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Welcome to Carpe Datum's **Federal Data Prospector** (Vol. 2, Issue #19). Our collective Ground Hog Day continues unabated...yet life in the world of data and data analytics within the Public Sector appears to not miss a beat. For this, I suppose we all should be grateful. Stay safe and healthy and please let us what you think of our weekly newsletter.

- Request for Quote (RFQ) for the **Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) CTP Social Media Monitoring Tool** -- The purpose of this acquisition is to provide social media monitoring services to identify and monitor public conversations related to tobacco trends, emerging products, regulatory actions and activities, and adverse events. The Contractor shall provide access to its existing social media monitoring software (also known as a social media monitoring tool or social listening platform) and provide technical assistance in setting up and maintaining the software so that it can be used by CTP for research purposes, including extracting real-time nicotine- and tobacco-related social media data to identify and monitor public conversations.

In other data news, on April 16th **The Hill** reported on a story entitled "**Five ways to fight fraud, waste, and abuse in \$2 trillion coronavirus relief aid**" in which the authors, Jim Cook and Gordon Milbourn, describes how ensuring that the money goes only to those eligible also requires strong oversight from the start to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer money. Further highlights and other related stories below:

- "We recommend that the new committee, along with all agencies responsible for implementing provisions of the CARES Act and others, take the following five steps:
- **Create a data aggregation and analytic team under the committee** to partner with academia and the private sector and coordinate with relevant agencies. This team will apply advanced analytic tools, techniques, and datasets from the public and private sectors to provide programmatic guidance. They will monitor spending activities; to identify potential errors and root causes, so they can be systemically fixed. They'll advise agencies about simplifying eligibility and application rules to best serve the public, minimize errors, and deter fraud; and they'll partner with law enforcement agencies to identify and minimize fraud."

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Opportunities & Solicitations

Department of Health and Human Services

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Request for Information (RFI) on Earth System Predictability Research and Development *National Aeronautics and Space Administration*

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This is a Request for Information (RFI) on behalf of the National Science and Technology Council's (NSTC's) Fast Track Action Committee for Earth System Predictability (ESP-FTAC)...

NIST and OSTP Launch Effort to Improve Search Engines for COVID-19 Research *NIST & OSTP*

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Today, the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) launched a joint effort to support the development of search engines for research that will help in the fight against COVID-19...

GSA Seeks AI-Based SaaS Tool to Back Regulatory Streamlining Efforts *General Services Administration*

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The General Services Administration has issued a solicitation for a commercial artificial intelligence platform that can support regulatory streamlining efforts...

- R--S&P CAPITAL IQ SUBSCRIPTION –*Dept. of Interior*
- NIC MAP Data Subscription Services –*Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev*
- Revolutionary Technology and Strategies for the Holistic Situational Awareness— Decision Making (HSA-DM) Program Request For Information (RFI) – *Dept. of Defense*
- Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC) Test and Evaluation (T&E) Multi-Award Contract (MAC) – *Dept. of Defense*
- CQ Roll Call Subscription - Sole Source –*Dept. of Defense*

Opportunity Updates

Financial Data Access and Analysis *Department of Treasury*

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Financial Data Access Q and A - April 15, 2020

Crowd Sourced Data Program (CSDP) requirement *Department of Commerce*

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Department of Homeland Security

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RFI Questions and Answers - April 16, 2020.

- FA701420R0008 - VAULT Support –*Dept. of Defense*
- Eglin AFB Weapons Pitch Day BAA-RAC-20-0001WEAPONS –*Dept. of Defense*

Contract Awards



Palantir Adds COVID-19 Deal to Growing List of U.S. Contracts

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Federal health officials are reportedly using Palantir Technologies' Gotham big data analytics platform in their efforts to mount a response to COVID-19...



Agency News

Unparalleled crisis leads to unprecedented federal spending

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The \$2.2 trillion coronavirus relief bill signed into law by President Trump increasingly looks like it will only be a starting point when it comes to the money Congress will pour into the battle against the pandemic...

DoD Changes Sole-Source Contracts: \$100M Do Not Need Justification

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The Department of Defense (DoD) has announced that contracting officers will not be required to issue a justification or obtain approval for the award of a sole-source contract under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program for awards up to \$100 million, up from the prior \$22 million limit...

How scammers can siphon off stimulus payments

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While the federal government scrambles to get stimulus money to individuals and small businesses, it may be opening the process up to cybersecurity vulnerabilities and fraud...

