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Welcome to the thirteenth issue of Carpe Datum's Newsletter, **The Fed Data Prospector**. With both the House and Senate reaching a funding deal – and the President expected to sign the bill today – it looks like we will avoid another government shutdown...and get back to business as usual.

This week, we have lots of relevant industry news and highlights, as well as 5 Opportunities for your consideration:

1. **Department of Veterans Affairs** – Employment and Income Verification Administration (HRA) \*Due Date: 2/22/19
2. **Department of Transportation** – Build America Bureau Subscription for Corporate Credit Analytics Platform
3. **Department of Transportation** – Build America Bureau Restructuring Advisory Services
4. **Department of the Navy** – RFQ for Programs and Resources Data Platform and Analyses
5. **Department of State** – Open Source Intelligence Services

## Industry Highlights

**National Cheat Sheet: Moody's launches CRE data portal, Trump's childhood home hits the market ... & more**

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Moody's new CRE data portal to compete with CoStar -- The Real Deal has had its eyes on a potential showdown that became a reality this week when Moody's Analytics officially made public its plans to give real estate data behemoth CoStar Group a run for its money. The financial services information giant has launched its commercial real estate data portal, known as the REIS Network, through which users will be able to access data from firms like CompStak and Rockport VAL...

**Big Data Goes Big**

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2018 was a great year for IPOs, and the momentum is likely to continue throughout 2019 despite the government shutdown in January. As companies wait longer to go public, investors are increasingly demanding a viable path to profitability. This could

bode well for deca-unicorn Palantir because the data analytics firm, which is reportedly planning an IPO this year, could become profitable over the next 12 months, according to CEO Alex Karp...

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### What's New in Civic Tech: NYC Data Analytics Year in Review

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New York City has released its Mayor's Office of Data Analytics 2018 Year in Review and Look Ahead, which essentially serves as a state-of-data work in NYC. As the city's chief analytics officer, Kelly Jin, noted in the medium post announcing the report, it "highlights key projects from 2018 and opportunities on the horizon in 2019."...

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### MeritDirect Launches Powerful Business Buyer Database: Pinnacle ProspectPlus

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MeritDirect the leading provider of global multichannel marketing services, today announced the launch of their "Pinnacle Prospect PlusSM" database. This data set is a powerful derivative of their successful B2B cooperative database product, Pinnacle...

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### Department of Energy to Provide \$30 Million for New Data Science Approaches for Chemistry and Materials Research *Research Will Accelerate Breakthroughs in Science Underlying Energy Technologies*

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Today, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced plans to provide \$30 million for new research using modern data science approaches to accelerate discovery in chemistry and materials sciences...

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### Data alternatives – and alternative data – to use during U.S. government shutdowns

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The US government shutdown ended on January 25, but with funding only restored until this Friday (February 15), analysts, economists, and other data-dependent specialists may be again in need of reliable alternatives. The 35-day shutdown was the longest ever and left many users – even the Federal Reserve – without the data needed for investment and policy-making decisions...

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### Experian: US Suffers the Most Online Fraud *New data from the credit reporting firm shows the sheer scale of online activity in the US also has made businesses and consumers there prime targets.*

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Consumers and businesses in the United States appear to be experiencing substantially more online fraud than their counterparts in other regions of the world. The situation is driving an increased focus on technologies for detecting and preventing online fraud, a new survey by Experian shows...



**Employment and Income Verification Administration (HRA) requires an automated method**  
*Department of Veterans Affairs*

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking eligible contractors to furnish access to an automated employment and income verification database...

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**Build America Bureau Subscription for Corporate Credit Analytics Platform**  
*Department of Transportation*

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The contractor's program shall provide online access to a credit analytics platform providing an information database of financial, market and enterprise data; credit news and research; risk assessment and analysis for global public and private companies. To meet the requirements of the Bureau, the Corporate Credit Analytics Platform shall include the following...1. A data set comprising global coverage of no less than 98% (by percentage of capitalization) of publicly listed companies and no less than 900,000 private companies...

