

# Data Usage Platform as a Federal Data Asset (DUP)

## Frequently Asked Questions

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New items are listed in **bold** text.

Document	Section	Question	Response
RFS	2.3	In Section 2.3 Project Funding, the RFS states, "It is anticipated there will be one or more award estimated at \$3,000,000." Does this mean there could be one or more awards each totaling \$3,000,000? Or the total funding of \$3,000,000 could be split across one or more awards? Any clarification you can provide would be appreciated.	Multiple awards are anticipated, with the \$3,000,000 being split among each award.
<b>Topic</b>	--	<b>Can additional information be provided about the expectation for the prototype dashboard -- is it meant to be a working web application, or are you looking for high-fidelity wireframes that are clickable, then one of those prototypes will eventually be selected for further development?</b>	<b>More of the latter, if high fidelity wireframes are proposed they should be built in a way that support enough functionality to ensure feasibility. As noted in the RFS, the prototype dashboard should support a dashboard interface that is updateable and can be integrated within the federal data ecosystem. The offerors are encouraged to propose the best solution to develop a prototype data usage dashboard that meets the specifications in the RFS.</b>
<b>Topic</b>	--	<b>Democratizingdata.ai looks to be focused on Scopus data specific to Journal. Based on 'Objective 1.' Are we looking to have systemic data creation, transformation, conformation and certification process for all 13 agencies and what types of data are we looking to handle?</b>	<b>As noted in objective 1 of the RFS, the goal is to identify a solution that can aggregate information about how statistical data have been used which can include but not limited</b>

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			to journal articles and government reports.
Topic	--	Is there specific data practice in place for each of 13 agencies? Specific to Data Dictionaries and how it is connected to data set values that are exposed for usage? Any quality control in place to share quality matrix?	Objective 2 of the RFS indicates that the proposal should identify, interview, and document use cases which may address your questions here.
Topic	--	Per ' <a href="https://soda-umd.gitbook.io/userguide/06-validationtools">https://soda-umd.gitbook.io/userguide/06-validationtools</a> ' under democratizingdata.ai, ML is used to validate the data. Is this a going forward approach or is there other approach being discussed as part of the agencies' initiative?	The offeror should develop the prototype that meets the specifications in the RFS, including what is needed to maintain the platform/dashboard in the future.
Topic	--	Is Data Governance & Internal Data Audit process has already been in place within each agency?	This could be part of the objective 2 within the RFS.
Topic	--	Cloud offerings are encouraged or discouraged?	Cloud offerings are neither encouraged nor discouraged as long as the prototype meets the specifications in the RFS.
Topic	--	Are initiative SAP-23 and DUP-23 related? Is it essential to understand the relationship?	SAP-23 and DUP-23 are independent projects with their own deliverables and objectives.
Topic	--	The current dashboard is built in Tableau and hosted on Tableau Public server. We want to confirm that this statement, <i>"this project aims to explore alternative dashboard technologies, approaches, techniques, and methods"</i> suggests we are not limited to Tableau for the dashboard plan/prototype. Is Tableau a requirement for this RFS?	Tableau is not a requirement for this RFS.

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Topic	--	<p>Who, in future, will be responsible for updating the publicly accessible platform/dashboard with new data?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What are their technical skills? Tableau development? R programming?</li> <li>b. Or should those skills be suggested in the “workflow processes and other mechanisms”?</li> </ul>	<p>NCSES is still in the early planning stages for the dashboard/platform. The skills needed to maintain the dashboard/platform should be described as part of the workflow process.</p>
Topic	--	<p>What, if any, are the server limitations tied to the dashboard prototype?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To what types of servers will the dashboard build have access?</li> <li>b. If we recommend building the dashboard in R/Shiny. Do you/the developer have access to an R server?</li> </ul>	<p>At this time, we are not aware of any server limitations. The offeror should develop the prototype that meets the specifications in the RFS, including what is needed to maintain the platform/dashboard in the future.</p>
Topic	--	<p>Does the platform/dashboard build have to be 508 compliant</p>	<p>The platform/dashboard should meet all federal requirements for accessibility.</p>
Topic	--	<p>Are there branding/styling requirements for the platform/dashboard?</p>	<p>At this time, there are no branding/styling requirements for the platform/dashboard.</p>
Topic	--	<p>Are we limited to only one dashboard/tool on the platform?</p>	<p>There is no limitation on the number of dashboard/platforms proposed as long as they meet the requirements described in the RFS.</p>

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<b>Topic</b>	--	<b>May we propose a set of dashboards to serve the needs of different types of users?</b>	<b>Yes, as long as the requirements in the RFS are met.</b>
<b>Topic</b>	--	<b>The current dashboard shows single years of data. Is there interest in showing change over time?</b>	<b>The offerors may consider proposing this as a solution as long as the requirements in the RFS are met.</b>