



# DATA Act of 2014

**A message from the United States Department of Health & Human Services DATA Act Program Management Office**

**This is your chance to be heard by Congress and improve future federal award processes, forms, and requirements.**

In May 2014, Public Law 113-101 Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act) was enacted with the purpose of establishing government-wide financial data standards and increasing the availability, accuracy, and usefulness of federal spending information.

As a recent recipient of federal awards, we would like you to contribute to this effort by participating in the Section 5 Grants Pilot Test Models. Please complete the participation survey found in the link below by <<INSERT DATE HERE>>. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQ3GNTR>

*What is the Section 5 Pilot?*

Section 5 of the DATA Act requires the Federal Government to “establish a pilot program with the participation of appropriate Federal agencies to facilitate the development of recommendations for:

- Standardized reporting elements across the Federal government;
- The elimination of unnecessary duplication in financial reporting;
- The reduction of compliance costs for recipients of Federal awards.”

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has designated the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as the executing agent of the Section 5 Grants Pilot. The HHS DATA Act Program Management Office (DAP) has developed a Pilot framework to meet these legislative requirements including five Test Models requiring participation from recipients of federal awards.

### ***How was I selected?***

As a recent recipient of federal awards your organization’s information is included in the USAspending.gov database, a central Federal government repository on Federal spending. We selected your organization to help identify improvements to Federal financial assistance. Your feedback is an essential component of the Section 5 Grants Pilot. If you feel that a colleague within your organization would find the Section 5 Grants Pilot more applicable, please forward this email and encourage them to complete the survey.

### ***Why should I participate?***

This is your chance to be heard by Congress! Your participation will affect and improve future federal award processes, forms, and

requirements.

### *How do I participate?*

It's simple! Please complete the participation survey found in the link below by <<INSERT DATE HERE>>.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQ3GNTR>.

Please note that your participation is strictly voluntary. The results will be analyzed and compiled to provide recommendations to Congress. In this way, your voice will be heard and will affect and improve future federal award processes, forms, and requirements.

### *Questions?*

Please direct any questions to [DATAActPMO@hhs.gov](mailto:DATAActPMO@hhs.gov).

Thank you for your assistance, and remember, this is your chance to be heard by Congress!