

Treasury's Successful DATA Act Launch an Unprecedented Move Toward Federal Data Transparency

Alexandria, VA – May 14, 2017 – A critical step was taken on May 9, 2017 to make federal spending data more accessible to federal agencies and citizens alike. Three short years after the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act) became law, the government has launched beta.usaspending.gov and published new financial and spending data sets from all 24 [Chief Financial Officer \(CFO\) Act](#) agencies and 78 federal agencies in total. For the first time, federal financial data has been standardized, connected across disparate financial and award systems, and published for public consumption.

Kearney & Company, P.C., in partnership with Booz Allen Hamilton and Hank J. Steininger (HJS), is extremely proud to have been supporting and collaborating with the Treasury and the General Services Administration's 18f to deliver on this transformational program, including supporting implementation and rollout of the DATA Act Information Schema Model, the Data Broker, and beta.usaspending.gov.

This program is a model for future federal programs. According to Deputy Assistant Secretary Christina Ho, "Having the right people has been critical to our success. We have an integrated team of government employees and contractors that are committed to our mission and have the right combination of expertise including finance, technology, and data science. They are dedicated to an implementation approach that was agile and open."

According to Booz Allen Vice President Bryce Pippert, "The DATA Act data sets are a new national asset and we are excited to see how they will be used to assess performance and to help drive better resource allocation in the future. Never before have our government finances been more complex and now they have never been more transparent."

Kearney was also a sponsor of the first [DATA Act Hackathon: Spending Data Unleashed](#), hosted by Booz Allen, on April 27-28, 2017, where there were early glimpses of the power of the new data sets to analyze spending impacts, including a tool to wargame the financial implications of policy tradeoffs and an analytic model to assess the effectiveness of programmatic resource allocation.