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Welcome to Carpe Datum's **Federal Data Prospector** (Vol. 2, Issue 51) newsletter. As we approach the second anniversary of publishing this weekly newsletter (that's well over 100 issues, for those scoring at home!), we are, first and foremost, incredibly grateful to our loyal and ever-expanding community of readers. Thank you all for your continued support – also, please continue to refer co-workers, colleagues and even that annoying cousin by sharing the link below. Finally, as we look to introduce new and exciting features and functionality to our newsletter, we'd very much like to hear from you with any ideas or suggestions – email: mcaskin@carpedatumdc.com

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- **Request for Quote (RFQ) – Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) -- Commercially Available Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO) Credit Research Subscription** – FHFA requires credit research, analysis, and relevant data for financial entities in banking and insurance sectors that are relevant to the counterparty risk analysis of the Regulated Entities FHFA regulates. These financial entities include: Banking and Securities Firms, Life & Health Insurance Companies, Property & Casualty Insurance Companies, Monoline Bond Insurers, and Mortgage Insurance Companies.

In other data news, on November 30th, **Bloomberg** published an interesting article entitled “**S&P to Buy IHS for \$39 Billion in Year's Second-Biggest Deal**” in which the authors, Matthew Monks, Ishika Mookerjee and Viren Vaghela, describe how S&P Global Inc. has agreed to buy IHS Markit Ltd. for about \$39 billion in stock, a deal that accelerates the wave of consolidation among the finance industry's biggest data providers.

- “The deal marries S&P, one of the most famous names in financial markets, with a research company that supplies forecasts to most of the world's biggest companies as well as pricing for bonds and credit default swaps. The combination creates a challenger to the London Stock Exchange Group Plc, which last year agreed to acquire Refinitiv for \$27 billion, as financial firms are locked in a race for scale to meet surging demand for data and analytics in increasingly computerized financial markets.

The Carpe Datum Team

Opportunities & Solicitations

Information (RFI)
Dept. of Defense

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Army Contracting Command - Aberdeen Proving Ground (ACC-APG) in support of the Program Manager (PM) Intelligence Systems and Analytics (IS&A) Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), is conducting market research to identify commercial items to satisfy Intelligence Applications capabilities as defined in section 2.0 Background below and with additional supporting Draft Requirements Checklist...

Commercially Available Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO) Credit Research Subscription
Federal Housing Finance Agency

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This is a combined synopsis/solicitation and Request for Quote (RFQ) for commercial items in accordance with the procedures of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 12 - Acquisition of Commercial Items and FAR Part 13 - Simplified Acquisition Procedures...

242 Program Feasibility Studies Database Web-based Subscription Services
Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

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The contractor shall provide a web-based subscription services platform to populate, manage, and maintain data records for healthcare facilities (Hospitals) in the United States and its territories...

Persistent Change Detection and Monitoring
Dept. of Defense

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NGA requires a worldwide dataset identifying persistent changes on or near the surface of the Earth based on remote sensing imagery...

- [Influence Campaign Awareness and Sensemaking \(INCAS\) -DARPA](#)
- [Commercial Weather Data Pilot II Broad Agency Announcement -Dept. of Defense](#)
- [NSG Open Mapping Enclave \(NOME\) -Dept. of Defense](#)
- [2021 Broad Agency Announcement: Development and Demonstration of Mine Safety and Health Technology - Dept. of Health and Human Services](#)
- [All Source – Intelligence Application Request for Information \(RFI\) -Army](#)
- [Investigative Fieldwork Services -Dept. of Defense](#)
- [Intel Support to Targeting Application Request for Information \(RFI\) -Army](#)



Sole Source Opportunities

Lexis Nexis Library Subscription
Dept. of the Treasury

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This requirement was awarded on a sole-source basis. Contractor Awarded Name: RELX INC...

Notice of Intent to Sole Source Money Laundering Subscription

Dept. of the Treasury

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The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) intends to award a purchase order to the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (ACAMS), 80 Southwest 8th Street, Suite 2350, Miami, FL 33130, as authorized by FAR 13.106-1(b), only one source reasonably available and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements...

INTENT TO SOLE SOURCE - Bloomberg Law Subscription

Dept. of the Treasury

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The Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service) Division of Procurement Services, on behalf of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), intends to make award to Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., 1801 South Bell Street, Arlington, VA 22022, on a sole source basis, under authority of FAR 6.302-1, for a Bloomberg Law Subscription...

