Governance, Accountability, & Transparency Focus Area

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Focus Area Discussion

- Recommendation: The NSDS should be a private-public partnership with oversight from federal statistical agencies and an advisory board, as well as input from the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy (ICSP).

  - Established as a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) within the National Science Foundation's National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics.

  - A centrally coordinated network of research centers working in partnership with federal statistical agencies.

  - An empowered advisory board with representation from various stakeholder groups, including the public, privacy advocates, and researchers able to provide guidance and oversight on the NSDS policies and procedures.

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- Recommendation: Identify best practices around governance, accountability, and transparency by examining specific use cases and considering the following attributes as a framework:

1. Transparency and trust
2. Legal authority to protect privacy and confidentiality
3. Independence
4. Legal and regulatory authority to collect and maintain data
5. Scalable functionality
6. Sustainability
7. Oversight and accountability
8. Intergovernmental support
9. Access and use

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- Recommended Use Cases:

  - Education and Workforce

    - Example: States invest millions of dollars in education and training to create high wage jobs for their citizens. Yet the returns on those investments can only be measured and analyzed if the graduates stay in the state.

  - Health Statistics

    - Example: NCHS at the federal-level and California at the state-level.