on-device foundation models. Co-founders named in GeekWire coverage include **Michael Cai** (head of product engineering), **Christopher Wu** (head of ML engineering), and **Yi Wan** (founding research scientist).

Products, Users, and Public Traction

On pokee.ai, Pokee AI positions its reinforcement-learned agent platform across six primary enterprise verticals: **Finance** (due diligence, compliance, and risk scoring), **Healthcare** (on-premises/on-device clinical drafting and prior authorization), **E-commerce** (catalog operations and promotional reporting), **Legal** (long-context contract review and eDiscovery), **Education** (LMS-grounded grading and accreditation), and **Manufacturing** (ERP/MES dashboards and 8D/CAPA reporting), alongside developer access to the Pokee-Isaac API.

At its July 2025 seed announcement, GeekWire reported that Pokee AI was in public beta, pre-revenue, working with design partners, and collaborating with Google on enterprise partnerships. As of November 2026, pokee.ai publishes a practitioner testimonial from **Lianghao Chen**, Executive Director at **Lenovo**, describing an autonomous multi-layer web workflow completed in 20 minutes rather than two hours; total enterprise customer counts and current revenue figures remain not publicly disclosed.

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

Pokee AI is a Seed-stage company backed by an **oversubscribed $12M Seed round** announced on July 8, 2025 (described as 3x oversubscribed by Zhu in GeekWire). The financing was led by **Point72 Ventures**, with strategic corporate venture backing from **Qualcomm Ventures** and **Samsung NEXT**, plus participation from **Salience Capital**, **SCB 10X**, Typeface founder **Abhay Parasnis**, and former Intel board member **Lip-Bu Tan**. No subsequent equity round or acquisition has been publicly reported through November 2026.

Within Bellevue's growing cluster of applied AI startups spun out of big-tech research groups, Pokee AI stands out for combining custom reinforcement-learning planning and ultra-long-context 28B model development with strict enterprise deployment isolation (VPC, air-gapped, and on-device). Strategic backing from Qualcomm Ventures and Samsung NEXT aligns closely with the company's 2026 move toward private on-premises and edge-capable agent execution.

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