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Welcome to Carpe Datum's **Federal Data Prospector** (Vol. 2, Issue #34) and welcome to August, which typically feels like the "Sunday" of months. However, somehow this August feels a little different – must be a 2020 thing. Either way, thanks for reading our weekly newsletter, we hope you enjoy it and find value! 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) – Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) -- House Price Index Data Subscription --** CFPB requires a contractor to provide online access and a subscription to historical and current house price indices data where the Bureau can obtain data on current and historical trends for single family home prices at various geographic levels and for different transaction types and tiers. A house price index (HPI) is a broad measurement of the price movement of certain types of residential properties. Typically, it is estimated over certain geographic areas over a historical time. It provides valuable information regarding the trend and volatility of house prices over that period. A reliable house price index can help users better understand the dynamics of housing markets, its past performance and recent market conditions. Paired with micro level housing transaction or mortgage data, it can also allow users to dynamically estimate the equity position of the homeowners.

In other data news, on July 28th **Defense One** published an interesting article entitled **"Was the Pentagon's Blacklist of Chinese Companies Justified?"** in which the author, Patrick Tucker, describes how an independent study of the list found China uses its favored companies to wipe out competition and spread economic influence.

- "An analysis from data analytics company **Babel Street** released on Tuesday shows that those companies not only have multiple links to the Chinese government but they also serve as a vehicle for expanding Chinese influence into the manufacturing sectors of other countries. What's more, China and Russia are coordinating on investments in other countries in order to not interfere with one another, data shows. To understand how the companies on the Defense Department list got there you have to understand how the Chinese government exercises control of technology research and manufacturing through nominally private enterprises. The companies don't just represent a sampling of Chinese technology and manufacturing activity, they're the biggest players in those industries by far precisely because the Chinese government has selected them to be that."

The Carpe Datum Team

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

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Seeking innovative research to develop a vetted digital assistant that provides analytical answers within operator-driven timelines. This announcement is for an Open, Two (2) Step BAA which is open and effective until 30 Sep 2022. Only white papers will be accepted as initial submissions; formal proposals will be accepted by invitation only...

House Price Index Data Subscription
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

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The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to acquire a subscription for House Price Index Data for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB or the Bureau)...

Questions concerning to future ATAP procurement
Dept. of Homeland Security

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This Special Notice is information only – No action is required or expected, no questions will be accepted. No further response will be provided...

Honest Data Broker for the NIH COVID-19 Data Warehouse
Dept. of Health and Human Services

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The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), requires the services of an honest data broker for the NIH COVID-19 Data Warehouse to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of the clinical data it contains...

- Request for Information (RFI): Integration - Database Requirements for IW Fusion Cell - *Dept. of Defense*
- Collecting Nutrition Data for top 100 Restaurant Chains –*Dept. of Health and Human Services*
- IT Research and Advisory Service Subscription (None Labor Hour) –*Dept. of Defense*
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Boosting Innovative GEOINT - Research, Broad Agency Announcement (NGA BIG-R BAA) – *NGA*

Sole Source Opportunities

Meltwater Explore Social Listening

Dept. of Health and Hunan Services

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

FDA-iRISK? System for Food Safety Risk Assessment
Dept. of Health and Hunan Services

FDA will sole source with Risk Sciences International, 55 Metcalfe Street, Suite 700, Ottawa, ON K1P 6L5, Canada for management and technical activities for continued system enhancements and operations and maintenance (O&M) of the FDA-iRISK capability...

- NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT: 1-Year Subscription to Business Monitor International. Period of Subscription: 1 August 2020 - 31 July 2021 - *Dept. of Defense*
- Electronic Subscription – *Dept. of Treasury*
- T099--Web-Based Database Subscription News Service –*Dept. of Veterans Affairs*

Opportunity Updates

Global Analytics Platform (GAP) Virtual Industry Day Announcement
Dept. of Defense

Special Notice - July 31. 2020

Request for Information - GSA Identity, Credential, and Access Management Nextgen Credential Management Support - Amendment 02
GSA

Special Notice Update - July 30, 2020

Persistent Cyber Training Environment (PCTE) Cyber Innovation Challenge #4 (CIC #4)
Dept. of Defense

Pre-solicitation Updated – July 29, 2020

7200AA20Q00031_Greenfield Investment Data RFQ
Agency for International Development

Solicitation Updated - July 29, 2020

- Mortgage Origination & Post Origination Performance Data –*Securities and Exchange Commission*

- Open Data Publication Tool (Amendment 0002 Posted on 7-28-20, quotation deadline extended to 7-30-20) – *Commodity Futures Trading Commission*
- Sources Sought - Digital Asset Market Intelligence –*Securities and Exchange Commission*
- Worldwide Flight Data Subscription Services – *Dept. of Homeland Security*

Contract Awards

Guidehouse Wins Contract to Provide Identity Management System for DOS; Scott McIntyre, John Hunt Quoted

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Guidehouse has been awarded a ten-year contract with the U.S. Department of State (DOS) to create an innovative Identity Management System and Credential Management System (IDMS) solution...

NIH Deploys Premier's Health Database for COVID-19 Patient Impact Research

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The National Institutes of Health has entered into an agreement with Premier to license the latter's healthcare database to support COVID-19 research initiatives...

CST-GA Chooses Neustar as Secure Telephone Identity Policy Administrator in Canada

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The Canadian Secure Token – Governance Authority Inc. (CST-GA) has selected Neustar Information Services, Inc. (Neustar) as its Secure Telephone Identity Policy Administrator (STI-PA) and Certification Authority (STI-CA)...

