Open Data Council - Meeting
April 25th, 2016
Agenda

- **Introductions** (10 min)

- **Opening Remarks (Chair/Vice-Chair)** (5 min)

- **Council on Open Data Recommendations and Goals – 2016** (from 2015 Annual Report) (see table below) (15 min)
    o   Increased agency participation in Open Data, working with DoIT and GOPI

- **Homework Assignments.** These materials are suggested review for the April 25th meeting.

    o   Please **review the list of 2016 recommendations** from the Open Data Council's most recent Annual Report, issued Jan. 10th 2016. The full report can be found at http://doit.maryland.gov/opendatacouncil/OtherDocs/Council_Open_Data_AnnualReport2016.pdf. The table below summarizes the 2016 recommendations.

Council on Open Data Recommendations and Goals—2016
• The Department of Budget and Management (DBM), DoIT, and state agencies should collaborate with the Governor's Office of Performance Improvement (GOPI) to open and publish Managing for Results (MFR) data and other datasets identified by GOPI.
• GOPI should monitor agency and gubernatorial initiatives and identify opportunities to make data public.
• Departments engaged in permitting and compliance, including but not limited to Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) should make more information available as open data.
• DoIT should develop and provide regular training sessions for agency staff on how to make data public.
• DoIT should inform research librarians in Maryland's public libraries to train them on finding and working with Maryland's Open Data websites.
• The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) and DoIT should development a dashboard to help citizens analyze crime data by county.
• DBM and DoIT should publish Maryland's Operating Budget as open data and develop an interactive dashboard to help citizens explore budget data.
• DoIT should incorporate a statewide dataset inventory into Maryland's Information Technology Management Plan.
• DoIT, with input from the council, should report on the costs and benefits of a potential statewide Public Information Act (PIA) tracking database.
• DoIT, with input from the council, should evaluate open source alternatives to Maryland's current open data portals.
• The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and DoIT should leverage new provisions of the PIA to encourage agencies to identify additional datasets for publication as open data.
• DoIT should make full address points and LIDAR data available to the public as open data portals.

    o   Please **review the new data.maryland.gov Dataset Freshness Report** (https://data.maryland.gov/Administrative/Dataset-Freshness-Report-for-data-maryland-gov-As-/8ypa-c9d9) and see how your agency is evaluated.
        ▪   How could DoIT improve this tool?
        ▪   In your opinion what are the best ways for the Council to make use of this new tool?

- On February 16th, DoIT conducted a training session on formatting and uploading data to the Open Data Portal. As an attachment to this agenda, the tutorials document from that meeting is attached ("Open Data Tutorial.pdf"). This **Open Data training document is optional to review** in advance of the April 25th meeting, and suggested for anyone who wants to learn the basics of the Open Data Portal.
- If possible, please ask whether your agency's designated representatives for **Public Information Act (PIA) requests** could attend the Council meeting.

- **Select Projects** (60 min). Several state agencies will discuss their ongoing projects working with the Open Data Portal and DoIT to create interactive dashboards
  - **Managing for Results – Dashboards.** *ESRGC and DoIT are developing dashboards with DBM, showing all public Managing for Results data. DoIT will show several agencies' dashboards.*
  - **Department of Budget & Management – Budget Dashboards**
    - Capital Budget (live) - http://geodata.md.gov/FY16CapitalBudget/
    - Operating Budget – *ESRCG is developing an Operating Budget dashboard with DBM. A representative from DBM is scheduled to discuss*.
  - **Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention – Crime Dashboard.** *This dashboard is in development. A representative from GOCCP is scheduled to discuss crime metrics. DoIT will show the backing datasets on data.maryland.gov.*

- **Status of Open Data Portal** 10-15 min
  - Data.maryland.gov analytics and traffic
  - Highlights of data resources available
  - Continued integration with MD iMAP geographic data catalog
  - Data Freshness Report – Public Launch
    - Sitewide Statistics

- **Possibility of Centralizing Information Requests** (15 min)
  - Central point for citizen requests for information – not just PIA requests but other questions and requests for services as well
  - Public Information Act requests and tracking - Identifying the information frequently requested via PIA for possible inclusion in the Open Data Portal

- **Questions/Comments**
  - Future Possibilities: Merit of Each?
    - Subcommittees with assignments
    - Guided discussions
    - Breakout groups
    - Volunteers for presenting

- **Adjourn**