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Welcome to Carpe Datum's **Fed Data Prospector** (Vol. 1, Issue #28). Summer has officially begun, and Carpe Datum is planning to move the release date for these newsletters to Monday – we'll shoot for the AM but commit to the FDP coming before COB every Monday going forward! We hope you all like and appreciate this new schedule and will find the intelligence that much more actionable on a Monday vs. Friday afternoon. Any and all comments on this matter are welcome.

Despite the advent of Summer, the Feds are busy issuing RFPs, RFIs and Solicitations. Our process (a combination of an initial machine learning filter supplemented with good ole fashion manual review and research) has identified several good Opportunities, all of which are highlighted in the newsletter. Possibly the most compelling of these Opps was the following:

- The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) is searching for a partner to provide "daily downloads of Internet Protocol (IP) Geolocation Data and Anonymous IP Data."

In other Data News, General Motors is backing blockchain competitor to Equifax, Spring Labs, with $23m in funding. Why does this matter to us in the Fed Data world, you ask? Well, here's what this news story says: "The initial solutions are fraud, credit and identity products. Using the Spring Protocol, it's possible to onboard customers by exchanging ID verification information without revealing personally identifiable information using attestations. Other identity platforms, such as Sovrin and uPort, also use attestations." The article goes in to say – "Spring Labs also aims to provide credit information for people who might otherwise lack a credit profile. It plans to do so by leveraging data from telecoms companies, other utilities, streaming services and insurers." Smells like potential disruption in the consumer credit world.

Happy Fed Data Opportunity Hunting!

The Carpe Datum Team

Opportunities & Solicitations

IP Geolocation Data Subscription
Defense Logistics Agency

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The DLA requires IP geolocation and proxy data is needed to safeguard sensitive export controlled technical data supporting critical weapon systems managed by DLA. The IP geolocation and anonymous data will significantly strengthen DLA's capability to prevent unauthorized suppliers and suspect actors from accessing export controlled

technical data from DLA's technical data repository system called Collaboration Folders (cFolders)...

Flight Data - RFI
Department of Homeland Security

Many CBP agencies utilize technology to identify flight and vessel data. This request for information (RFI) is for vendors to provide information on Data Services products available in the marketplace with the capability to provide data that CBP needs regarding the location and configuration of flights on a global basis...

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70--Physician Specialty Certification Data
Department of Veterans Affairs

The Office of Procurement, Acquisition and Logistics (OPAL), Strategic Acquisition Center (SAC) is seeking responsible sources to meet the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) requirement for physician specialty and subspecialty board certification data from an authorized listing of the American Board of Medical Specialists (ABMS) for electronic data verification...

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Data Exchange Services
Department of Commerce

Based on its experience providing data services domestically and internationally, NOAA is seeking input from the cloud-computing and tech-services vendor community on the feasibility to establish an enterprise data exchange, facilitating the shared acquisition by public entities of commercial weather and earth observations...

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RFI for Seeking Data Sources for Technology Performance Prediction
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

IARPA requests information on:
- Datasets that document the historical performance of technologies.
- Performance metrics for technologies.

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Macroeconomic Forecasting and Analysis of Macroeconomic Developments Affecting U.S. Agriculture subscription
Department of Agriculture

a. Fully integrated global economic model
b. Comprehensive country coverage
c. Monthly updates
d. Windows-based PC software

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Contract Awards

Several awarded USDA FNS Ongoing Evaluation of Special Nutrition Programs support BPA

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Three bidders out of a field of 7 have so far been named on the $10M Federal Nutrition Service (FNS) BPA to provide quick-turnaround analyses to support ongoing evaluations of special nutrition programs for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)...

Agency News

DHS to Move Biometric Data on Hundreds of Millions of People to Amazon Cloud

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The department seeks a new platform to identify people using fingerprints, irises and faces, and eventually DNA, palm prints, scars and tattoos...

Inside the FBI's Fight Against Cybercrime

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Heavily outnumbered and outpaced by their targets, small FBI cybersquads have been quietly notching up major wins against online criminals operating out of home and abroad...

Can Government Manage Risks Associated with Artificial Intelligence?

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Artificial intelligence can help government agencies deliver better results, but there are underlying risks and ethical issues with its implementation that need to be resolved before AI becomes part of the fabric of government...

Tax Crime Enforcement Unit Relying More on Analytics to Spot Crime

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The top financial crime enforcement official at the Internal Revenue Service is placing a higher priority on data analytics in the investigation of potential wrongdoers...

Take additional steps to protect consumer data and privacy

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The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) should take several steps to better protect consumer data and privacy, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

4 US agencies haven't properly verified your data since Equifax breach, GAO finds

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Equifax's data breach gives away answers to security questions that agencies like Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration ask for verification purposes...

Five areas of government contracting that can benefit from big data

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Backed by machine learning and artificial intelligence, big data analytics give security to businesses and government contractors that their confidential information can be kept secure from cyber breaches and hacking...

Your personal data is too public for agencies to verify

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The Equifax breach, in particular, raised concerns about the vulnerability of federal agencies that rely on information maintained by [Credit Reporting Agencies] to verify the identity of individuals who apply electronically for benefits and services...

Here's where the US's massive AI research funds are going

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Government research in machine learning is ramping up. Since 2003, the US government has spent nearly a billion dollars on AI-focused or facilitated research grants...

Government publishes Innovation Strategy

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The UK Government has published its Innovation Strategy for using new technologies in public services, with a three pronged emphasis on building skills, providing the environment for experimentation and better harnessing data...

Industry Events

DHS - Small Business Vendor Outreach Sessions

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Sponsored by the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Vendor Outreach Sessions (VOS's) are a series of pre-arranged 15-minute appointments with Small Business Specialists from DHS components, plus several prime contractors who currently have contracts with DHS...