

**Survey instrument for the Pilot for Establishing Infrastructure for Publicly Released Research Data.**  
 For each conversation with a grantee funded by an operational division of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), five of the following ten questions will be asked to drive a dialogue about the experience of releasing data. The answers will be recorded initially in a recording tool to be shredded after the project concludes. The answers will be incorporated into a final report to be submitted to directors of six HHS operational divisions. Personally identifying information will be removed before sharing the report beyond the pilot team.

| Question  | Motivation   |
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| 1) What is currently lacking from your funding agency's public access management and policy?      | This question is intended to collect a narrative in which grantees describe the challenges and best practices for releasing data to the public.  |
| 2) What is the value of publicly releasing research data?   | This question will help our team draft an exhaustive report of the demand for public data in our customer base, HHS grantees.  |
| 3) What are the challenges of releasing data to the public as compared to releasing publications? | This question highlights the fact that access policies for publications, but not data, are being implemented. We hope to identify reasonable expectations and estimations for the difference.                              |
| 4) How can your public data be searched?  | Public data must be searchable. We ask the community to identify search methods. The most effective (i.e., most commonly used) search method will likely be a standard for compliance to data access policy in the future. |
| 5) How did you choose your public data repository?  | ~20,000 public repositories for data exist. Recognizing the most popular and best established will allow us to consider unique policies for different classes of repository.   |
| 6) What can your funding agency do to simplify the process of releasing data to the public?       | Some challenges to data release are specific to the agency that funded the generation of the data. Addressing those challenges should be our top priority as they should be the easiest problems to fix.                   |
| 7) How do you use public data in your research program?   | As in Q2, this question is intended to characterize the value proposition for the community.   |
| 8) If you use public data in your research program, how do you cite it?                           | As in Q4, this question is intended to identify superior strategies for searching the web for data.  |
| 9) What are the key elements of a high quality data management plan?                              | Many grantees are already proposing to release data in data management plans. This question intends to evaluate the efficacy of this approach and how it can be improved.  |
| 10) What do you expect a department-wide public data policy to look like in five years?           | The open data effort is a work in progress. This question is intended to identify the expectations and priorities of the community moving forward with this effort.  |