

# How the OPEN Government Data Act Empowers Data-Driven Government

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# Before we get started...

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# Today's Discussion

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# Why Open Data?

***Open data is the idea that information should be electronically standardized and published for free use and reuse.***

- 2006: FFATA
- 2007: Eight Open Government Data Principles
- 2009: Open Government Directive
- 2013: Open Data Policy
- 2014: DATA Act

***For government, open data allows new tools to deliver new benefits...***

- Publication Tools enable *Better Transparency*
- Analysis Tools enable *Better Management*
- Automation Tools enable *Better Compliance*

***... But standardization and publication are hard.***

# Timeline of the OPEN Government Data Act

- 2013: Open Data Policy and Executive Order
- 2014: DATA Act and Spending Focus
- 2015: Pushing to Codify the Executive Order
- 2016: First Introduction and First Senate Passage
- 2017: Incorporation into the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act
- 2018: Passage of Evidence-Based Policymaking Act
- January 14, 2019: Enactment
- January 14, 2020: Deadline Agency Compliance
- January 14, 2022: GAO Report on Impact and Compliance
- January 14, 2023: GAO Evaluation of Chief Data Officer Council

# Key Supporters of the OPEN Government Data Act

## *For open data ...*

- Data Coalition
- Center for Data Innovation
- Software and Information Industry Association
- Business Software Alliance
- Demand Progress
- Sunlight Foundation
- Center for Open Data Enterprise

## *For evidence-based policymaking...*

- Bipartisan Policy Center
- Results for America

# 5 Key Provisions of the OPEN Government Data Act

- Agencies must make *all* data assets available in an open format. 44 U.S.C. § 3506(b)(6)(A).
- Agencies must make all *public* data assets (1) available in an open format, (2) machine-readable, (3) unencumbered by restrictions, and (4) based on an open standard. 44 U.S.C. § 3506(b)(6)(B).
- Agencies must develop and maintain an open data plan. 44 U.S.C. § 3506(b)(2)(B).
- Agencies must develop and maintain a comprehensive data inventory listing *all* data assets, 44 U.S.C. § 3511(a), and submit all *public* data assets to government-wide catalogue, 44 U.S.C. § 3511(b).
- Agencies must designate a Chief Data Officer. 44 U.S.C. § 3520.



# Using the New Law to Gather Internal Data Assets

- Cite the new statutory requirements for *all* data assets, or for all *public* data assets as applicable.
- Review your agency's open data plan and apply its principles to the internal data assets you are seeking.
- Review your agency's "comprehensive data inventory," and challenge it if it omits the internal data assets you are seeking.
- Consult your agency's Chief Data Officer.

# Applying Data to Drive Management Decisions

- **Contract Risk Management**
  - Data Assets: Procurement Systems, Financial Systems, Payment Systems, GSA Databases
  - Case Study: IRS
- **Grant Risk Management**
  - Data Assets: Grant Management Systems, Financial Systems, Payment Systems, Federal Audit Clearinghouse
  - Case Study: HUD
- **Benefit Fraud Detection**
  - Data Assets: HR Systems
  - Case Study: Postal Service

# A Community of Data-Driven Leaders

- **Federal Data Strategy Events**
  - Public; Hosted by the Data Coalition throughout 2019
- **Data-Driven Government Conference**
  - Public; Hosted by Elder Research, September 25, 2019
- **Federal Data Roundtables**
  - Invitation-Only; Hosted by the Center for Open Data Enterprise throughout 2019

# Q & A

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