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ALEX Intelligence 2026: Computer Systems Design Firm Concentration

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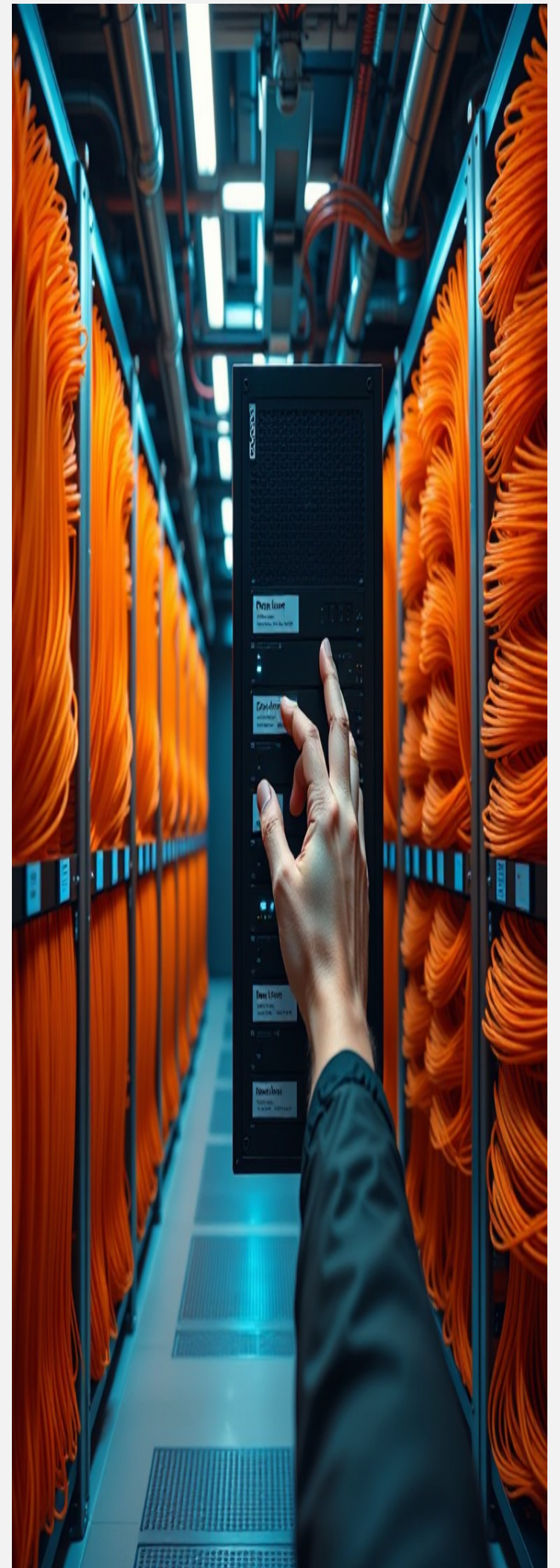
88.6%

Share of Texas Computer Systems Design Firms in the Top Three Texas Metros (2022)

Over four in five Texas firms in the computer systems design sector are located in just three metros.

This level of concentration isn't accidental—it's structural. The clustering of firms in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and Austin reflects a deep, self-reinforcing ecosystem of talent, infrastructure, and capital. These metros aren't just hubs; they're the core of a new kind of regional AI sovereignty, where innovation is not dispersed but densely networked.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 5415 (Computer systems design and related services) • ALEX Intelligence computation
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Sovereignty Through Density

The most powerful form of AI sovereignty today isn't built in isolation—it's forged in dense, localized clusters. The 88.6% concentration of Texas' computer systems design firms in three metros means that innovation isn't scattered; it's amplified. Teams in these regions aren't just developing models—they're co-creating the infrastructure for decentralized, self-hosted AI stacks, using shared toolchains and mesh networks that thrive on proximity and shared standards.



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The Edge of the Cluster

This concentration creates a paradox: the most sovereign AI ecosystems are also the most interconnected. Teams in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and Austin are not siloed; they're part of a dynamic, real-time exchange of open-weight models, private RAG frameworks, and on-prem inference tools. The strength of sovereignty lies not in isolation, but in the ability to collaborate across a shared, resilient, decentralized infrastructure—where every node can be sovereign, and every node is connected.

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