**Press Release**

2019 Datum Award Recipients Announced

Congressional and agency leaders championing data policy and use will be recognized at the GovDATAx Datum Awards on October 30th.

Washington, D.C. – The Data Coalition is pleased to announce the recipients of the GovDATAx Datum Awards. Awards recipients are championing data policy and use of data for evidence-based decision-making, transparency, and accountability. Each of the recipients demonstrates an ongoing commitment to making government more efficient and effective by applying insights from data.

Datum Award Categories and Recipients:

- **Chief Data Officer Award** - Dr. Edward Kearns, Chief Data Officer, Department of Commerce
- **Evaluation Officer Award** - Dr. Naomi Goldstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services
- **Political Leadership Award** - Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)

“The Data Coalition is pleased to recognize the tremendous contributions of leaders working to make government more innovative and effective by applying data to generate new insights,” said Nick Hart, CEO of the Data Coalition. “Senator Patty Murray, Ed Kearns, and Naomi Goldstein are each exemplary in their respective efforts to promote responsible data use. These data champions deserve public recognition for their on-going efforts and dedication. The Data Coalition is honored to recognize each with a Datum Award.”
Award recipients were selected and nominated by Data Coalition members and selected by the Board of Directors. The award ceremony will take place on October 30 following the GovDATAx summit from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Programming will commence with a keynote address from Suzette Kent, Federal Chief Information Officer, Office of Management and Budget.

About the Data Coalition: The Data Coalition is America’s premier voice on data policy. We advocate on behalf of the private sector and the public interest for government data to be accessible, high-quality, and used to enhance accountability, improve government effectiveness, reduce compliance costs, and stimulate innovation. Our members represent a cross-section of the technology, data analytics, and data management industry. For more information, visit datacoalition.org.

About GovDATAx: GovDATAx is happening on October 30, 2019. The all-day event will unite the diverse members of the data community to increasingly work together and collaborate on the strategies for unleashing data for the public good. Our summit offers a unique opportunity to discuss policies for making high-quality government data more accessible and useful. As the country’s premier event about government data policy, it will bridge the traditional organizational and disciplinary silos across the data community to focus on shared goals of producing government data that can be responsibly used to improve society. To learn more, visit govdatax.com.

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