- **BLS**
- Responding to anticipated budget cuts
- Providing advanced access to media through lock-up environment
- Factoring the impact of the Affordability Care Act on data
- **NCSES**
- Providing data delivery and access to users with different expertise
- Improving international comparability and coordination of data systems
- Balancing data protection and confidentiality with data usability

- **BTS**
- Building collaborations across data agencies and federal/other agencies to leverage data for alternative sources
- Encouraging greater openness for users and intermediaries
- Creating more opportunities to leverage new technologies (e.g. web services, visualization, etc.) for data delivery
- **BEA**
- Building trust with private big data partners, protecting proprietary information and protecting firm data
- Setting priority policies that should be driven by better data (e.g. manufacturing, healthcare, skill gaps, etc.)
- Determining appropriate cuts (e.g. RIMS, Local Area Personal Income, FDI, etc.)
- Developing new products in the face of budget cuts
- **Census**
- Addressing budget pressures by setting priorities
- Delivering products to people in ways that are important to users
- Making operational changes in ways that save money to be reinvested elsewhere
- Taking advantage of disruptive innovations that result from applying technologies in new ways for users to make decisions

The Biggest Issues: Examples

Social, institutional, or political issues

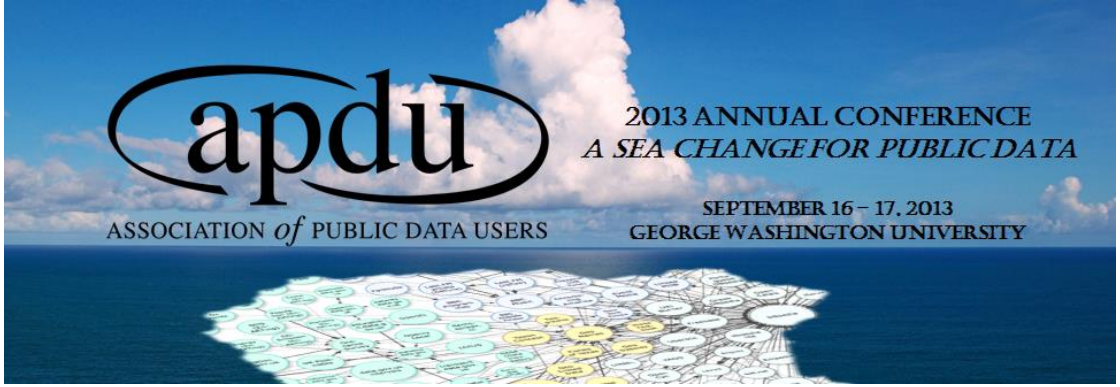
- General fiscal environment
- Congressional indifference or antipathy to statistics
- Public indifference or antipathy to data collection
- Traditional agency culture
- Decline in the perceived value of social science
- Bureaucratic distance between department leadership and the statistical agency

Methodological shifts

- Improved methods for protecting confidentiality
- Improved methods for piercing confidentiality
- Predictive analytics

Technology-driven changes

- IT capacity advances that allows greater use of admin records
- Electronic response options
- New options for providing data access to the public and researchers
- Value-added data tools, e.g., graphics
- Increased availability of Big Data from nonfederal sources (e.g., real-time labor market information)
- Social media and smartphones

