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

Happy Fridayhope all is well in Federal Dataland! This week's issue choke full of every thing – interesting data industry news, exciting moves in both the public and private sectors, a couple of M&A actions – one positive and one less positive.

Then, drum roll please, what brings you all here week after week and gets you spending your company's hard earned money on a Carpe Datum subscription.....ok, scratch that last part because, of course, we have yet to charge our supportive community a single penny.

However, as your parents probably advised you long ago (for me, it was the living legend, Chris J. Palen...who pretty much taught me all I needed to know about selling data), there's no such thing as a free lunch.

True enough for Carpe Datum as well....however, here's the best bargain in town: you continue to receive the highly curated news, events and connections associated with our community. In return, we simply ask for your feedback – it could in general (i.e. this newsletter isn't useful); or incredibly specific (i.e. the first two stories were enlightening and inspiring, but the third one was a snoozer). It doesn't need to be overly formal or elaborate – just shoot me an email with your feedback.

*Feedback on the opportunities/solicitations is most important – which ones do you like vs. the ones you think are completely irrelevant (very valid feedback, as The Fed Data Prospector is “one-size-fits all” ... for now...).

Lastly, if you make a sale from our leads, let us know!

Happy Fed Data Hunting!

Industry Highlights

The complicated truth about China's social credit system

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China's social credit system isn't a world first but when it's complete it will be unique. The system isn't just as simple as everyone being given a score though...

White House Says Agencies Need Industry Help to Execute

National AI Strategy

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Federal agencies are being asked to do most of the legwork to implement the Trump administration's newly released artificial intelligence strategy, but they lack the tech expertise to achieve success on their own, according to top White House tech officials.

There is a growing need of Location Intelligence – Gil Elbaz, Founder & CEO, Factual

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Location data is a critical component of the strategic decision's companies make each day. Location is powering smarter digital products, digital marketing and online and offline business decisions. Our world is now mobile, computing is everywhere, and the power of location is changing everything – the way we get around, the way we interact with brands, the way we solve problems and the way we discover new services and access information. Location data is changing the way we experience the world...

Maxine Waters Wants the Credit Reporting Industry to Be More Consumer-Friendly

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The Los Angeles Times reports that Waters, who is now the chair of the House Financial Services Committee, called for a consumer-friendly overhaul of the credit reporting system Tuesday as the chief executives of Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion—the three major credit bureaus—testified before her committee...

UKCloud wins place on government data, analytics framework

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A recent Gartner survey found that business intelligence and data analytics are the top priority for investment by government CIOs in 2019 which ...

Bloomberg Provides Access to Alternative Data from TipRanks

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The company has launched Bloomberg Enterprise Access Point, providing access to a number of alternative datasets...

Guizhou ramps up efforts to become a big data hub

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Guizhou ramps up efforts to become a big data hub ... Last year, investment poured into big data-related information transmission, software and ... technology services industries grew by 49.7 percent, local government data showed...

Stanford policy lab explores government use of artificial intelligence

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Federal administrative agencies across the United States employ machine learning and artificial intelligence to make decisions. But what happens ...



Open Source Intelligence *DOS, Bureau of Diplomatic Security*

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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...

Data Collection Support Services *Army Contracting Command*

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The Contractor shall perform the following services to meet ATC requirements: data service functions to include data collection and coordination, data compilation, data collection form development and management, data collection user and software administration, transcription/processing, review and reporting, test monitoring, technical writing and editorial review, on a wide variety of automotive, combat, electronic, general equipment, and ordnance materiel undergoing extensive testing; in addition, range scheduling support, word processing, data processing, and other support services...

PACOM Micro Reports *DLA Acquisition Locations*

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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...

UPDATE – Background Investigation Prototyping *Defense Security Service*

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The Defense Security Service (DSS) has posted a Request for Solution Brief for the Transformation of the Federal Government Personnel Vetting Enterprise. This request is a result of the direction provided to the Department of Defense to reform and modernize Federal personnel vetting. The Government seeks new bold and transformational approaches to re-engineer and prototype the process for executing the personnel vetting mission in an efficient and agile manner...

DARPA Seeks Competency-Awareness Machine Learning Research Proposals *Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency*

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The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency has started the process of soliciting research proposals for a machine learning technology to help autonomous systems determine its task competency and support human-machine teaming activities...

UPDATE – Programs and Resources Data Platform and Analyses

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Revised Closing Response Date: 3/08/19 -- Set-Aside Status: This is a total small business set-aside. Market research based upon RFI M95494-19-001....

Digital Risk Protection for Social Media *National Institute of Standards and Technology*

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MEP is looking for third-party developed and maintained Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) platform, and a market leader in digital risk protection (DRP) to provide digital risk monitoring of social media, brand, and digital channels for security threats and business risks. The SaaS platform has to have a global data collection engine, artificial intelligence-based analysis, and automated remediation, allowing protection from cyber, brand and physical threats (such as trademark issues, malware posted to social media as comments, phishing attacks that impersonate or squat on MEP National Network™-related URLs)...

Acquisitions & Partnerships

Experian abandons ClearScore acquisition

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Experian said Wednesday it doesn't believe the U.K.'s Competition and Markets Authority will approve the proposed 275 million-pound (\$363 million) acquisition on satisfactory terms...

Equifax Chief Hit By Identity Theft Three Times

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Equifax CEO Mark Begor revealed that he has been the victim of identity theft ... learned from the breach, said Nancy Bistriz, a spokeswoman for Equifax. ... now free from all three major bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion...

People in the News

DHS identifies new Chief of Staff

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Miles Taylor, whose experience includes stints at the White House, Congress, and DHS, most recently serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff to the DHS Office of the Secretary, has been tapped to be the new Chief of Staff for the Agency...

NIH to hire chief data science strategist as part of its drive to harness big data

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Andrea Norris, the chief information officer at the National Institutes of Health, said her agency is investing heavily in these areas, maybe most importantly in people...

Trump taps Education adviser to lead OFPP

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President Donald Trump nominated Michael Wooten, a senior acquisitions adviser at the Federal Student Loan office, to be the government's top acquisition policy officer...

SEC taps new Enterprise Cloud & Data Management Leader

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Longtime US Securities and Exchange Commission Office of Information Technology leader, Kimberly Hall, whose experience includes more than 16 years in IT Program and Project Management in both large-scale Government and financial services sectors, has taken on a new challenge with the Agency, now serving as the Assistant Director for Enterprise Platforms, Cloud & Data Management...



Industry Events

AFCEA Spring Intelligence Symposium

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The 38th annual AFCEA Spring Intelligence Symposium returns to the NGA Campus East in Springfield, Virginia on March 19-20, 2019. This classified (Top Secret//SI//TK//NOFORN) two-day flagship intelligence event is a forum for Intelligence Community professionals and an ideal venue for learning and networking...

FCW Workshop: Preparing Your Agency for AI and Automation

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After decades in development, artificial intelligence is now transforming government in both high-profile and largely hidden ways. Cloud-based computer resources, rapidly advancing algorithms and the explosion of available data are allowing agencies to pursue everything from automated citizen services to mission-centric machine learning...



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