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Welcome to Carpe Datum's **Federal Data Prospector** (Vol. 2, Issue #31). As most of us settle into the dog days of summer, please keep in mind that the next several months are the U.S. Federal Government's "busy season". As the end of fiscal year 2020 (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>) fast approaches, we expect to see even more data and data analytics procurement opportunities hitting the streets – so, stay ready! Also, please be sure to spread the love and share our free pub with any and all friends and colleagues: [click on this link](#)

- **Request for Proposal (RFP) - North Korea Foundation Data** – The NGA is in need of a conditioned geospatial database of North Korean economic, industrial, and infrastructure facilities identified using native North Korean nomenclature within 20 days of contract signature. Following the initial delivery, the vendor shall deliver updates to include new construction, error corrections, feature updates, and facilities that are newly mentioned in North Korea press. NGA anticipates that any new or newly identified facility mentioned in North Korean press reporting will be included in the following month's updates.

In other data news, on July 9<sup>th</sup>, **Government Technology** published an interesting article entitled "**Social Media Companies Brace for Post-Election Disinformation**" in which the author, Gopal Ratnam, describe how the weeks between the 2020 presidential election and inauguration are likely to be rife with disinformation coming from all directions as criminal hackers, enemy states and even domestic political forces try to alter public perception.

- "Unlike most presidential elections, when ballots are tallied and counted in a majority of precincts by midnight on Election Day and news outlets are able to project a winner before you go to bed, this November's election is likely to be different. Because of a surge in mail-in ballots caused by people's reluctance to physically go to the polls with COVID-19 still coursing through the population, results are likely to be delayed."

### The Carpe Datum Team

## Opportunities & Solicitations

LINK USDA NUTRITION DATA TO IRI SCANNER DATA  
*Dept. of Agriculture*

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The USDA seeks expertise to continue developing links between the IRI scanner data and USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

food group and nutrient data...

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**Open Data Publication Tool**  
*Commodity Futures Trading Commission*

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The Commission is seeking a Software-As-A-Service vendor who can provide a website where the Commission can publish its data and make the data available to market participants and the public...

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**Photo Housing Subscription Service**  
*Dept. of Treasury*

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The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Office of Procurement, Office of Business Solutions Acquisition (OBSA), is issuing this Request for Information, (RFI) as a means of conducting market research to identify parties having an interest in and the resources to support a requirement to provide royalty free images, audio, and video to our Design Office...



## Sole Source Opportunities

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**TWITTER API DATA ACCESS NOTICE OF INTENT**  
*Dept. of Commerce*

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The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) intends to negotiate, on a sole source basis, under authority of FAR 13.106-1(b) (1), with NJIT of Newark, NJ for Enterprise Application Programming Interface (API) Twitter Data access, for a base period of 4 months followed by a 5-month option period...

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**Meltwater Explore Social Listening**  
*Dept. of Health and Human Services*

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The purpose of this acquisition is to procure Meltwater Explore Social Listening for use at CDC...

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**Notice of Intent to Sole Source - COMTELL Online Seafood Corporate and Foreign Trade Data Online Corporate**  
*Dept. of Commerce*

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The US Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Eastern Acquisition Division, Simplified Acquisition Branch intends to negotiate on a sole source basis with Urner Barry Publications Inc. using the procedures in FAR Part 13, to acquire COMTELL Online Seafood Corporate and Foreign Trade Data Online Corporate...

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- Database Subscription Services-Quintel – *Dept. of Homeland Security*
  - IBIS World Subscription – *Dept. of Defense*
  - CFTC SOLE SOURCE - S&P Global Platts Data Feeds – *Commodity Futures Trading Commission*

# Opportunity Updates

## Social Media Collection Analysis and Support Services *Dept. of Homeland Security*

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Amendment 0001 Attachment A - Social Media Collection Analysis  
Amendment 0001 to 70RD

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## North Korea Foundation Data *Dept. of Defense*

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Q and A - July 6

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## Subscription - Worldwide Refinery Database *Dept. of Defense*

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Combined Synopsis/Solicitation Updated

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- License for Cost Data – *Dept. of Defense*
- Reverse Engineering of Deceptions (RED) – *Dept. of Defense*
- Geospatial-Intelligence Data Transformation Service (GDTS) III Request For Proposal – *Dept. of Defense*

# Agency News

## US State Department connecting dots between conflict and COVID-19

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The U.S. State Department is using its internal data platform to measure the impact COVID-19 is having on conflict around the world...

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## How adversarial machine learning can lead to far better climate data

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Researchers at the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) are using a machine learning technique called adversarial training to quickly enhance the resolution of climate data up to 50 times...

