

**Chief Data Officer (CDO) Council**  
**Data Sharing Working Group Charter**

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**Working Group Name:** Data Sharing Working Group

**Working Group Leader:** TBD

**Authority:** Consistent with the CDO Council Charter, the Data Sharing Working Group was established by a vote of the CDO Council on October 22, 2020, to support the Chief Data Officer Council in fulfilling its obligations under the Evidence Act §3520A.(b.), and Agency Chief Data Officers in carrying out their duties as required by the Federal Data Strategy and the Evidence Act.

**Purpose:** The Data Sharing Working Group will focus on data sharing across federal agencies, and develop a set of well-written and diverse use cases identified through Listening Sessions, Focus Groups, Environmental Scans, Systematic Web Searches, Document Reviews, and Literature Reviews. These annotated use cases will be available through a *Use Case Resource Center*. These use cases will:

- Document, and discuss the reasons for the agency-to-agency data sharing (i.e. Why do/should we share data?);
- Explore the legal, ethical, and policy challenges/constraints of data sharing between the federal agencies;
- Gather, evaluate, document, and share best or promising practices on legal approaches to facilitate data sharing across the agencies; and,
- Gather, evaluate, document, and share best or promising practices on technical approaches to facilitate data sharing across the agencies (i.e. How do we share the data?), including data linkage, privacy enhancing techniques, broad-based sharing and tiered sharing practices, preserving semantics across boundaries, measurement challenges (e.g., standardization).

**Linkages to the CDO Council goals:**

- The Data Sharing Working Group supports the goals of the CDO Council, by ensuring the CDO Council and Executive Committee understand the varied data sharing needs and challenges of all agencies across the Federal Government.
- The Data Sharing Working Group supports the implementation of the Evidence Act Phase 2: Open Data Access and Management, and the Federal Data Strategy Action 7.

**The Data Sharing Working Group will:**

- Provide leadership, learning, and partnership in implementing the data sharing provisions of the Federal Data Strategy Action Plan and the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act;
- Be a collaborative body to share, learn, and work together to address data sharing challenges faced by federal agencies.
- Consist of interested CDO Council members who will serve as their agency's working group POC. The POCs may designate additional attendees from their departments or sub-agencies and encourage inclusion of other federal staff interested in data sharing.

- Include ex officio members of the CDO Council and representatives of other aligned federal working groups and councils (e.g. ICSP) on areas of shared priority and responsibility.
- Meet on a regular basis as necessary for fulfilling its responsibilities, but no less than monthly through December 2021 and as needed afterwards.
- Use consensus-based decision-making within the Working Group, while actively communicating and, as necessary, documenting any dissent or range of views when providing recommendations to the CDO Council Executive Committee or Chair. The working group POC will be the designated voting member for their agency.
- Present to the CDO Council Executive Committee, strategies, solutions, and resources to address policies, procedures, methods and techniques in implementing the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act and Federal Data Strategy requirements regarding the efficient, effective, timely, and secure sharing of data.
- Enable effective and proactive communications between and among Council members, working groups, and committees.
- Foster a vibrant community of council members through networking and sharing experiences related to data sharing efforts.
- Communicate to the Executive Committee specific deadlines for each activity undertaken by the Data Sharing Working Group.
- Encourage members to engage and coordinate with agency CIOs, CISOs, Senior Agency Officials for Privacy, Statistical Officials, and Evaluation Officers to ensure alignment with agency mission.
- Coordinate with cross-government councils, and other groups focused on data sharing activities and related initiatives (e.g. NIEM, CIO Council, GSA Federal Data Catalogue).
- Contribute to the input provided by the CDO Council to the Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building.