US Department of Energy's INCITE Program Seeks Proposals for 2021

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The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Innovative and Novel Computational Impact on Theory and Experiment (INCITE) program is now seeking proposals for high-impact, computationally intensive research campaigns in a broad array of science, engineering and computer science domains...

- [NASA awards Planet \\$7 million Earth imagery contract](#)
- [CDC report says people in four key cities are listening to stay at home orders](#)
- [DoD Using Artificial Intelligence to Detect Coronavirus Hotspots](#)
- [GAO to Pentagon: Practice the Cyber Policies You Preach](#)

General Government News



List of COVID-19 Resources for Machine Learning and Data Science Research

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Here is a list of COVID-19 tools and public datasets which could be really helpful in understanding the disease (COVID-19) and performing data driven research...

Five ways to fight fraud, waste, and abuse in \$2 trillion coronavirus relief aid

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With the passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Congress and the administration have provided well over \$2 trillion in aid...

Pandemic Has Congress Considering Data Privacy via Unofficial 'Paper Hearing'

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The Senate Commerce Committee seeks to balance data collection and use with privacy to control the coronavirus spread...

Data science alliance in talks with UK Cabinet Office to help ease economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic

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A cross-industry group started by Rolls-Royce – now including Google and IBM – is in talks with the UK government to use data and analytics to guide policy makers and biz leaders towards the green shoots of economic recovery in the face of the devastating impact of COVID-19...

- [Policymakers seek big data's help with COVID-19, but mobile device collection raises concerns](#)
- [UK Government Using Confidential Patient Data to Respond to Covid-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Panel recommends doubling government spending on artificial intelligence \(AI\)](#)
- [Want reliable coronavirus tracking? Accurate, resilient geo-time stamping is key](#)
- [AI machine ready to help in fight against Covid-19](#)
- [Officials Turn to Analytics to Predict COVID-19 Hotspots in Nursing Homes](#)

- We Need Better Cybercrime Data
- From COVID-19 to Hurricanes, Census Surveys Help Areas Prepare and Recover
- Big Data Tech – Major Player During Crisis



Industry Highlights

Bloom Partners With Transunion To Bring Consumer Credit Data To Blockchain

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Data breach events and identity theft are among the biggest downsides to doing business online...

Wolters Kluwer : Adds New Loan Application Importer Functionality to its Paycheck Protection Program Solution

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Thousands of loans already quickly and efficiently processed, delivering vital aid for hundreds of thousands of small business employees across the U.S...

Babel Street Introduces Babel Channels Solution to Provide support During COVID-19 Pandemic; Jeff Chapman Quoted

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Babel Street, Inc., the world's data-to-knowledge company, today announced a free tier of Babel Channels to provide support to the COVID-19 relief efforts, the company announced on Wednesday....

Jane's takes Covid-19 threat intelligence to new heights, as pandemic underpins 8,000 national security incidents

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Looking through the lens of the coronavirus pandemic, Jane's updated Covid-19 Events Monitor keeps industry, government and national security customers informed about key incidents and threats that are affecting their operations...

- Enveil Delivers ZeroReveal Machine Learning for Secure Advanced Decisioning
- The view from space: China's recovery hasn't happened yet
- Secretive big data company Palantir expects \$1 billion in revenue this year and to break even for the first time in its 16-year history
- US big data firm is using confidential UK coronavirus patient information to build 'COVID-19 datastore'
- Moody's Analytics : Offers Free Online Portal to Help Reduce Potential Backlog of PPP Loan Applications
- Maxar Helps NGA Support Geospatial Needs Amid COVID-19
- App-based contact tracing may help end coronavirus lockdowns
- Open Text : OpenText Establishes New US Public Sector Group
- Melissa Contributes Free Address Accuracy Services to Assist the COVID-19 Response
- Neustar Introduces Services Aimed at Fulfilling Stringent Consumer Privacy Compliance Standards
- Experian Introduces At-Risk Audiences, Leverages Data Assets to Identify Those Impacted by COVID-19
- USADATA Announces Enhanced Marketing Support for College Enrollment
- SAS offers free Covid-19 analytics

- Creditsafe data shows grocery chains paying suppliers faster during COVID-19 Pandemic
- Kroll Heat Map Tracks Impact of COVID-19 On The Global Economy
- Lindsay Parker Named as the New Chief Marketing Officer of Equifax
- Loveland's Factual Data lays off 26 employees



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