

# Creation of Synthetic Data for the Annual Business Survey (ABS) and Use of Verification Metrics

## Frequently Asked Questions

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Document	Section	Question	Response
Topic	--	Is ADS hosting the data workshop?	ADS would not be hosting the data workshop, that would be hosted by the offeror.
Topic	--	Is R a requirement for the second method [for producing ABS data] or can we use a different programming language like Python?	We were thinking R packages but are open to other techniques. We want more of an open-source method that would not require licensing. If using Python would meet that goal, we would be open to that.
Topic	--	Would NCSES or the contractor (or both) coordinate the evidence building use trial at the end of the project (i.e., recruiting and orienting participants, defining schedules, setting up tech and resources, reporting on results)	It would be an effort between both NCSES and the contractor. We would be looking for subject matter expertise and identifying the evidence building activities. We would also be conducting those evidence building activities and providing feedback on the use cases.
Topic	--	Will contractors have to go through SAP to gain access to confidential ABS data?	No. This is an internal project within the census bureau. You will not have to go through SAP, there is another mechanism for accessing the data.

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Topic	--	The package developed by Census is proprietary and incomplete. How is the contractor expected to work with Census to complete this package?	We are anticipating having technical support for the Census package. NCSES will be seeking additional contractual support for this work.