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**Build America Bureau Restructuring Advisory Services**  
*Department of Transportation*

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This is a pre-solicitation notice (synopsis) for a full and open competitive procurement. The USDOT / Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intends to issue a solicitation to result in multiple award Indefinite Delivery / Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts for "Build America Bureau Restructuring Advisory Services."... TIFIA and RRIF, the Credit Programs, provide (secured) direct loans, loan guarantees, and standby lines of credit to borrowers seeking to develop major surface transportation projects, railroad projects, port projects and transit-oriented development projects...

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**USMC issues RFQ for Programs and Resources Data Platform and Analyses**  
*Department of the Navy*

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On February 8, the United States Marine Corps issued a request for quotations for its Programs and Resources Data Platform and Analyses requirement (Solicitation Number: M95494-19-Q-0005). Quotes are due by 1:00 p.m. on March 4. The Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources (DC P&R), as part of a broader strategy, requires advanced data and analytics capabilities to address key questions related to Planning, Programming, Budget and Execution (PPBE). DC P&R specifically requires... aggregate, rationalize, analyze, and visualize Department of Defense (DoD), Marine Corps and publicly available data and information to provide decision support to senior leaders...

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**Open Source Intelligence Services**  
*Department of State*

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The U.S. Department of State (DOS), Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS), Directorate of Threat Investigations and

Analysis (TIA), Open Source Intelligence Program has a requirement for open source monitoring and analysis support services, as well as logistical and office management services, in order to facilitate the production of timely, accurate, and relevant open source intelligence products and services...



## Acquisitions & Partnerships

### Investor Group Led by CC Capital, Cannae Holdings, Bilcar, Black Knight and Thomas H. Lee Partners Completes Acquisition of Dun & Bradstreet

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Dun & Bradstreet (NYSE: DNB) (the “Company”), the global leader in commercial data, analytics and insights for businesses, and an investor group (the “Investor Group”) led by CC Capital Partners, LLC (“CC Capital”), Cannae Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: CNNE), Bilcar, LLC, Black Knight, Inc. (NYSE: BKI) and funds affiliated with Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P. (“THL”), along with a group of other investors, today announced the completion of the Investor Group’s previously announced acquisition of Dun & Bradstreet...

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### Deltek and Grant Thornton Form Alliance

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Deltek, the global provider of software and solutions for project-based businesses, has entered into a strategic alliance with Grant Thornton LLP, a professional services firm. The alliance will help both public and private companies of all sizes, including government contractors, to comply with accounting rules, regulations and standards using both technology and expertise...

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### CoStar Group Announces Agreement with Oxford Economics *Key business relationship brings new forecasting methodology*

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CoStar Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: CSGP), the leading provider of commercial real estate information, analytics and online marketplaces, announced an expanded agreement with Oxford Economics, the leading global economic advisory firm and provider of economic data, analysis, and forecasts. Oxford Economics will provide CoStar with the economic data and forecasts used in CoStar’s product offerings and commercial real estate forecasting models across the United States, Europe, and Canada...

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### LexisNexis Expands Data as a Service offering with OpenCorporates legal entity data

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LexisNexis Legal & Professional, a provider of information and analytics, and OpenCorporates the open database of companies, are announcing a new collaboration which adds OpenCorporates legal entity data to the Nexis Data as a Service portfolio...



## Christopher Scolese to be nominated as next NRO director

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Christopher Scolese of New York, to be the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office. Mr. Scolese currently serves as the Director of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Previously, he served as the associate administrator at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., and as NASA's chief engineer. Mr. Scolese is the recipient of the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive, the NASA Distinguished Leadership Medal, the Goddard Outstanding Leadership Medal, two NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) National Capital Section Young Engineer/Scientist of the Year award...

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## Neustar Names Hyune Hand to Oversee Customer Intelligence Business

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Neustar, Inc., a trusted, neutral provider of real-time information services, today announced Hyune Hand as General Manager of Customer Intelligence, Marketing Solutions. Hand will oversee Customer Intelligence solutions including Customer Identity Management (CIM), ElementOne segmentation products and other identity and verification products as part Neustar's Marketing Solutions suite. She will report to Neustar Senior Vice President of Analytics Solutions Ted Prince...



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