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Welcome to the ninth issue of Carpe Datum's Newsletter, **The Fed Data Prospector!** We're eager to hear your feedback about our new look 'n feel? Any and all opinions are encouraged!

This week, despite the continued Government Shutdown, there was some important progress on the policy side of government and data. President Trump signed into law the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking (FEBP) Act (H.R. 4174, S. 2046) on Monday. The new law includes the **Open, Public, Electronic and Necessary (OPEN) Government Data Act (Title II)** and requires all non-sensitive government data to be made available in open and machine-readable formats by default. It establishes Chief Data Officers (CDO) at federal agencies, as well as a CDO Council. The White House's Statement included:

"The law's mission is to improve operational efficiencies and government services, reduce costs, increase public access to government information, and spur innovation and entrepreneurship. This is a win for evidence-based decision-making within the government."

A few key elements in this week's issue:
- Federal Government IT professionals are responsible for some of the greatest and most vast data creation repositories; yet, many have not discovered the simple elegance and efficiency provided by Data Lakes
- The State Department's Consular Affairs office is seeking the services of a "company that maintains a global database of public and private company information and can provide real time information in relation to approved petition-based temporary employment in the United States"
- TransUnion names Abhi Dhar as Executive Vice President and Chief Information and Technology Officer and reporting directly to CEO James Peck
- The U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) is sponsoring a full-day CLASSIFIED event dedicated to strengthening partnerships between INSCOM and industry for future mission success – sign-ups for this April event are now open

Industry Highlights

Data Lakes: What They Are and How They Can Benefit Feds:
Data lakes can help agencies pool data from different sources and in a variety of formats to gain new insights that aid their missions.

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It is unclear exactly how much data the federal government generates, but it's likely in the single-digit petabytes. (A petabyte

is equivalent to a million gigabytes.)...

U.S. Government Shutdown Leaves Big Ag Data Shrouded in Mystery

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As the U.S. government shutdown postpones the Jan. 11 release of monthly market-moving agriculture data, forecasting firms and traders are trying to plug the gap with their own crop estimates...

Location data is ground zero in privacy wars

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Our phones' GPS and location capabilities are a key part of what make them magical — enabling them to speed our commutes, hail rides and find the devices when we lose them. These capabilities are also ground zero for the looming fight over defining the boundaries of privacy and acceptable uses of our personal information...

New Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Intelligence from Panjiva Tracks Drug Shipments and Inventory Activities

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Latest alternative data set from S&P Global unlocks global supply chain connections in generic drug manufacturers with robust linking capabilities. S&P Global Market Intelligence announced today the introduction of new alternative data set through its data feed management system, Xpressfeed™...

Opportunities & Solicitations

CAVO Business Information Support

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The Department of State Visa Office must contract services from a company that maintains a global database of public and private company information and can provide real time information in relation to approved petition-based temporary employment in the United States

Continuous Development, Operations, and Sustainment for the Program Executive Office in support of Personnel Vetting and the Defense Security Enterprise

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This is a new requirement for the DSS PEO in support of Personnel Vetting and the Defense Security Enterprise. The objective of the Government's requirement is for Continuous Development, Operations, and Sustainment for the PEO mission space. The Government expects that the background investigation mission will complete its transition from the National Background Investigation Bureau (NBIB) to DSS on October 1, 2019

Acquisitions & Partnerships

Change, Experian Health Partner on Identity Management Platform: *The platform combines Change's Intelligent Healthcare Network with the patient identity management technology from Experian.*

Experian Health and Change Healthcare announced they're working together on new technology that will be capable of accurately identifying patients across the healthcare sector...

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G2 Crowd CEO Invests $10 Million USD in Ottawa-Founded Retail Tech Company ThreeKit

Serial tech entrepreneur Godard Abel has led a $10 million USD investment in retail tech startupThreeKit, a 3D product configurator and visualization company based in Ottawa and Chicago. Abel will also take the role of executive chairman of ThreeKit...

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People in the News

LocatorX Appoints Michael Fauscette, Chief Research Officer, G2 Crowd, to Board of Directors

LocatorX, a tech company developing accurate, inexpensive and flexible tracking technology based on a nanomaterials patent from the University of Oxford, announced the appointment of Michael Fauscette to its board of directors...

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Abhi Dhar Joins TransUnion as Chief Information and Technology Officer

TransUnion (NYSE: TRU) has hired Abhi Dhar as Executive Vice President and Chief Information and Technology Officer, effective today. Dhar is an accomplished executive with more than 20 years of experience in a wide array of technology roles...

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Huawei Canada exec to join LinkedIn

One of Huawei Canada's top executives on Friday disclosed he was leaving his post after more than seven years with the Chinese telecommunications equipment maker, which is facing heightened scrutiny over security issues from Canada and its allies...

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Gerry Stanley joins Pitney Bowes' global product team

Gerry Stanley joins Pitney Bowes as senior product manager, departing PSMA Australia. Gerry Stanley steps into a new role at

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after 11 years at PSMA Australia, a location intelligence company owned by Australia's state, territory and commonwealth governments...

Industry Events

INSCOM's 2019 Industry Day

The U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) is sponsoring a full-day CLASSIFIED event dedicated to strengthening partnerships between INSCOM and industry for future mission success at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's (NGA) Allder Auditorium, Springfield, Virginia, April 11, 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.