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### MEMORANDUM FOR ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: Relationship of the NGA Disparate Data Challenge to the GEOINT Search and Retrieval Request for Proposal

On 27 June 2016, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for GEOINT Search and Retrieval (GSR) capabilities (accessible at <https://acq.westfields.net>). The purpose of the RFP is to solicit engineering, software development and sustainment services for content search and retrieval capabilities.

On 19 Aug 2016, NGA announced its Disparate Data Challenge on [challenge.gov](http://challenge.gov). The objective of the Disparate Data Challenge is to inform NGA of already existing capabilities that have potential to improve NGA's ability to access data holdings that are disparate in their formats, schemas, locations, conditioning, etc. By targeting start-ups, technology incubators, and venture firms, the challenge is primarily intended to attract ideas from capability providers that do not traditionally do business with the intelligence community.

Upon completion of the challenge, NGA may exercise Other Transaction Authorities (OTA) to prototype capabilities from selected winners (as defined by the challenge rules described at [challenge.gov](http://challenge.gov)) on classified networks in order to examine the effectiveness of the capability against mission data. NGA may propose that certain prototypes, if effective, be considered by the awardee of the GSR contract for implementation in accordance with that contract's technology insertion provisions. Likewise, those prototypes may also be operationalized as a bridging solution until GSR capabilities are themselves operational.

Respondents to the GSR RFP are not required to participate in the Disparate Data Challenge as part of their RFP response. Likewise, solvers may respond to the Disparate Data Challenge without responding to the GSR RFP. A respondent's success in response to the Disparate Data Challenge has no bearing whatsoever (positive or negative) on that respondent's GSR proposal as it moves through the source selection process.

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