What does the Evidence Act mean to Federal Statistical Agencies?

...A platform for communicating value
The Foundation of Federal Statistical Agencies
The Evidence Act embodies governing laws and principles to signal the importance of agency collaborations around data.

- Paperwork Reduction Act
- Information Quality Act
- Office of Management and Budget: Memo M-13-13, Open Data Policy, Managing Data as an Asset
- President’s Management Agenda: Cross-Agency Priority (CAP) Goal 2
The Federal Statistical System aligns with The Evidence Act

- Strengthens statistical policy directives
- Presumption of access to data for statistical purposes

The term ‘evidence” means information produced as a result of statistical activities conducted for a statistical purpose (Section 3561 of title 44)

- Evidence includes foundational fact finding, performance measurement, policy analysis, and program evaluation
A collaborative, gradual, tailored, strategic approach to leverage existing resources and enhance federal government capabilities to:

- build and use evidence
- collect, protect, and release data

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The Federal Statistical System is a champion of the Evidence Act

- Supporting data privacy and confidentiality protection activities
- Serving as Statistical Official
- Identifying data that can be used for evidence-building activities
- Increasing use of data linkages while maintaining protections
- Playing leading role in ensuring data access across secure platforms
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**Participate in interagency councils**

**Useful Evidence**

**Robust Data Infrastructure**

**Specialized Workforce**
The Evidence Act 101

- Shifts to a paradigm of open access to data
- Provides a framework for communicating value
- Builds community around using high-quality data to inform policies