Open Data Transition Report:
An Action Plan for the Next Administration

The next administration should prioritize open data to support a more effective government, improve the lives of American citizens, help fuel new and established businesses, and accelerate innovation and scientific discovery.

The following individuals have endorsed the Open Data Transition Report. Affiliations are listed for identification purposes only and do not reflect the endorsement of the organization.

"A robust open data program is a single initiative that offers more positive impact on government transparency, accountability and operational efficiency and on economic development than almost any program. This Open Data Transition Report provides the next administration with a concise, thoughtful, practical and pragmatic playbook for extending and amplifying the positive impact open data has already had."
- **Kevin Merritt, President & CEO, Socrata**

"The Sunlight Foundation endorses the Center for Open Data Enterprise's Open Data Action Plan. The report is a valuable resource and a useful road map for the next administration to build upon the legacy and initiatives of the Obama era. It provides a set of 27 constructive recommendations for specific federal agencies that will be actionable within the first 100 days or the first year of the next administration. Given Sunlight's decade of advocacy and commitment to better government through the release of open government data, we strongly endorse this report and recommend it to the transition teams."

- Alex Howard, senior analyst, Sunlight Foundation

For the Sunlight Foundation's full analysis of the report and their additional recommendations for the transition team, please go to: http://sunlightfoundation.com/blog/2016/10/26/sunlight-endorses-open-data-transition-report-to-ensure-federal-transparency.

"A very solid set of recommendations that are both practical and important."
- **Rufus Pollock, Founder and President, Open Knowledge International**

"As this report describes, increased access to open data creates incredible opportunities for individuals and organizations to create insights and services that tackle societal challenges, contribute to innovative new businesses and research, and help institutions function efficiently. Microsoft looks forward to working with the next administration, governments at all levels, and communities throughout the U.S. to empower the effective use of open data in transportation, health, sustainability, and other critical areas."

- **Elizabeth Grossman, Technology & Civic Engagement, Microsoft Corporation**

"The tremendous support for open data demonstrated by this President has brought innovation and engagement to government. Esri, the global smart-mapping leader, has worked with the Administration on their Open Data initiatives to apply geospatial open data in creative ways. We see our users do incredible things with open data, like improve policing, help prepare for upcoming disasters, track Zika, and support community engagement, education, and activism. My colleagues at Esri and I look forward to working with the Center for Open Data Enterprise and the next administration to continue this mission of opening data in a way that is actionable by every American."

- **Andrew Turner, Director and CTO of Esri Research and Development Center, Washington, D.C.**

"Every scientist would like to be able to access, use, and disseminate research data faster. The Open Data Transition Report promotes data sharing and shows why scientific data must be treated as a public good."

- **John Wilbanks, Chief Commons Officer, Sage Bionetworks**

"We have only scratched the surface of what government – and industry – can do to empower innovation and impact by sharing useful data sets. The next administration has enormous opportunity to unlock government data to create value for society. The Open Data Transition Report has specific and actionable recommendations for the next President that will have significant benefit – for citizens, businesses, researchers and the government."

- **Bryce Pippert, Principal, Booz Allen Hamilton**

"Open data will drive us forward if it is accessible and usable. The Open Data Transition Report highlights both the need for data access and the need to deploy the underlying infrastructure necessary to make data discoverable and useful now and for the future."

- **Dr. Francine Berman, U.S. Chair, Research Data Alliance**

"Increasingly, open data is not about public transparency. It's about enabling managers within government to do their jobs better. This report is the most complete and most practical guide to doing that. Our next president won't be able to manage the largest organization in world history unless she or he reads it."
- **Hudson Hollister, Executive Director, the Data Coalition**

For Hudson Hollister's blog post adapted from his remarks at the report launch event, please go to: http://www.datacoalition.org/center-for-open-data-enterprises-transition-report-open-data-will-be-business-as-usual.

"A thoughtful set of actionable recommendations to the next administration on how to make continued progress on the open data agenda."
- **Nick Sinai, Venture Partner at Insight Venture Partners and adjunct faculty at the Harvard Kennedy School**

"The Open Data Transition report compiled by the Center for Open Data Enterprise is a tremendous resource and guide for the incoming Administration of the United States. The Open Data report represents one of the best principles of the open data movement – engaging stakeholders from across the sectors and levels of government in deep discussion of key open data opportunities and challenges with the goal of revealing high value strategies. The Center for Technology in Government at the University at Albany, SUNY, is pleased to have contributed to the report which provides a guide for building on current strengths and advancing new ideas for creating value through open government data."
- **Theresa A. Pardo, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Technology in Government, University at Albany, State University of New York**

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