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This week, in the nineteenth issue of Carpe Datum's Newsletter, **The Fed Data Prospector**, the focus on Artificial Intelligence (and the data that powers it) continues. We feature articles highlighting the focus on AI in the 2020 President's Budget Request, an overview of Estonia's efforts to inject machine learning into a variety of government services, and a claim by HUD that Facebook's AI violates the Fair Housing Act by allowing landlords and sellers to target advertising in a manner that discriminates against certain protected classes.

Data and analytics opportunities abound as well, with the FBI issuing an RFI for a media monitoring and analytics service, and the DIA seeking a framework for the storage, management, and analysis of the machine data created by systems deployed by the Department of Defense. And on the award front, Palantir won a bake-off with Raytheon worth up to \$800 million to deploy the next phase of the Army's Distributed Common Ground System – marking the first time Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) analytics software has been deployed to synthesize a diverse array of combat data for the warfighter.

Happy Fed Data Opportunity Hunting!

Opportunities & Solicitations

Request for Information: Media Analytics Platform

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is conducting market research to potentially obtain access to a media analytics platform, media monitoring, and media business intelligence...

Sources Sought: Aggregation and Analytics Solution

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The purpose of this RFI is to solicit feedback from industry on the acquisition strategy of the DIA's Machine Data Analytics Solution. This contract will provide the framework for interpreting machine data from systems deployed in support of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), the Combatant Commands (CCMDs), and the Military Services...



Finding Artificial Intelligence Money in the Fiscal 2020 Budget

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The federal government is preparing to invest about \$4.9 billion in unclassified artificial intelligence and machine learning-related research and development in fiscal 2020, according to budget documents released March 18...

Boston's new centralized data platform is the city's starting point for predictive analytics

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Boston partnered with Civis Analytics to concentrate the government's data in one location...and housed in the Department of Innovation Technology. And it will automate the city's open data pipelines — pushing out more data to the general public more accurately and with less effort...

John Sanders, COO of US Customs and Border Protection, Speaks at Potomac Club Event

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John Sanders, chief operating officer of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), was the key note speaker for an event that brought together leaders from the GovCon sector. When he was hired as COO, Sanders was initially given a list of 13 priorities to focus on, and he asked for a shorter list. The final tally was pared to six: supporting front line security agents, hiring agents, IT modernization, enterprise data analytics, innovation and border security...

FTC Queries Internet Providers on Consumer Data Collection and Use

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The Federal Trade Commission, which has been digging into the privacy practices of tech giants Facebook and Google, is now training its sights on the internet service providers that bring us all our online content...

DEA Never Checked If Its Massive Surveillance Operations Are Legal, Watchdog Says

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The administration used “non-target specific” subpoenas to force multiple telecom providers to provide metadata on every phone call made from the U.S. to as many as 116 countries with “a nexus to drugs.” Officials used similarly sweeping subpoenas to collect information on anyone who purchased specific products from participating vendors, and the DEA purchased telephone metadata for targets of ongoing investigations through a contractor for a separate government agency...

Department of Housing and Urban Development charges Facebook with housing discrimination through ads

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HUD accused Facebook of allowing advertisers to exclude people from seeing housing advertisements based on interests that "closely align with the Fair Housing Act's protected classes," including users who the social media platform classified as parents, non-American-born, non-Christian or a variety of other groups...

Industry Highlights



Thasos' Flagship Real-Time Foot Traffic Product "ConsumerStreams" Now Available on the Open ...

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Thasos, an alternative data intelligence firm that transforms location information from mobile phones worldwide into real-time, objective and actionable insights, today announced an agreement with FactSet, a global provider of integrated financial information, analytical applications and industry leading services, to offer geolocation data on the Open:FactSet Marketplace (OFM)...

FICO And Equifax Launch Data Decisions Cloud

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FICO and Equifax announced Wednesday (March 27) the launch of the Data Decisions Cloud, a data and analytics suite of products. In a press release, the two companies said the Data Decisions Cloud targets the needs of companies across risk, marketing and fraud, which in turn enables financial firms to meet customers' needs faster and more accurately...

Infogroup announces new partnership with Bizminer to provide enhanced financial insights

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Infogroup's popular Credit.net product has integrated Bizminer's enhanced market data and industry information into its platform. The Bizminer partnership allows Credit.net to further bolster the insights it delivers related to credit risk profiles...

Can AI Be a Fair Judge in Court? Estonia Thinks So

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In the most ambitious project to date, the Estonian Ministry of Justice has asked Velsberg and his team to design a "robot judge" that could adjudicate small claims disputes of less than €7,000 (about \$8,000). Officials hope the system can clear a backlog of cases for judges and court clerks...

Contract Awards



Palantir has won an \$800 million contract with the US Army to build a system that helps soldiers ...

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The Army has chosen Palantir Technologies to deploy a complex battlefield intelligence system for soldiers, according to Army

documents, a significant boost for a company that has attracted a devoted following in national security circles but had struggled to win a major defense contract...

Tyler Technologies' Socrata Connected Government Cloud to Help Manage State of Maryland Data

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Maryland has been leading with data for many years having adopted the Open Data Act and implemented the state's Open Data Portal in 2014, as well as large data-driven programs such as Maryland OneStop Portal and Maryland Total Human-services Integrated Network (MD THINK)...

Industry Events

UC Center for Business Analytics to host summit

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The University of Cincinnati Center for Business Analytics will hold a conference focusing on analytics and data science content to support the growth and development of analytics efforts in business, government and nonprofit organizations...

GAO Report

Consumer Data Protection: Actions Needed to Strengthen Oversight of Consumer Reporting Agencies

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GAO was asked to examine issues related to federal oversight of Credit Reporting Agencies (CRAs). This report discusses measures the Federal Trade Commission and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau have taken to enforce CRA compliance with protecting consumer information, and actions consumers can take after a breach...

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