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Welcome to Carpe Datum's **Federal Data Prospector** (Vol. 2, Issue #28). With the official onset of Summer (Let's Go!), we are doubling down on our efforts to find the most germane and exciting data and data analytics opportunities in the Public Sector. This week's issue should not disappoint with a myriad of opps for companies across the spectrum of our collective community; likewise, hopefully the curated list of news stories are equally compelling. Please be sure to spread the love and share our free pub with any and all friends and colleagues – right here: [click on this link](#)

*** Quick update – you may have noticed that last week we added a new Opportunities subsection which highlights sole source procurements. While sole source awards to competitors may not initially seem relevant to your government business, we suggest that if you offer a comparable service, you should ensure the agency is aware of your capability; and while challenging sole source awards is rarely successful, following up with those agencies to demonstrate your competitive solution often is. Additionally, this information is critical situational awareness that should be included in any long-term “win strategy” for the target agency.

- Request for Quote (RFQ) for **U.S. Food Drug & Administration (FDA) Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ) Office of Quality Surveillance (OQS)** to obtain a **Financial Data Subscription** – FDA is interested in new data sources and modeling tools that can be used to better understand and predict potential quality issues across its portfolio of manufacturing sites and products and for integration into the OPQ Dashboard. Historically, OQS has not used financial data in these efforts. To that end, this subscription provides access to comprehensive financial information and credit risk analysis on a variety of companies, domestic and foreign, to assist CDER in its surveillance efforts.

In other data news, on June 15, TFL published an interesting article entitled “**As Consumer Data Becomes Increasingly More Valuable to Companies, Is it Time for a Comprehensive U.S. Privacy Law?**” in which the authors, Fred H. Cate and C. Ben Dutton, describe how government officials all around the world are wrestling with the best ways to craft laws and regulations about privacy – especially for digital data and online activity.

- “In the U.S., lawmakers and an increasing number of voters are starting to wonder if it is time for a comprehensive U.S. privacy law. State legislatures are considering more than 90 privacy-related bills, and Congress has more than a dozen bills of its own. In April, the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) held the latest in a six-month long series of privacy and security hearings, which asked, among other things, “What are the actual and potential benefits for consumers and to competition of information collection, sharing, aggregation, and use? To what extent do consumers today, or are consumers likely to, realize these benefits?.”

Opportunities & Solicitations



National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Boosting Innovative GEOINT - Research, Broad Agency Announcement (NGA BIG-R BAA)
Dept. of Defense

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The Boosting Innovative GEOINT-Research Broad Agency Announcement (BIG-R BAA) invites proposers to submit innovative basic and applied research and development concepts that address one or more of the following technical domains: (1) Foundational GEOINT, (2) Advanced Phenomenologies, and (3) Analytic Technologies...

Financial Data Subscription
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Requirement for UCC Searches
NOAA

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The Financial Services Division is requesting a vendor to provide UCC search support. These searches must be available electronically through a company provided search engine or website...

D--Request for information
Social Security Administration

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The Social Security Administration (SSA) Office of Systems is researching a solution for managing all aspects of Identity Credential and Access Management (ICAM) for external users that is separate and apart from anything we have in production today; the potential end goal is to replace the existing external ICAM platform(s) currently in use at SSA...

- Preventing Forgery & Counterfeiting of Certificates and Licenses - Release 2 -DHS
- Contract Data Management Services - DOD
- R408--Third Party Survey Data - VA
- Access to Inpatient Hospital Drug Utilization Data -HHS



Sole Source Opportunities

Financial Data Subscription *Dept. of Treasury*

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The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) intends to enter into a sole source contract with S&P Global, 55 Water Street, New York, NY, 10041 for access to financial data, detailed analysis, and news covering the U.S. banking sector and foreign banking organizations. ...

Infopro's Risk.net Subscription *Commodity Futures Trading Commission*

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The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) intends to award a purchase order to Infopro Digital Services Limited, on a sole source basis, for subscription access to "Risk.net"...

Notice of Intent to Modify Contract *Dept. of Defense*

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DCSA intends to modify contract number HS0021-19-F-0023 with the TALX Corporation 11432 Lackland Drive, Saint Louis, MO, 63146. The modification will extend the contract period utilizing one three-month option period from 01 August 2020 to 31 October 2020...

- AW3D DTM Data –DOD
- US Prescription Brand Drug Pricing Data –HHS
- Web-Based Space Situational Awareness subscription –Dept. of Commerce
- Identity Dominance System-Marine Corps Increment 2 (IDS-MC Inc 2) –DOD



Opportunity Updates

RFI FOR GLOBAL ANALYTICS PLATFORM (GAP) *Dept. of Defense*

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Sources Sought Updated June 22, 2020

Amendment 0001 - Social Media Monitoring Tool *Administrative Office of the US Courts*

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Solicitation Updated June 17, 2020

- North Korea Foundation Data – DOD
- D--Subscription for up to 10 users to a Government Re – Interior
- T--GIS DATA DEVELOPMENT – Interior



Contract Awards

Accenture Federal Services Awarded a Position on USPTO Intelligent Automation Innovation Support Services Contract

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Accenture Federal Services (AFS), a subsidiary of Accenture, (NYSE: ACN), has been awarded a position on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Intelligent Automation and Innovation Support Services (IAISS) blanket purchase agreement (BPA), a multi-award contract vehicle...



Agency News

IRS Increasingly Uses Data in Examination Selection, but Could Further Improve Selection Processes

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The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) used data to select almost 70 percent of its examinations of Form 990 returns in fiscal year 2019...

