



THE DATA ACT

**Six Months In: How this Landmark Legislation
Is Transforming Government Spending**

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The DATA Act Transformation

Government-wide data standards and comprehensive publication regime for U.S. federal spending.

The scope: Federal financial, assistance, procurement, and performance reporting.

What's beyond: Similar mandates in financial regulation, other areas.



Financial Reports

Agencies to Treasury

Payment Requests

Agencies to Treasury

Budget Planning/Actions

Agencies to OMB

Assistance

Agencies to Commerce, GSA

Procurement

Agencies to GSA

Grants

Awardees to agencies

Contracts

Awardees to agencies, GSA

Subawards

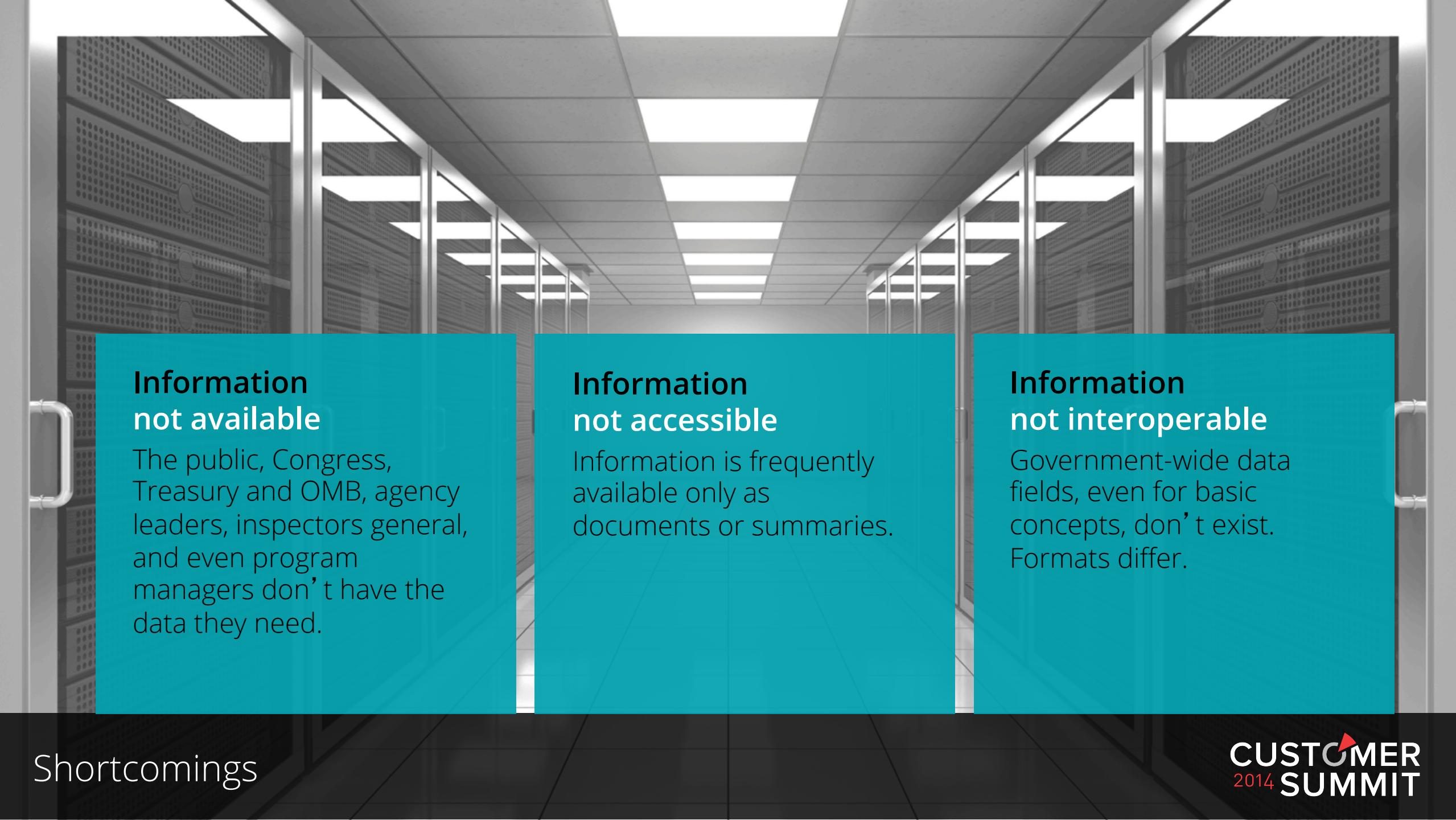
Prime Awardees to OMB

GPRA

Agencies to Congress, OMB

Current Landscape

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Information not available

The public, Congress, Treasury and OMB, agency leaders, inspectors general, and even program managers don't have the data they need.

Information not accessible

Information is frequently available only as documents or summaries.

Information not interoperable

Government-wide data fields, even for basic concepts, don't exist. Formats differ.

Policy Change

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, February 2009:
XML schema for grantee and contractor reporting.

Open Data Policy, May 2013:
Requires federal agencies to create data inventories and to “architect for open.”

Treasury's Intelligent Data project, September 2013:
“Small prototype” of virtual repository for standardized financial data.

Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (“DATA Act”), enacted May 9, 2014:
Data standards for the whole landscape.

Treasury and OMB

- Establish government-wide data identifiers.
- Establish government-wide data format.
- Publish grants, contracts, and internal spending on existing USA Spending portal.
- OMB to run pilot program to test standardized reporting by recipients.

Agencies

- Apply standards to own reporting.
- After OMB pilot program, apply standards to recipient reporting.
- Data quality reports by each inspector general.

Recipients

- Standardized reporting if imposed by agencies after OMB pilot.

Public Accountability

Citizens have access to accurate, complete, searchable data on government spending.

Better Management

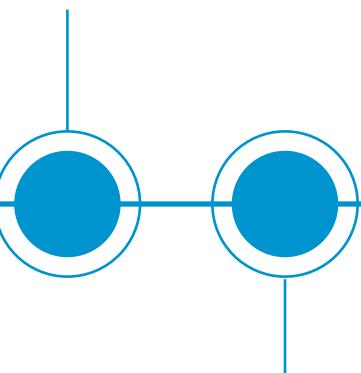
Congress, Treasury, OMB, agency leaders, inspectors general, program managers utilize dashboards and analytics.

Automated Compliance

Grantees and contractors report to agencies without strain; agencies automate reports to Treasury, OMB, GSA.

Status

First Treasury / White House Data Transparency Town Hall:
September 26, 2014, Washington, DC.



Data Transparency 2014:
September 30, 2014,
Washington, DC.

Standards: Treasury and OMB issue first guidance on data standards **by May 9, 2015**.



Recipient Reporting: OMB starts recipient reporting standardization **pilot program by May 9, 2015**, and completes it by May 9, 2017.

Agency Reporting: Agencies conform existing information to standards **by May 9, 2017**.



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