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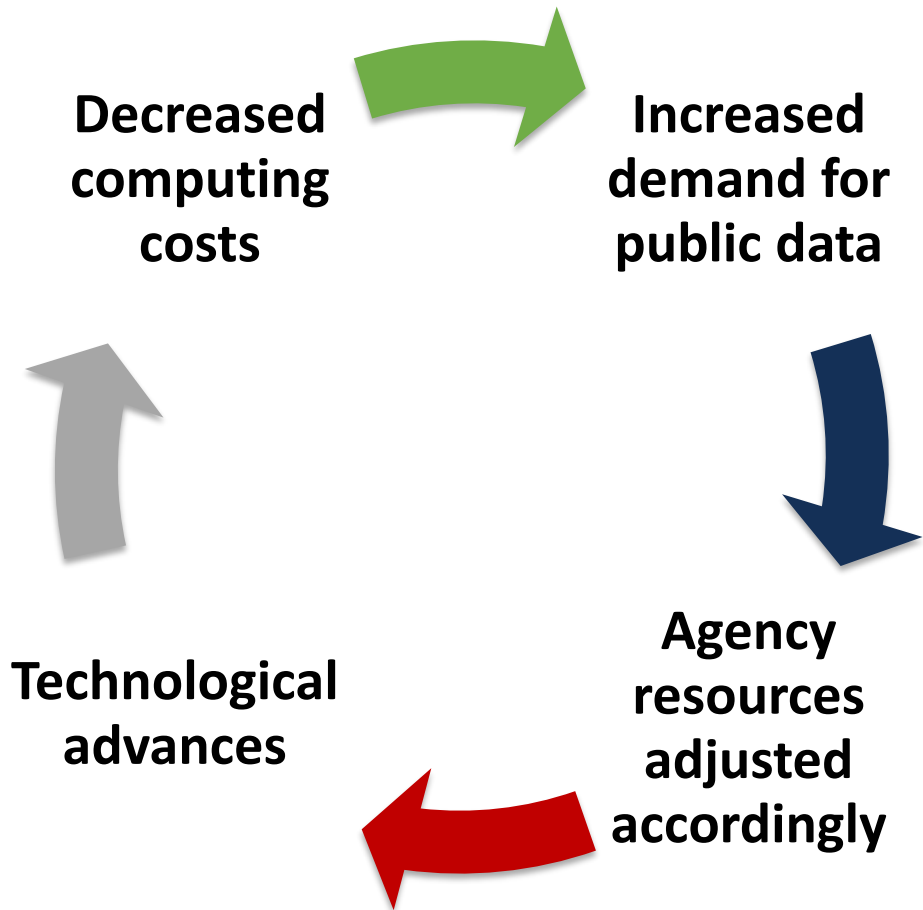
# **Balancing Confidentiality & Access:**