IC calls on academia, industry to help with new technologies for pandemic

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The intelligence community is looking for what it calls tools and technologies for rapid capabilities against the pandemic. And it's calling on industry and academia for proposals...

Improved Data Practices can Help IRS Examine tax Exempt Organizations

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In selecting which exempt organization returns to examine, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) should start using data and document the measurable objectives in using it to reduce errors and incomplete procedures...

Pentagon names new chief data officer

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The Department of Defense has named Dave Spirk as its new chief data officer...

- [What does COVID-19 look like from space? We're about to find out with the ultimate NASA dashboard](#)
- [NIH to Collect Patient Data with New COVID-19 Analytics Platform](#)
- [NIH launches analytics platform to harness nationwide COVID-19 patient data to speed treatments](#)
- [USSOCOM Seeks Commercial Tech for IoT-Driven Battlespace Analytics Capability](#)
- [USPTO announces COVID-19 Prioritized Examination Program for certain trademark and service mark applications](#)



General Government News

Tech companies' facial recognition bans unlikely to affect federal agencies

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While several tech giants have promised to stop selling facial recognition to police, most federal agencies that conduct law enforcement have missions that are broader than just that – likely excluding them from any bans...

As Consumer Data Becomes Increasingly More Valuable to Companies, Is it Time for a Comprehensive U.S. Privacy Law?

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All over the world, government officials are trying to figure out how to craft laws and regulations about privacy – especially for digital data and online activity...

Tech Companies Say Maybe an AI Law Wouldn't Be So Bad After All

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Hey y'all, it's Austin. Last week, amid ongoing protests against police brutality sparked by the death of George Floyd, Amazon.com Inc. instituted a one-year moratorium barring U.S. law enforcement agencies from using its facial-recognition technology...

GDS's GOV.UK Data Labs to Improve Data Science Efforts in UK

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The Government Digital Services of the UK has recently unveiled an initiative to bring together the government services and data science to focus on user-centered design disciplines...

- [COVID-19: Startups' artificial intelligence solutions to Telangana government hit big data roadblock](#)
- [How the pandemic made big data mainstream in India](#)
- [Brazil adopts real-time analytics to present Covid-19 data](#)
- [Japan to set rules to promote 'industrial big data' utilization](#)
- [Gov Clouds' During COVID-19: The End of the Digital Fortress Era](#)
- [Israeli AI firm that offers early COVID-19 detection receives FDA approval](#)

Industry Highlights



Melissa Data Quality Solutions Help Protect Voting Rights and Empower Vote by Mail

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With Melissa Voter Suite, Election Officials Can Perfect Voter Registration Rolls to Safeguard Fair Election Processes in Midst of Public Safety Concerns...

Powerbridge Technologies Launches Powerbridge Data Solutions, with Artificial Intelligence ("AI") Empowering Big Data

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Powerbridge Technologies Co., Ltd., a global trade software applications and technology services provider, is pleased to announce the launch of Powerbridge Data Solutions, a general and intelligent self-help service platform of full stack...

FortressIQ and Blue Prism Team Up to Accelerate Enterprise Automation

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Together, FortressIQ and Blue Prism Enable Companies to Harness the Power of a Digital Workforce with Greater Speed, Agility, and Scale...

Microsoft lands another cloud deal, inks strategic partnership with analytics giant SAS

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Microsoft inked another key cloud partnership, announcing a deal Monday with Cary, N.C.-based data analytics giant SAS on Monday...

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- [IBM to acquire assets from Cloud Cybersecurity firm Spanugo](#)
 - [Alteryx Introduces New Analytics Hub And Intelligence Suite](#)
 - [ISG Unveils Online Vendor Management Assessment Tool](#)
 - [Japanese Insurer Sompo Investing \\$500 Mln in DataAnalytics Firm Palantir](#)
 - [Salesforce Launches Government Cloud Plus, Achieves FedRAMP Provisional Authority to Operate at the High Security Impact Level](#)
 - [Data Reporting Company provides solution for renters across the US seeking to build a positive credit history.](#)
 - [TransUnion Launches CreditVision Acute Relief Suite to Help Lenders and Insurers Identify and Support the 106 Million Accounts in Relief Programs](#)
 - [Janes Welcomes Elena Rodriguez as Chief Product Officer](#)
 - [Dun & Bradstreet Introduces Next Generation Account Based Marketing Platform](#)
 - [Logan Jones named SparkCognition Government Systems GM](#)
 - [KPMG and SAS collaborate to support faster Cloud transformation for SAS Clients](#)
 - [Pat Brennan Appointed New CEO of Verto Analytics, Hannu Verkasalo Continues as Founder](#)
 - [PwC and ASG Technologies Deliver on the Promise of Data Governance in India](#)
 - [Credit rating companies tie up to let Bangladeshi firms access foreign loans](#)
 - [MeritDirect Promotes Two Key Employees to Align Continued Growth](#)
 - [CoreLogic Integrates Verification of Employment and Income Solution with Encompass by Ellie Mae](#)
 - [Demandbase Acquires Engagio](#)
 - [LexisNexis Risk Solutions : Adds Telehealth Adoption Insights to COVID-19 Data Resource Center](#)
 - [Dawex Awarded as Technology Pioneer by World Economic Forum](#)



Industry Events

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Cybersecurity

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Date: Wednesday, July 15th at 11am PT / 2pm ET

Join Wayne Chung, Chief Analytics Officer at BlueVoyant, former Research Scientist at NSA's think tank and CTO for the FBI in this informative webinar on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning and its application in cybersecurity...



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