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Welcome to Carpe Datum's **Federal Data Prospector** (Vol. 2, Issue #3). On the eve of New Year's Eve, we want to thank you, our newsletter's readers, for following along in 2019. We truly love the nexus of the data world and the U.S. Federal Government and we hope that comes through in each and every week's issue of this publication. Despite the holiday season putting a crimp in the relevant opportunities and news articles "flow" this week, we found a few of each that we think will interest you. Enjoy.

- *Pre-Solicitation - Broad Area Announcement (BAA) – Department of Defense/Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) -- Multi-Source Exploitation Assistant for the Digital Enterprise (MEADE):* Multi-INT analysis efficiencies need to be increased in order to match the complexity, velocity, variety, and volume of intelligence data being collected against increasingly agile and deceptive adversaries. The MEADE objective is to make complex analytics possible for nearly anyone, regardless of their technical ability. This effort is intended to not only support an Intelligence function, but also Command and Control functions (to make a decision).

In other data news, on December 24, **Nextgov's** Aaron Boyd wrote an article entitled "**Agencies Will Start 2020 With 20 Data Actions to Complete by Year's End.**" In summary, as the federal government prepares to begin a new calendar year the administration released a set of 20 actions agencies will be required to take in 2020 around how they collect, manage, share and use all the data they collect. Here's an excerpt:

- "Monday, the Office of Management and Budget released the **final version of the first-year action plan** for the new Federal Data Strategy. While the Data Strategy looks at how the government will use data over the next decade, the 2020 Action Plan—formerly the Year One Action Plan—is the starting block, including 20 specific deliverables tagged to individual agencies, agency teams or spanning governmentwide."

### The Carpe Datum Team

## Opportunities & Solicitations

Multi-Source Exploitation Assistant for the Digital Enterprise (MEADE)  
*Defense of Defense*

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Seeking innovative research to develop a vetted digital

assistant that provides analytical answers within operator-driven timelines...

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**RFI - Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC),  
Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)  
National Mission Initiative (NMI)**  
*General Services Administration*

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The purpose of this RFI is to assist the Government in conducting market research, identify industry partners with emerging and promising technologies, and support the HADR Search and Rescue (SAR) drone platforms, sensors, edge Artificial Intelligence (AI) processing, and detection algorithms/models...

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**Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) FY 20  
Solicitation**  
*Department of Homeland Security*

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The DHS SBIR Program Office encourages all small business concerns, with the capability to conduct research and development for homeland security-related topic areas, and to commercialize the results of that R/R&D, are encouraged to participate...

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**Quantum Characterization of Intermediate Scale Systems**  
*Department of the Army*

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The goal of the BAA is to develop efficient and practical protocols and techniques that allow Quantum Characterization, Verification, and Validation (QCVV) of larger systems with direct relevance to Fault Tolerant Quantum Computing (FTQC), and to demonstrate these protocols on intermediate-scale systems...

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**Data and Documentation Management Services**  
*Millenium Challenge Corporation*

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The Contractor will provide technical services in three areas: (i) development and delivery of tools and training for internal and external data management; (ii) development and maintenance of the platform for public and restricted-access data dissemination; and (iii) review and preparation of data packages for public and restricted-access dissemination...

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**Dun & Bradstreet Subscription**  
*Department of Defense*

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This action is for a firm-fixed price, commercial requirement for access to online Business Reports from Dun and Bradstreet (D&B)...

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**Commercial Real Estate Data Services**  
*Department of Justice - FBI*

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The purpose of this acquisition is to procure commercial real estate data services...

## Contract Awards

### AWS, Microsoft, Google Selected for NOAA's Cloud-Based Open Data Access Initiative; Dave Levy Quoted

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Amazon Web Services, Google and Microsoft have secured separate contracts to help the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provide environmental data sets for public access through the use of cloud computing platforms...

## Agency News

### OMB Releases Final Draft of Federal Data Strategy

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The Office of Management and Budget added four new objectives to the final draft of the Federal Data Strategy that agencies need to meet in 2020...

### NOAA's Big Data Project is officially operational

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Big Data Project has officially entered its operational phase, with NOAA signing multi-year contracts with three big commercial cloud providers to simplify public access to its huge sets of environmental data...

### How ICE Uses Social Media to Surveil and Arrest Immigrants

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Emails sent by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials expose how ICE used social media and information gleaned by for-profit data brokers to track down and arrest an immigrant in Southern California...

- [Trump OKs Fiscal 2020 Defense Spending Bill](#)
- [DoD launches U.S. Space Force](#)
- [Watchdog: High Risk of Improper Payments with State Dept. Purchase Cards](#)
- [First woman CTO, an Indian-American, appointed at FCC](#)

## Industry Highlights

### Agencies Will Start 2020 With 20 Data Actions to Complete by Year's End

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The administration released the Federal Data Strategy Action Plan for the next year, adding four more action items from the draft released in summer...

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## Federal agencies strive for OPEN Government Data Act compliance – and a Modern Data Experience can deliver

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The value of data for federal agencies is seemingly limitless, and agencies are well aware of the role data will play in helping them meet their goals...

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## Predictive Politics: When Algorithms Will Run Our Democracy

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New tech may soon be able to predict future political problems and independently develop solutions before issues even arise. But what does that mean for democracy?...

- Study Predicts Gov't Counterterrorism Expenses to Add by Trillion
- Talking AI: supercomputers move closer to the money
- Black Cape emerges from stealth mode
- LexisNexis State Net Launches Major Upgrades, Celebrates 50 Years of Innovation
- Simon Data Triples Enterprise Client Count, Grows Talent by 75%

## Industry Events

### Defense Intelligence Agency Industry Engagement Day

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*Date:* January 29, 2020

*Location:* Northrup-Grumman facility, Fairfax, VA

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### Big Data and Food Safety Conference

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*Date:* May 11-12, 2020

*Location:* Purdue University

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