## **Sharing Administrative Data for**

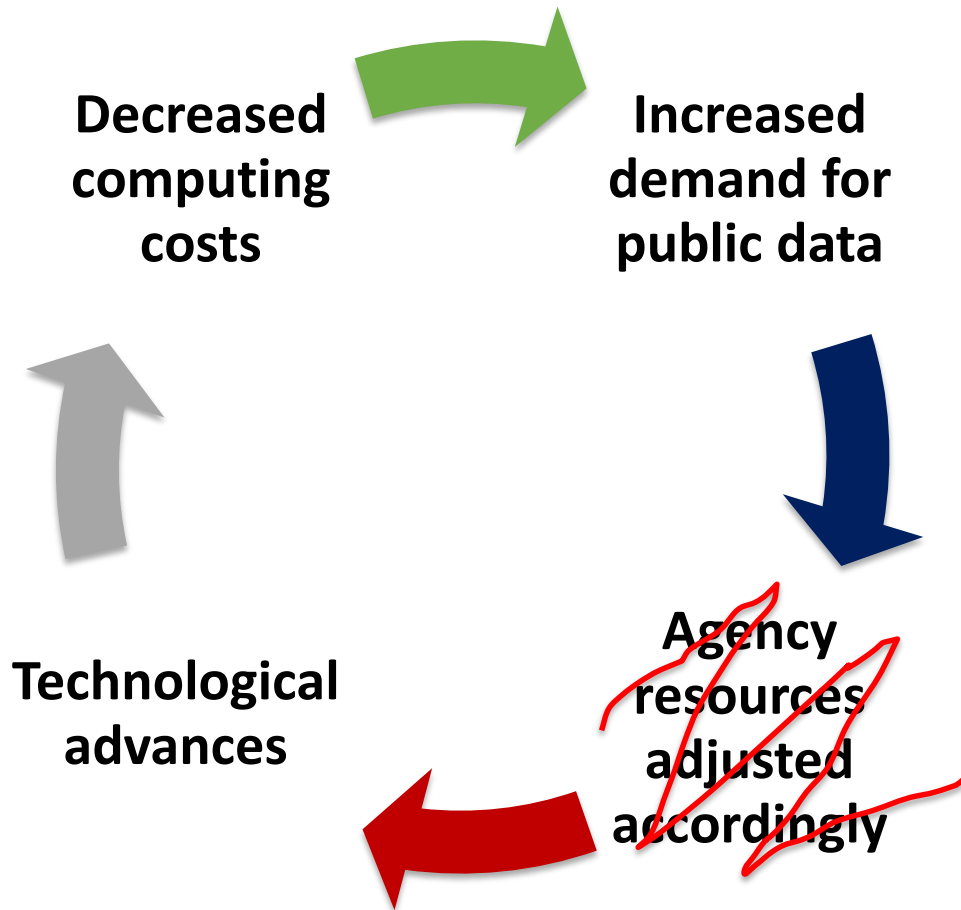
### **Policy Analysis & Research**

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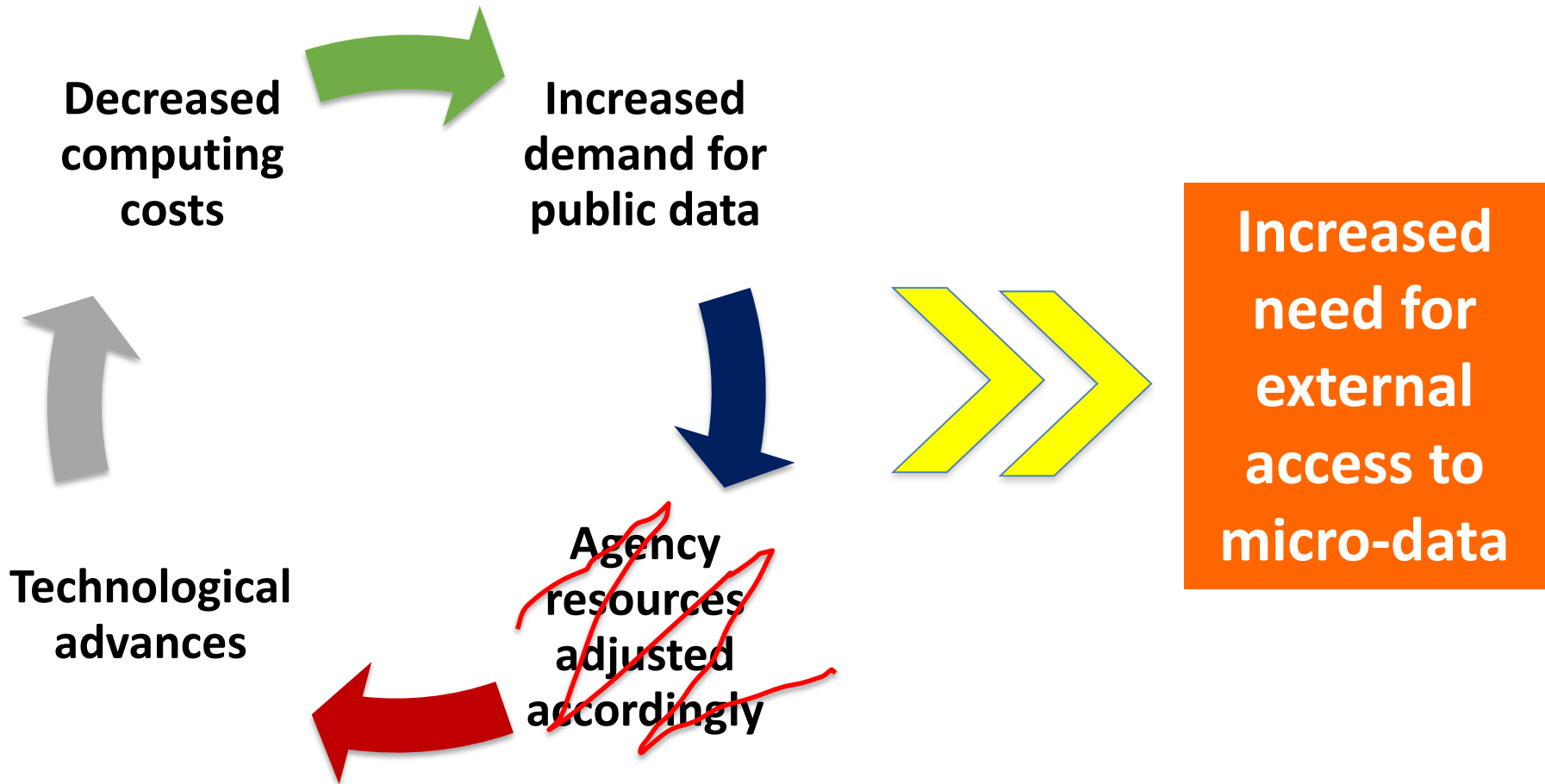
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# Study: Data Confidentiality and Intra-state Data Sharing

## Goal

1. Better understand the legal & regulatory environment, policies, & practices in data sharing
2. Explore ways to expand access to confidential data for policy analysis & research

## Stakeholders

### Data Producers & their Advisors

- State LMI divisions
- LMI division legal counsel
- Attorneys general offices

### Typical Data Users

- Economic development agencies
- Workforce investment boards
- Community colleges
- University research centers
- Independent research organizations
- National associations
- Federal statistical agencies

# Major Challenges

## Legal & Regulatory Restrictions

- Complex system of laws & regulations
- Inconsistent interpretations

## Data User Capabilities

- Rigid exempt status criteria
- Difficulty preparing requests
- Limited capacity to protect & manage data

## Data Producer Concerns

- Bureaucratic processes
- Limited capacity to meet demand for data
- Divided control of data

## Value & Trust Impediments

- Uninformed elected officials
- Risk averse data producers
- Doubts about data user capabilities
- User concerns w/data quality

# Effective Strategies

## Legal & Regulatory Restrictions

- Educate elected officials & legal counsel
- City University of New York

## Data User Capabilities

- Technical guidance on process & requirements
- Washington State

## Data Producer Concerns

- Preliminary assessment of data requests
- Pennsylvania

## Value & Trust Impediments

- Requiring review of research activities & outcomes
- Maryland



# Recommendations

## Align Laws, Policies, & Procedures

- Advocate for clearer regulations on non-disclosure exemptions
- Document data producer policies & procedures

## Educate Key Decision Makers

- Presentations & training at national convenings
- Add data sharing to national policy organizations' agendas

## Develop Training & Resources

- Formal guidance & training on legal interpretation, data sharing, & appropriate use

## Collect & Share Best Practices

- Publish a technical guide on preparing request forms & agreements

# Thank You

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