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Welcome to the fourteenth issue of Carpe Datum's Newsletter, **The Fed Data Prospector**.

This week saw the President sign an omnibus spending bill funding the Federal Government for the remainder of the fiscal year. Given the bill's significant increases over the President's budget request (DHS +13.5%, DOJ +7.3%, State Department/USAID +28%, and DOT +65%), as well as the shortened timeframe to obligate the additional funds prior to the end of the fiscal year, we expect a flurry of procurement activity in the near future.

In addition, last week the President signed an Executive Order directing the Federal Government to prioritize research and development of America's artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities. As a result, the industry news and highlights in this edition feature a number of articles on artificial intelligence technologies and how they will impact the federal government in 2019.

- **Era of the Unintelligent Government Contractor is Over** – Many AI experts have asked for it...and it's here. In mid-Feb, President Trump signed an executive order aimed at spurring the development of AI
- **Opportunity Alert!** DLA: IBex Market Research Report-INDOPACOM. As DLA's mission is to respond quickly to worldwide events, IBex was formed to enhance strategic partnerships with industry experts, to allow government planners to leverage the expertise of the commercial sector.
- Roosevelt Strategic Council and Defense Strategies Institute announced the **2019 GeoData Summit** (on March 20-21, 2019 in Alexandria, VA)

Industry Highlights

The Era of the Unintelligent Government Contractor is Over

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In mid-February 2019, President Trump signed an executive order aimed at spurring the development and regulation of artificial intelligence. This is good news as many AI experts have been asking for the federal government to make the development of artificial intelligence a priority and develop a national strategy on AI similar to how many other nations have already done...

States Follow the IRS in Joining the Big Data Revolution

Data analysis is not a new concept, but it nonetheless is the center of a social and technological revolution. In recent months, we have gained significant insight into how the IRS and state taxing authorities are leveraging advanced technology and machine learning to mine the petabytes of taxpayer data that they collect and retain...

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Streamlining Government Operations with the Power of AI

Governmental entities are putting artificial intelligence to work across a broad spectrum of activities, from improving public safety to streamlining social services...

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NIH, NASA and DOE Use the Cloud to Boost Research Collaboration

Today, it's entirely possible to work with terabytes of data without downloading a local copy or laying claim to a supercomputer. Agencies such as the National Institutes of Health, NASA and the Energy Department are exploring ways to use the cloud to share their wealth of data efficiently with researchers outside of government...

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Federal Government Expansion and Application of Artificial Intelligence Technologies

By all accounts 2019 will bring significant expansion in the use and development of artificial intelligence (AI) by the U.S. federal government. Notwithstanding some well-publicized rejections by industry of the use of their AI technologies for offensive military and surveillance applications, the federal government remains a major supporter of and customer for AI technologies. Below we outline some of the current federal government players in the AI space and their plans for the coming year...

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Rep. Ocasio-Cortez hints at hearing for credit score system

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez called the credit score system that contains data on 188 million Americans "very broken" in a series of social media posts over the weekend, and suggested the U.S. House Financial Services Committee should consider looking into private credit scoring companies and the credit scoring system overall...

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Government Accountability Office Recommends Comprehensive Privacy Legislation

The Equifax and Facebook-Cambridge Analytica scandals, coupled with the proliferation of state privacy and security laws such as the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA)—as well as proposed laws in Washington and Massachusetts—have increased demand for a comprehensive national privacy law. Last week, the Senate announced plans to hold hearings to discuss a proposed privacy law...

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Opportunities & Solicitations

IBex Market Research Report-INDOPACOM *Defense Logistics Agency*

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To enhance industrial preparedness, government planners require a clear understanding of global logistics networks and issues related to cultures, customs, infrastructure, supply constraints, and logistical nuances unique to a particular country or region. This knowledge allows the Government to identify and adjust to supply chain problems in order to take appropriate corrective actions...

Acquisitions & Partnerships

LMI joins venture capital fray in government market

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The idea behind those investments is to help portfolio companies get traction and fast-track them into the government market with help from LMI to navigate traditional barriers to entry...

Applied Insight Buys ATG, Stratus Solutions to Expand Cloud, AI, Analytics Offerings

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The acquisitions are part of AI's strategy to create a mid-market company delivering information technology platforms to federal government customers to facilitate collaboration and decision-making...

People in the News

Danny Marti elected Vice Chairman of the US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center

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RELX Group announced today that Danny Marti, Head of Global Government Affairs, has been elected Vice Chairman of the US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC). In this role, Marti will help lead GIPC's efforts and engagements in the US and around the world to develop and promote strong innovation policy and intellectual property standards that advance global economic interests and generate breakthrough solutions to global challenges...

Databricks Taps Splunk Leader to Help Bring AI to Government

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Kevin Davis, whose 25-year career includes time working with the public sector at both Splunk and Oracle, will now join Databricks

as a vice president as the company looks to bring data analytics and AI to government...



Industry Events

2019 GeoData Summit announced

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Roosevelt Strategic Council and Defense Strategies Institute are pleased to announce the 2019 GeoData Summit, taking place on March 20-21, 2019. The 2019 GeoData Summit brings together members of the GIS community across Agriculture, Utilities, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Government for an open dialogue about how the current revolution in Geospatial technologies is transforming real-time decision-making through enhanced data collection...



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