

NSF Evidence Act and Data Governance Steering Committee Charter

Effective: October 1, 2019

Expires: Until revised or rescinded

Purpose

The Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 ("Evidence Act") emphasizes collaboration and coordination to advance data and evidence-building functions in the Federal Government by statutorily mandating Federal evidence-building activities, open government data and confidential information protection and statistical efficiency.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Evidence Act and Data Governance Group Steering Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "EADG Steering Committee" is chartered to set and enforce priorities for managing NSF's enterprise data as a strategic asset to support the Foundation in meeting its mission, strategic plan, and agency priorities, including the Evidence Act.

Authority

This charter establishes the NSF EADG Steering Committee and will remain operational until the revision of governing NSF policies. This charter will be reviewed annually to ensure that the intended purpose of the EADG Steering Committee is being realized. Modifications of the charter will be proposed by the EADG Steering Committee and approved by Senior Management Round Table (SMaRT). The EADG Steering Committee facilitates compliance with the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018¹ and the accompanying OMB Memorandum M-19-23² ("Phase 1 Implementation of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018: Learning Agendas, Personnel, and Planning Guidance"), other Federal laws, regulations, directives and guidance, including but not limited to:

- The Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996
- The Federal Information Security and Management Act of 2002
- The E-Government Act of 2002
- The Government Paperwork Elimination Act of 1998
- The Chief Financial Officer Act
- The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993
- The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994
- OMB Guidance including Circular A-11
- Executive Order 13642 of 2013, Making Open and Machine Readable the New Default for Government Information³
- OMB Memorandum of 2013, M-13-13, Open Data Policy Managing Information as an Asset⁴
- OMB Information Quality Guidelines⁵: and NSF's response⁶

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¹ Pub. L. No. 115-435, 132 Stat. 5529. https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/hr4174/BILLS-115hr4174enr.pdf

² https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/M-19-23.pdf

³ https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2013/05/14/2013-11533/making-open-and-machine-readable-the-new-default-foregovernment-information

⁴ https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/20 I 3/m-13-13.pdf

⁵ https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/assets/OMB/inforeg/iqg_oct2002.pdf

⁶ https://www.nsf.gov/policies/docs/nsfinfoqual.pdf



- Relevant statistical policy directives:
 - Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA)
 - Directive No. 1. Fundamental Responsibilities of Federal Statistical Agencies and Recognized Statistical Units⁷
 - o Directive No. 2. Standards and Guidelines for Statistical Surveys⁸
 - Directive No. 4. Release and Dissemination of Statistical Products Produced by Federal Statistical Agencies⁹

Responsibilities

The EADG Steering Committee's goal is to support the Evidence Act and the Federal Data Strategy with management of and access to key data assets including roles for developing, overseeing, and coordinating data management policy and resource allocation. The EADG Steering Committee's responsibilities include:

- Support agency priorities, such as those identified in strategic plans and learning agendas, by
 informing Strategic Information Resources Management Plans for the agency and identifying
 resources to implement those priorities;
- Coordinate and support implementation of data management responsibilities with agency datamanagement actors to strengthen strategic plans and learning agendas;
- Sets agency data policy in a manner that complements, but does not supplant the statutory authority of established positions; and
- Implementation of the Federal Data Strategy by assessing data maturity, risks, and capabilities to recommend related data investment priorities

Membership

The initial composition of the EADG Steering Committee includes agency senior officials as indicated in the Evidence Act and listed below:

- Chair:
 - o Chief Data Officer (CDO) as designated by the head of the Agency
- Members:
 - o Evaluation Officer (EO) as designated by the head of the Agency
 - o Statistical Official (SO) as designated by the head of the Agency

Additionally, the EADG Steering Committee will coordinate with key advisors (senior officials from agency program areas) and working groups (such as the Evaluation and Assessment Capability Steering Committee and the Enterprise Data Governance and Education Group) as needed.

Meeting management

- The EADG Steering Committee will have regularly scheduled meetings no less than quarterly.
- Agendas and pre-read meeting material will be provided in advance of the meetings.

⁷ https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-02/pdf/2014-28326.pdf

⁸ https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2006-09-22/pdf/06-8044.pdf

⁹ https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2008-03-07/pdf/E8-4570.pdf