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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
(MANAGEMENT)

SUBJECT: Open Data

The Department of the Navy (DON) is the custodian of a vast amount of data that can be used to stimulate groundbreaking innovations; however, unnecessary restrictions on data access often limit its usefulness to only the data steward and its intended users, and only for a short period of time.

In order to improve access to information resources, we will make our releasable data accessible to the public and our workforce, while properly safeguarding DON systems and information. Opening up our data will help fuel entrepreneurship, innovation, and scientific discovery.

Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (Management) (DUSN (M)) shall:

- Define the process, criteria, and responsibilities for publishing publically-releasable datasets on the DON Open Data Portal;
- Review and/or establish policy which promotes data-centric security;
- Establish an Open Data Integrated Process Team (IPT) within the existing DON Information Enterprise Governance Board (IGB) or create an independent working group, if necessary:
- Launch and manage a DON Open Data Portal.

To implement this open data agenda, the Navy and Marine Corps shall:

- Identify publically-releasable datasets within their Echelon IIs/Major Commands, in coordination with DUSN (M), to begin the process of identifying what can be published in the DON Open Data Portal.

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DUSN (M) will develop a Plan of Actions and Milestones (POA&M) within 60 days of this memorandum and provide quarterly progress reports to the Under Secretary of the Navy.

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