- Accenture Federal Services Wins $328M VA Contract
- Air Force Selects Tamr to Accelerate New Aircraft Configuration Evaluations with Data Mastering Solutions
- WhiteHawk Wins US Government Contract As Prime Cybersecurity Contractor

Agency News

HHS, VA, DOE Launch COVID-19 Big Data Analytics Collaborative

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The COVID-19 Insights Partnership will leverage big data analytics tools to conduct research and find possible treatments for the virus...

Facial recognition retools for masked faces

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As expected, current facial recognition algorithms have trouble recognizing people wearing face masks, but the National Institute of Standards and Technology is laying the groundwork for more

sophisticated systems....

NIH Commits $58 Million to Advance Data Science in Africa

The ultimate hope is to help advance quantitative and qualitative research and health on the continent...

PRAC details how it plans to monitor coronavirus stimulus funds

The CARES Act directed the PRAC to develop a strategic plan "to ensure coordinated, efficient, and effective comprehensive oversight by the Committee and Inspectors General over all aspects of covered funds and the Coronavirus response...

- The US Department Of Energy Is A Surprising Powerhouse In AI
- Op-Ed: One way to shrink the LAPD's budget: Cut costly and invasive big-data policing
- Visual analytics tool plucks elusive patterns from elaborate datasets
- CBP scores $15M TMF award to modernize import tracking system
- DOE Partners with VA, HHS to Unveil COVID-19 Research Initiative
- NIST, DHS Conduct Study on Facial Recognition Tech's Accuracy in Identifying Masked Subjects
- OMB needs an enterprise risk officer to help protect infrastructure and supply chain, report says
- GAO: More Than Half of COVID-19 Government Contracts Not Competitively Awarded
- DHS S&T Develops Tool for Explosive Threat Modeling
- Frictionless acquisition means changing hearts and minds, not necessarily processes
- Government Must Embrace Commercial RF Geospatial Innovation
- The US State Department Weighs In On Schrems II
- Intelligence Agencies Set Ethics Policies on AI

General Government News

Machine learning could reduce improper CARES Act payments

The problem with finding out you've sent money to ineligible or deceased people is that it's too late. Much of the money can be nonrecoverable...

How text analytics may be key in soliciting feedback on proposed rules

In October of last year, Congress issued a bi-partisan report finding that government "agencies do little or nothing to stop crimes and abuses committed in the systems they use to collect public comments on proposed regulations," and that they are lax in the process of determining which comments on proposed rules are real or fake...

Respond, recover, reimagine: how government agencies can emerge stronger post COVID-19

If you are a government leader, or one of the millions of people employed in the public sector globally, these last 100 days have probably been the most challenging of your career...

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Risky' exporters to face action: Officials

One official working in the finance ministry said that the government has so far identified 1,474 exporters and their refund claims were suspended...

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- Australia to require Google and Facebook to pay for news content
- Oxford University launches commission on AI in the public sector
- Hacking AI: Exposing Vulnerabilities in Machine Learning
- Ukraine taps blockchain analytics firm to track digital currency transactions
- How big data can explain the swift financial market rebound
- KPMG Survey: American Consumers Want More Control, Visibility Into How Companies Use Their Personal Data

Industry Highlights

SAS partners NHA for fraud detection, prevention through data analytics

Tech firm SAS on Tuesday said it has partnered with the National Health Authority (NHA) to enable data analytics for the latter's National Anti-Fraud Unit (NAFU) to help monitor fraud and abuse in the implementation structure of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) scheme...

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Was the Pentagon's Blacklist of Chinese Companies Justified?

An independent study of the list found China uses its favored companies to wipe out competition and spread economic influence...

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UI Fraud Rises as Relief Funds Go to Bad Actors

While the Paycheck Protection Program is intended to help keep businesses afloat during the economic uncertainty of the pandemic, the impact of those looking to take advantage of the system can reach the local level...

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Blis Extends Partnership with Imply for Self-Service Analytics at Scale

Imply gives location-powered advertising leader real-time operational control, customer insights and executive visibility...

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- Resilinc And CreditRiskMonitor Announce Partnership To Drive Supply Chain Resiliency
- GSK takes targeted approach to data-driven transformation
- Data Doesn't Help You If You Don't Understand or Trust It
- Equifax Acquires Ansonia Credit Data
- Moody's Analytics Wins Best Credit Risk Solution Provider in Waters Rankings
- FICO Appoints Louise Lunn to Lead Global Analytics Delivery
- People left without COVID-19 tests due to ID verification gaps
- Neustar Launches Fabrick for Omnichannel Media Measurement
- Google hit with second law suit over the use of consumer data in Australia
- Apotheka Systems Inc. Manages COVID-19 Patient Data and Analytics on Blockchain
- ChartIQ to Expand Offering with FactSet
- SAS helps AB PM-JAY to leverage data analytics
- Equifax joins non-profit group in UK for Covid 19 response
- SAP Announces Intent to Take Qualtrics Public
- NICE Actimize Launches Advanced SURVEIL-X Conduct Risk Capabilities to Uncover Employee Misconduct and Market Abuse
- Descartes and dnata Expand Network for Real-time Air Cargo Tracking
- SIDBI and TransUnion CIBIL launch MSMESaksham
- Analytics firm Blockchain Intelligence Group adds Bitcoin SV to suite of services

Industry Events

DIA to host virtual Industry Day

DIA will hold an Unclassified Virtual Industry Day on Wednesday August 26, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Eastern)...

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