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Welcome to Carpe Datum's **Federal Data Prospector** (Vol. 2, Issue #18). Hoping you all continue to remain healthy and properly socially distanced. The U.S. Federal Government continues to do its best to create robust economic momentum by issuing many relevant opportunities for companies within the data and data analytics industries – we hope you all can find at least one deal worth pursuing!

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- Request for Information (RFI) for **TSA's Enrollment Services and Vetting Programs' (ESVP) The Aviation Channeling and Data Management System** -  
- The Contractor shall provide technical, operational, aviation security policy expertise with respect to the channeling of biographic information and biometric data from non-Government to Government Information Technology systems. In addition, areas of expertise may include, but are not limited to the following; enrollment services, biometric identification, authentication, and validation for use within vetting and credentialing systems, identity verification and validation methodologies, and authentication technology standards, aviation security policy, training requirements, etc.

In other data news, on April 8th **The Sociable** reported on a story entitled "**COVID-19 Joint Task Force seeks apps, algorithms and analytics tools from businesses and researchers**" in which the author, Tim Hinchliffe, describes how the DoD's COVID-19 Joint Task Force is looking to collaborate with the private sector to develop and deploy apps, algorithms, and analytics tools to identify and combat virus trends and behaviors. Highlights and related stories below:

- "The competitive solicitation seeks "innovative, commercial technologies that propose new solutions and/or potentially new capabilities that fulfill requirements, close capability gaps, or provide potential technological advancements in support of the COVID-19 Response Acquisition Task Force (DAF ACT) mission to provide relief, resilience, recovery, and stability to the nation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic...**Logistics:** Security and protection, supply chain protection and assessment, etc. **Industrial Base Impacts:** Impacts on small businesses, payments, contracts, large system programs, protection and expansion of critical assets, etc."

**The Carpe Datum Team**



## Department of Energy Announces \$30 Million for Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence Research *Department of Energy*

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Today, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced a plan to provide up to \$30 million for advanced research in machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) for both scientific investigation and the management of complex systems...

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## Pilot IRS - EST Synthetic Data Initiative *Department of the Treasury*

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Office of the Procurement Executive is requesting information about innovative, enterprise-wide Artificial Intelligence (AI) or simulation engine systems that will allow developers and testers to generate, manage and control synthetic tax data...

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## Coporate Hierarchy Bulk Data Set *Department of the Treasury*

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The Bureau of Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service), on behalf of The Office of Financial Research (OFR) and the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC), intends to contract with OpenCorporates, Aston House Cornwall Avenue, London N3 1LF, United Kingdom, on a sole source basis...

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## 70To2020I9NOIA *Department of Homeland Security*

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- CSO\_COVID\_19 Response – Dept. of Defense
  - FA701420R0008 - VAULT Support – Dept. of Defense
  - SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR) PROGRAM X20.R SBIR COMMERCIAL SOLUTIONS OPENING (CSO) AF VENTURES DIRECT TO PHASE II – Air Force
  - B--Artificial Intelligence Machine Learning – Dept. of the Interior
  - Coinbase Analytics Web Subscription – Dept. of the Treasury
  - Statistical Market Data – Dept. of Commerce
  - 70--Cyber Threat Intelligence Database Subscription/ Access And Support – Dept. of Defense



Software-as-a-Service (SaaS)  
*Department of Defense*

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Questions and Answers – April 6, 2020...

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Financial Data Access and Analysis  
*Department of Treasury*

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Financial Data Access and Analysis Draft SOW – April 2, 2020...

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AMD 1 HE125420R0006 Qualitative Data Analysis Software  
*Department of Defense*

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AMD 1 answers all questions received in response to the solicitation – April 10, 2020.

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Transportation Security Innovative Concepts Broad Agency Announcement  
*Department of Homeland Security*

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This publication constitutes a revision to the Transportation Security Innovative Concepts (TSIC) Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) HSTSO4-20-R-BAA004 as contemplated in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 6.102(d)(2) and 35.016...

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- [Supplier Safety Pre-Qualification Program –Dept. of Energy](#)
- [Commercial and Economic Research and Innovation \(CERI\) –Air Force](#)
- [Eglin AFB Weapons Pitch Day BAA-RAC-20-0001WEAPONS –Dept. of Defense](#)
- [Worldwide Flight Data Subscription with Search Tools –Dept. of Homeland Security](#)

## Contract Awards



Labelbox Awarded Artificial Intelligence Contract by  
Department of Defense

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Labelbox, the world's leading training data platform, is among an elite selection of artificial intelligence companies to receive a contract from the Department of Defense to support national security as the U.S. scrambles to stay ahead of its rivals...



## Agency News

Listen: Susan Gregurick, Associate Director for Data Science,

NIH

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The lead behind the agency's data science strategy discusses important of data sharing in health research...

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**The SBA is overwhelmed with demand. Is it up to the task of responding to the coronavirus?**

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The federal funding is unprecedented — but so is the need. Small businesses and experts talk about the agency's ability to handle the strain...