Opportunity Updates

Law Enforcement Investigative Database Subscription (LEIDS)

Dept. of Homeland Security

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Attachment: Past Performance Questionnaire, Price Matrix, FAR Clauses FAC, Combined Synopsis - November 23, 2020

NGA Commercial Data and Analytic Services Planned Investment Areas for FY21 Industry Day

Dept. of Defense

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Commercial GEOINT Focus Area; Data Integrity, GEOINT Lexicon, Improving NGA Industry Relationship - November 23, 2020

Financial Data Subscription

Dept. of the Treasury

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Sole Source Justification Redacted - November 23, 2020

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- [FA701421R0005 - VAULT Support IDIQ - Solicitation -Dept. of Defense](#)
 - [Project Convergence 21 Industry Round Table - ARMY FUTURES COMMAND - Dept. of Defense](#)
 - [Bloomberg Government Subscription - Dept. of the Treasury](#)

NOAA awards weather data contracts to GeoOptics and Spire Global

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The first contracts of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration were awarded on November 20 to commercial satellite operators GeoOptics and Spire Global, enabling the purchase of radio occultation data from them...

Agency News

IRS Could Search Warrantless Location Database Over 10,000 Times

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Motherboard obtained IRS documents describing the sale of a database of smartphone movements...

IRS Criminal Investigation releases Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report; identifies \$2.3 billion in tax fraud

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The Internal Revenue Service today released the Criminal Investigation Division's annual report PDF, highlighting the agency's successes and criminal enforcement actions taken in fiscal year 2020, the majority of which occurred during COVID-19...

Amazon Partners With US Government to Curb Online Counterfeiters

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Amazon teamed up with the US National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center (IPR Center) to prevent counterfeit goods from entering the US...

Why Defense Needs to Tap into Big Data

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In this special guest feature, Jim Tootell, Chief Software Architect at PMAT, discusses the importance for the defense industry to tap into big data technology...

- [IRS announces procurement research partnership to improve contracting processes](#)
- [Coast Guard Moves Analytics Support System to Cloud](#)
- [US Proposes Funding to Clear Risk Assessment Backlog](#)
- [Now that's multicloud: CIA awards multibillion-dollar contract to AWS, Microsoft, Google, Oracle and IBM](#)
- [AI and Big Data Are Key to Continuing the Mission](#)
- [CBP plans broader use of facial recognition](#)
- [State unemployment agencies can use federal funding to reduce potential fraud](#)
- [EAZE-y enrollment for SSA's identity proofing services](#)
- [The Defense Department IG Outlined the Pentagon's Top Challenges. Here's Where](#)

Tech Fits In.

- The US Department of Justice steps in on Intuit's \$7.1bn acquisition of Credit Karma to offer a resolve

General Government News

Location analytics for COVID-safe workplaces

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Most contact tracing apps rely on Bluetooth to track people who test positive for COVID-19 and those they've been near...

The Widening Security Holes in Our 'Datasphere'

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If it were measured as a country, cybercrime — which is predicted to inflict damages totaling \$6 trillion globally in 2021 — would be the world's third-largest economy after the U.S. and China...

Can private data as a service unlock government data sharing?

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Government organizations at every level sit on a trove of valuable yet sensitive data that can be used to improve citizen services, prevent cyberattacks or provide more personalized health care...

- AI vs. Machine Learning and What They Mean for Government
- Big Data Drives Efficient Public Services
- Just 12% of maritime leaders say they are utilising big data - Sea Asia survey
- InterSystems to Boost Patient Data Sharing Using Analytics

Industry Highlights

S&P to Buy IHS for \$39 Billion in Year's Second-Biggest Deal

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S&P Global Inc. has agreed to buy IHS Markit Ltd. for about \$39 billion in stock, a deal that accelerates the wave of consolidation among the finance industry's biggest data providers...

Who is Safegraph, the company giving your location data to Covid researchers

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Location data has helped researchers study stay-at-home orders, which states have implemented them best, and the places people go that present the biggest risk...

Azure Databricks Achieves FedRAMP High Authorization on Microsoft Azure Government (MAG)

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Databricks, the Data and AI Company, announced that Azure Databricks has received a Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) High Authority to Operate (ATO)...

Altana raises \$7M to protect supply chains from disruptions, child labor

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Supply chains used to be one of those magical elements of capitalism that seemed to be designed by Apple: they just worked...

- [NICE Actimize Announces Next-Gen Fraud Management Platform Leveraging Advanced AI and the Cloud to Fight Fraud and Enhance Customer Experience](#)
- [MicroStrategy Founder Predicts Bitcoin Would Become Primary Treasury Reserve Asset](#)
- [Cybersecurity Firm, CipherTrace, Files Second Patent for Tracking Privacy Coin Monero \(XMR\)](#)
- [Kompany joins TruNarrative app store](#)
- [Marine Vet John Coleman Named to LocatorX Advisory Board](#)
- [Survey: 97% of Enterprises Seek to Accelerate Data Transformation, with Time Spent on Data Preparation A Barrier to Insights-Driven Decision-Making](#)
- [Coinbase disables margin trading following guidance from Commodity Futures Trading Commission](#)
- [Exclusive: Polling and data firm Morning Consult to relocate its downtown D.C. offices](#)



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