



Better Data, Better Decisions, Better Government: *Digital Accountability and Transparency Act* *(DATA Act) Implementation Update*

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Spending Transparency

- Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act– established USASpending.gov in 2006
 - Publish data for contracts, grants, other financial assistance
- Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA) – enacted in May 2014
 - Expand USASpending.gov to include agency expenditures
 - Require consistent data standards
 - Enable the data to be used by multiple communities



Vision and Opportunity

Provide reliable, timely, secure, and consumable financial management data for the purpose of promoting transparency, facilitating better decision making, and improving operational efficiency.

– ***Better Data, Better Decisions, Better Government***

GOALS

- Develop and promote financial transparency policies and their adoption that reflect a 21st century economy and data-driven decision-making to enable a more efficient and effective government.
- By May 2017, federal spending data is standardized, reliable, and accessible to public in a structured industry format.

OPPORTUNITY

- Data + Use = Value



Implementation Strategies

- Leverage technology to engage stakeholders and adopt a new approach to deliver the digital services to public
- Minimize costs/agency burden
- Maximize strategic value for agencies and external stakeholders



Progress and Accomplishments

- Governance Structure
- Data Standards:
 - Definitions
 - Computer format (DATA Act Schema)
- Policy Guidance
- Agency Implementation Playbook



Challenges

- Disparate/siloed systems and business functions
- Change management
- Culture



Resources

USASpending:

<https://www.usaspending.gov/Pages/data-act.aspx>

Spending Transparency Collaboration (GitHub):

<https://fedspendingtransparency.github.io>



Appendices

Governance and Implementation Structure

Executive Steering Committee – OMB and Treasury

Inter-Agency Advisory Committee – OMB, Treasury, OSTP, GSA and
Representatives from: CFOC, BOAC, ACE, COFAR, CAOC, CIOC, PIC

Lead

Treasury
(Data Transparency
PMO)

OMB

Design and Implement

OMB
Data Definition Standards

Treasury
Blueprint/roadmap
between data elements

Treasury
Data Exchange Standards

OMB
Pilot to Reduce Admin
Burden

Treasury
Data Analytics

Support

Senior
Accountable
Officials from
Federal Agencies

Consult

Industry

Non-Federal
stakeholders

Federal Lines of
Business



DATA Act Schema

- Map Federal financial data to a standard taxonomy and format
- Labeling data with a definition and other characteristics such as reporting period, units of measure and validation rules
- Represented in an XBRL format



DATA Act Playbook

- Organize Your Team
- Review Elements
- Inventory Data
- Design & Strategize
- Execute Broker
- Test Broker Implementation
- Update Systems
- Submit Data



Next Steps

Agency Implementation

- Review agency implementation plans
- Execute the DATA Act Playbook

Data Exchange

- Continue to revise DATA Act Schema to capture additional award-level data elements
- Complete DATA Act pilot and demonstrate “data broker” concept

Outreach

- Continue to engage external stakeholders (through means such as GitHub, monthly calls)