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## Where it Counts, US Leads in Artificial Intelligence

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When it comes to advancements in artificial intelligence technology, China does have a lead in some places — like spying on its own people and using facial recognition technology to identify political dissenters. But those are areas where the U.S. simply isn't pointing its investments in

artificial intelligence, said director of the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center...

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## IRS Crime Boss Announces Retirement

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In “I did not see that coming” news, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Criminal Investigation Chief Don Fort is announcing his retirement, effective September 30, 2020...

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- [State Dept Deploys Cloud, AI to Counter COVID-19 Disinformation Campaigns](#)
  - [As data-sharing becomes more crucial, agencies say industry can help with privacy issues](#)
  - [NTIA Announces Formation of Communications Supply Chain Risk Information Partnership](#)
  - [GAO: OIGs Reported Varying Results on Agencies’ Data Quality](#)
  - [IRS to Examine Upper Echelon Taxpayers](#)
  - [Treasury, SBA data show small-business loans went to private-equity backed chains, members of Congress](#)
  - [Secret Service Adopts New Structure to Tackle Financial Cyber Crimes](#)
  - [FBI Vet Timothy Groh Named Paradyme Strategic Programs VP](#)
  - [Learning more about particle collisions with machine learning](#)

# General Government News



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## Social Media Companies Brace for Post-Election Disinformation

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## Joe Biden’s policy roadmap aims to create a new, federally-backed credit bureau to close the racial wealth gap

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Americans may see the formation of a new federally-backed credit bureau if former vice president and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden is elected in November, thanks to the efforts of a task force appointed by Biden and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders in May...

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## AI Adoption at Federal Agencies Requires a Strategic Approach to Data, Workforce

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The White House wants federal agencies to “embrace” artificial intelligence in government services according to the February 2020 update to its American Artificial Intelligence Initiative, and many agencies are strategizing the best ways for adopting the technology in their processes...

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## The Top Data Science And Analytics Associations

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A professional association’s approach is to lead the growth, sharing and

- Agencies urged to improve quality of spending data despite 'higher' ratings
- Big data analytics shows how America's individualism complicates coronavirus response
- Big Data and Information Privacy – Is It A Future Challenge?
- AI helps British research center use machine learning to fight COVID-19
- FBI Director Wray warns of Chinese hacking, espionage threats against American companies
- The Development of Machine Learning and its Implications for Public Accounting



## Industry Highlights

### Equifax Introduces Solution Set To Address Unemployment Insurance And Social Safety Net Fraud

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UI Eligibility suite of services delivers verification data sets and authentication tools to help identify and prevent imposter and fraudulent claims...

### Dataminr helped police surveil BLM protestors using their tweets

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The AI startup accessed the data through Twitter's 'firehouse' ...

### Blockchain analytics firm Chainalysis adds \$13 million to its Series B funding round

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Chainalysis has raised fresh \$13 million from Ribbit Capital and Sound Ventures. Ribbit Capital general partner and former Treasury official Sigal Mandelker has joined Chainalysis as an advisor...

### Christina Ho Joins Elder Research as Vice President of Government Analytics and Innovation

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Elder Research is honored to welcome Christina Ho as Vice President of Government Analytics and Innovation where she will lead Elder Research's Government business unit that delivers trusted analytics and practical solutions to enable impactful government actions and transformation...

- Bankruptcy Brawl: DatabaseUSA Chapter 11 Clouds Payment Picture
- Intermap Technologies Provides Business Update
- Kevin Hope joins Continental Mapping
- What's New in Esri Demographics (June 2020)
- CoreLogic Commences National Launch of AI-Driven Platform
- GovTech, Qlik team up to enhance public sector's data science capabilities
- Palantir Technologies Files to Go Public
- Euromonitor Launches New System Tracking Product Claims Across 40 Markets
- Ratings giant Nielsen to cut 3,500 jobs globally
- RepRisk : Partners With Crux Informatics to Accelerate ESG Market Reach and

Delivery Capabilities

- Yamato Holdings Co., Ltd. And Palantir Technologies Inc. To Begin Work Accelerating Digital Transformation Of The Logistics Industry In Japan
- What Is The Fair Credit Reporting Act?
- Narrative's Data Streaming Platform Adds TransUnion Marketing Data Assets
- IHS Markit launches Data Lake platform
- FIS releases data insights package Ethos
- Dow Jones makes trusted news data available on AWS Data Exchange
- Questex Enters the Artificial Intelligence Information Market, the First Market to Launch through New Fierce Model
- Hanley Wood and NAHB Announce New Data Platform Focusing on Local Markets

## Industry Events



### Association of Public Data Users - 2020 Annual Conference

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#Trending in 2020: Data Privacy, Accuracy, and Access



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