



Panel Study Results

The National Dialogue on Innovative Tools to Prevent and Detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

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The Academy Study

In September 2011, the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board (the Recovery Board), recognizing rapid technological advancements in the commercial sector, partnered with the National Academy of Public Administration (the Academy) to host a National Dialogue on Innovative Tools to Prevent and Detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (the Dialogue). This Dialogue was part of the Recovery Board's continuing efforts to identify and use state-of-the-art tools to enhance accountability and improve oversight of Recovery Act funds.

The week-long online dialogue went live in October 2011 and allowed participants to share their ideas on tools and solutions to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in Recovery Act funded programs. Upon conclusion of the Dialogue, the Academy Panel and study team analyzed the input and supplemented the insights gained with expert interviews and research to ensure that future enhancements to the Recovery Board's oversight efforts would reflect the best ideas of America's leading thinkers. The report from the Panel of Academy Fellows contained two sets of recommendations: the first aimed at Recovery Board activities and the second for consideration government-wide.

Results

The Panel recommended that the Recovery Board : (1) increase its emphasis on predictive analysis, particularly to prevent and detect contract/grant fraud; (2) increase its use of sophisticated textual analysis tools to mine the abundance of unstructured narrative information that is available; (3) increase its data sources, particularly state and local government data and proprietary business data, to improve data validation; and (4) work across government to establish and publicize more consistent performance metrics for fund recipients and increase transparency of outcomes from taxpayer funded programs.

PROJECT PANEL

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