



# *Structural Options for America's DataHub Consortium*

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# *Outline*

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# *Background*

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- The team
- The problem
- The vision

# *Vision Statement*

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*America's DataHub will coalesce the statistical community and involve the collection, interpretation, analysis, and dissemination of data on science, engineering, technology, and research and development, including innovative services that involve data access and linkage and that address security and privacy concerns.*

# Key Characteristics

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- **Attract and engage broadest set of organizations**

*Who: For-profit, non-profit, education, non-traditional contractors, state and local governments, affiliated organizations*

*Why: Expertise, perspectives, approaches, participation*

- **Flexibility**

*Execution: Shift and morph*

*Procedures: Manage uncertainty through relational contracting*

*Terms and conditions: Attract non-traditional contractors*

# *Structural Options*

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- Traditional contract
- Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC)
- Financial assistance agreement
- NSF “Other Arrangement” authority

# *FFRDC: Pros and Cons*

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## Pros

- Flexibility in length
- Collaborative planning
- Joint budget management
- Prestige and credibility

## Cons

- Did not meet relational contracting goals
- Price and quality tradeoffs
- No competency-based assessments
- Barriers to coalescing community
- Better for conducting research rather than coordinating
- Limitations in scope and scaling

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# *The Solution*

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## Other Arrangement Authority

*42 USC 1862(a)(1) and 42 USC 1870(c)*

- ✓ Longstanding model
- ✓ Flexible formation
- ✓ Flexible execution
- ✓ Ability to coalesce stakeholders
- ✓ Relational contracting

*Questions?*