| Part One: Sprint Topic |
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| 1. Challenge: Provide a 1-2 sentence description of the key challenge that you’re putting forward to tech teams and other stakeholders. Avoid prescribing what the solutions should look like, and instead focus on describing a broad public-facing challenge.   For example:   * “We’d like companies to build a mapping tools for veterans that shows our data alongside job listings” * “Veterans and their families need tech tools that help them to find quality jobs near resources that matter to them.”   Below are two past examples:  USDA’s 2020 Sprint on Supporting Agricultural Decision-Making: *“Create digital tools that provide farmers, ranchers, and researchers with timely access to geospatial data to help them make important agricultural and planning decisions.”*  EDA’s 2019 Sprint on Modernizing Talent Discovery for High Growth Entrepreneurship: *"Create digital tools to transform talent discovery, matching, and retention in mid-size cities across the country, to help them achieve innovation and regional economic growth."* |
| 1. Describe the problem you’re trying to solve in plain language, including the issue or challenge, why it is important, and your vision for sprint outcomes. View several excellent examples from previous years [here](https://opportunity.census.gov/sprints/).   Here are some suggestions for crafting a compelling description of your sprint topic:   * Paint a picture of the larger problem at hand: what is the overall issue, and why is it important to the nation, or specific regions or communities? * Use evidence to help make the case that this topic is timely and significant; this can include 1-2 statistics or compelling, human stories. * Describe the specific component of the big issue that you’re encouraging sprint participants to take on (e.g. narrowing down from education to helping states and school districts strengthen their STEM teacher workforce). * Make sure to use [plain language](https://www.plainlanguage.gov/) throughout, avoiding jargon, acronyms, and technical terms. |
| 1. Target audience/end user: In a few words, describe the target audience for the resulting products. Examples include: veterans, local or state elected officials, families with children, business owners, or any other audiences relevant to your sprint topic. |
| 1. Open data sets: List relevant open data sets that you’re aware of at the federal level. You’re welcome to also include state, local, or other open-source data that are relevant to the problem. If possible, provide a link where the data can be found online. This can just be an initial scan of data sets that you’re aware of. This does not need to be an exhaustive list, and it’s not required to submit a problem statement. |
| 1. Does your sprint topic align with one or more of the following themes?   (Note: this is not required!)   * Made in America * Make America Healthy Again * Rural Prosperity * Building U.S. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Infrastructure for the Future * Other topic, unrelated to these themes |
| Collaborator wish list: Are there any companies, state/local governments, or community organizations you hope to collaborate with (or are already) on this challenge? These can be existing partners, or organizations on your “wish list” of potential contributors, even if you don’t yet have any connections to them. |

| Part Two: Your Organization |
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| Agency/Organization Name: |
| 1. POC name(s), title(s), email(s), and phone number(s): Please list 1-2 primary points of contact for your organization. These individuals will be engaging with participating teams throughout the sprint and joining sprint milestones (every two weeks for 12 weeks). If you haven’t identified a team or individual to represent your organization in the upcoming sprint(s), please provide the name, title and email of the submitter. |
| 1. Do you have manager support to spend 2-8 hours per week of your time on the project through March 2026 (Typically 2-3 hours/week but up to 6-8 during busier phases of the sprint(YES/NO) |
| 1. Are you submitting this sprint topic proposal in collaboration with any additional federal, state or local agencies or other partner organizations?If so, list them here. |
| 1. Have you worked with The Opportunity Project before? (YES/NO)   If you have not directly worked on The Opportunity Project, how did you hear about us? |

| Email us directly at census.opportunityproject@census.gov. |
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