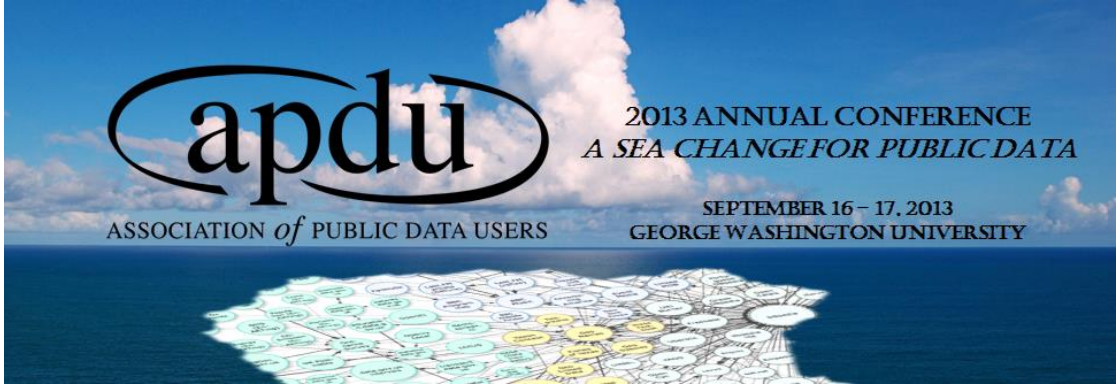


Small Group Breakout Questions

1. What additional issues would you add to those identified during the previous panel?

2. What does your group believe are the 2-3 most important issues facing the statistical system?

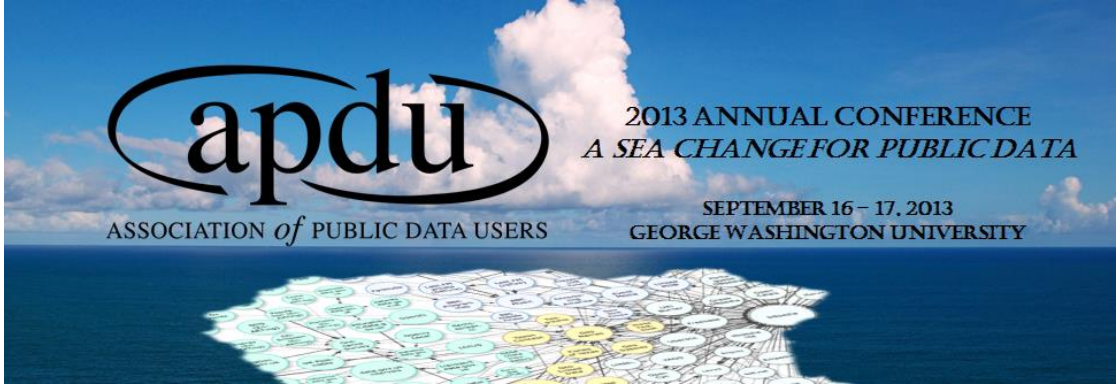
3. What role should APDU play in addressing these issues?



Small Group Reports

1. 2-3 Most Important Issues

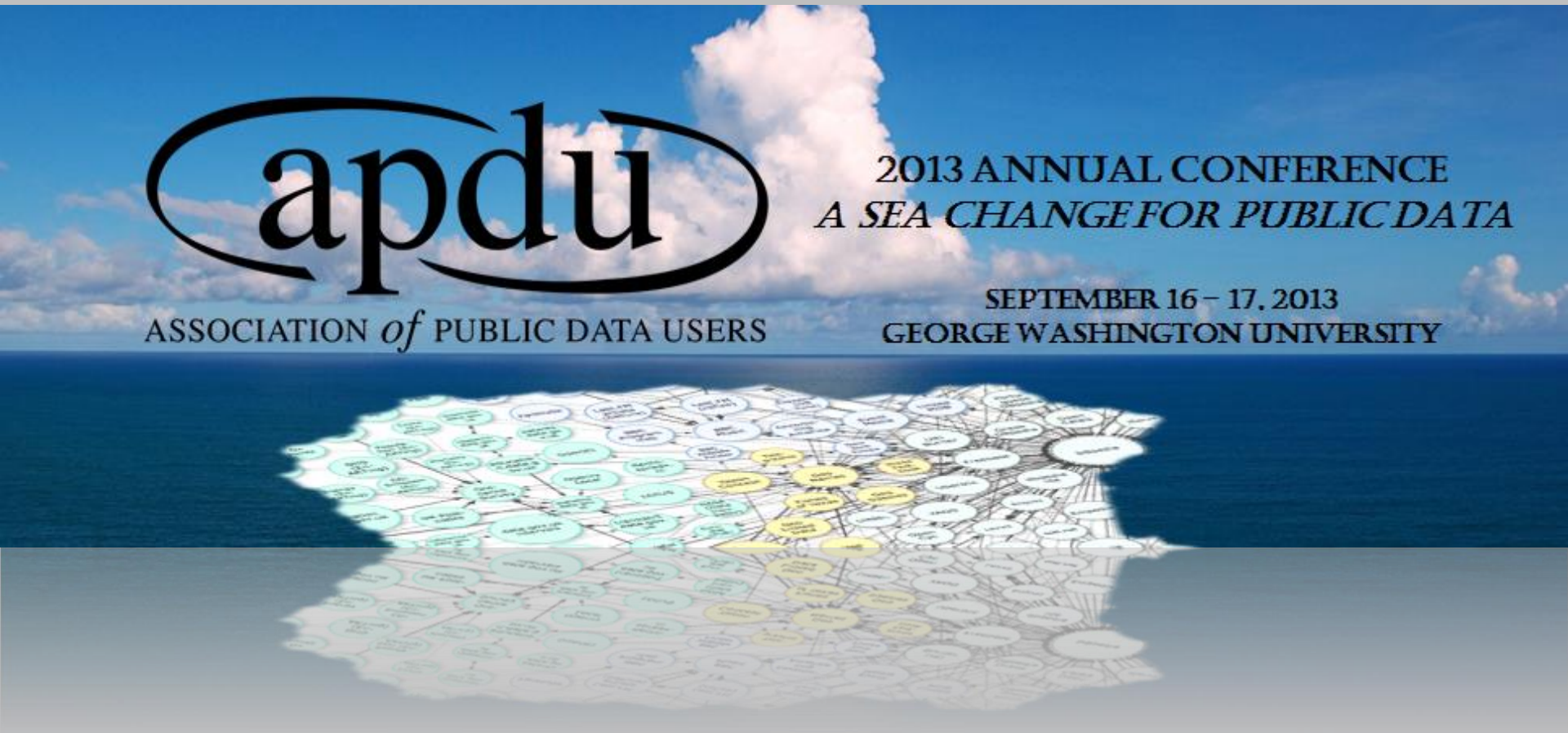
2. One Recommendation for APDU



Next Steps

1. Your list of issues will be refined at a meeting with the APDU Board at their meeting tomorrow

2. This will inform the APDU work program for the coming year
   - Data Update topics
   - Webinars
   - Advocacy agenda
   - Conference topics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