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**Congress Hears Options—And Concerns—for Using Smartphone Data to Fight COVID-19**

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Other countries have been using various forms of location and proximity tracing to slow the spread of the disease, with widely varying levels of privacy protections...

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**Pentagon's Cybersecurity Certification Program Still Working on Third-Party Auditors**

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Participants in a webinar plagued by technical difficulties still appear to be in denial about the end of self-verification...

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- [CFPB clarifies credit reporting procedures in light of coronavirus](#)
- [Weekly Update: DHS Response to COVID-19](#)
- [NASA Calls on Gamers, Citizen Scientists to Help Map World's Corals](#)
- [GAO Innovation Lab job posts highlight the quiet push for more blockchain expertise in government](#)

## General Government News



**Coronavirus Solutions: How to Navigate Federal Emergency Procurement Rules**

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Early in March, the president declared COVID-19 a national emergency and Congress passed an enormous spending package to fight COVID-19. Much of that package goes to helping agencies fulfill the mission that the spending package tasked their agency to deliver. They will need contractors to help them...

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**COVID-19 Joint Task Force seeks apps, algorithms and analytics tools from businesses and researchers**

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What will happen to the data once the pandemic is over?...

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**Using Big Data for Enhanced Lockdown-Management**

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Coronavirus as a pandemic has created huge havoc across the world but it becomes interesting day by day how new-age technologies are propelling their innovation at the forefront to help better crisis management...

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## Machine learning: the not-so-secret way of boosting the public sector

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Machine learning can revolutionise the public sector, but it must augment human decision-making, not replace...

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- [Congress Hears Options—And Concerns—for Using Smartphone Data to Fight COVID-19](#)
  - [On govts using data surveillance to combat coronavirus: Q & A with The Sociable team](#)
  - [The Vital Role Of Big Data In The Fight Against Coronavirus](#)
  - [Your Complete Guide to Augmented Analytics](#)
  - [3 Keys to Full Spectrum Data Management](#)
  - [AI In Law Enforcement: A Step Forward Towards The Future](#)
  - [Big data mulled for contact tracing](#)
  - [Opinion: COVID-19 response will end all the Big Tech bashing](#)
  - [Unlocking Google COVID-19 data to analyse the impact of social distancing](#)



## Industry Highlights

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### Palantir, The Peter Thiel-Backed \$20 Billion Big Data Cruncher, Scores \$17 Million Coronavirus Emergency Relief Deal

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Palantir, the \$20 billion-valued Palo Alto tech company backed by Facebook-funder Peter Thiel, has been handed a \$17.3 million contract with one of the leading health bodies leading the charge against COVID-19...

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### Factual And Foursquare Merge To Become Location Data Powerhouse

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As companies that can track movement continue to make a huge impact during the COVID-19 crisis, two location data companies — Foursquare and Factual — merged Monday to offer solutions in audiences, attribution, developer tools and point-of-interest data...

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### Neustar Sells Its Registry Business to GoDaddy

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Neustar, Inc., a global information services and technology company and leader in identity resolution, today announced it has entered into a definitive agreement with GoDaddy Inc. (NYSE:GDDY) to sell its Registry business....

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### Palantir expects revenue to top \$1 billion this year

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- Neustar Launches Free Call Registry for Emergency Service Providers to Eliminate Incorrect Spam Tagging of COVID-19 Calls
- Creditsafe Launches COVID-19 Impact Score to Help Identify Portfolio Risk
- Moody's Analytics Enhances Bank Lending Solutions to Expedite Small Business Access to PPP Funds
- PlaceIQ Buys Freckle IoT, Marking Second Major Location Merger in 2 Days
- Agxio offers AI-built-by-AI fully-automated machine learning platform free in global fight against COVID-19
- J2 Global Completes Two Acquisitions in Q1 2020
- James Ruotolo joins Grant Thornton to bolster fraud risk capabilities
- Informa Pharma Intelligence Launches Free COVID-19 Content Hub
- Experian offers new At-Risk audience segments, free of charge, to essential organizations to help identify those most impacted by COVID-19
- Wolters Kluwer Offers New Special Briefings on Federal Relief for Employers and Employees during COVID-19 Crisis
- Exchange Data International (EDI) has partnered with Financial Information Incorporated (FII) to Introduce Historical Reference Services.
- Dow Jones Chief Executive Lewis to step down
- Co-Chief Operating Officer Neil Masterson to Leave Thomson Reuters
- Roche Canada Launches Data Science Coalition to advance COVID-19 solutions
- ZoomInfo Launches 'Intent' Solution to Help B2B Companies Identify, Prioritize and Engage Sales Leads Based on Buying Signals
- Dun & Bradstreet Launches New Data Platform; Provides Free Data to Government to Tackle COVID-19
- SQream Offers Free Licenses to Organizations Using Data Analytics to Fight the Coronavirus



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