

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Commerce Data Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Commerce Data Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2516

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

12/15/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

12/15/2018

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

15 U.S.C. § 1516

13. Effective Date

10/16/2014

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

By engaging data experts and users representing a diverse range of interests, the Council will be able to provide recommendations to the Secretary on making Commerce data easier to find, use, access, and share.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The CDAC will consist of approximately 20 members representing a cross-section of government, business, academic, non-profit, and non-governmental organizations with an emphasis on firms that rely heavily on Department of Commerce data for their operations, products, and services. Members will be chosen to achieve a balanced membership with diverse perspectives and expertise.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

There were no meetings in FY18

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Improving data and data access is a key component of the Department of Commerce's Strategic Plan. Soliciting feedback and guidance from data users, particularly from the private sector, is critical to achieving this goal. The Commerce Data Advisory Council brings together high level officials from major businesses and organizations in a way that cannot be replicated within the Department. Establishment of this committee is in the public interest. The work of this committee will not duplicate the work of any other committees within the Government and the advice cannot be obtained elsewhere.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Not Applicable

21. Remarks

Not Applicable

Designated Federal Officer

Jeremy Pelter Designated Federal Officer

Narrative Description

Through the Open for Business agenda, the Department of Commerce has begun to view its own data assets from an organizational perspective. Commerce's bureaus share a set

of core principles related to data management. Each bureau is committed to make the Department's economic, demographic, scientific, and environmental data easy to find, understand, and use.. Establishing Commerce Data Advisory Council (C-DAC) is a necessary step to ensuring outside data experts provide ongoing guidance to help shape data management across the Department. Several barriers exist to making more Commerce data available. They include incompatibility of different information technology systems, multiple data formats and structures, legal and regulatory constraints, and overcoming the general human resistance to change. Each barrier poses a considerable challenge. Together they are daunting. Obtaining advice from experts and people with actual experience in overcoming these barriers will significantly improve Commerce's ability to make more data available and shorten the timeframe Commerce will need to successfully achieve Objective 4.1 in the Department's Strategic Plan "Deliver increasing amounts of Commerce data to governments, businesses, and the public in formats that are easier to access and use."

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

Improve the Department of Commerce's ability to make more data available and shorten the timeframe Commerce will need to successfully achieve Objective 4.1 in the Department's Strategic Plan "Deliver increasing amounts of Commerce data to governments, businesses, and the public in formats that are easier to access and use."

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000

\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

17

Number of Recommendations Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

In each meeting there is a section to address recommendations made at the prior meeting.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments