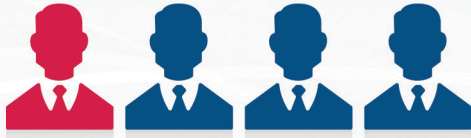# MeriTalk
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SMARTER UNCLE SAM: THE BIG DATA FORECAST

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Nearly one-fourth of Federal IT execs say they have launched at least one Big Data initiative.

Opportunity Ahead:

Feds estimate their agency can save an average of **14%** of their overall budget from successfully leveraging Big Data – or nearly **$500B*** across the Federal government.

*Calculated based on FY12 actual expenditures of $3.538 trillion.

How will Big Data Help Fulfill Federal Missions?

51%
Improving processes and efficiency

44%
Enhancing security

31%
Predicting trends

69%
say Big Data will help government work smarter.

Top Federal Functions that Will Win with Big Data:

54%
Executing military/ intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) missions

48%
Combating fraud/waste/abuse

27%
Managing the transportation infrastructure

MISSION BIG DATA

70% believe that five years from now, successfully leveraging Big Data will be critical to fulfilling Federal mission objectives.

Recommendations:

- Research "the art of the possible"
- Identify mission requirements
- Assess capabilities and architecture against requirements
- Explore which data assets can be made open and available to the public to help spur innovation outside the agency
- Take inventory of data assets

Review the Full Report:

"Smarter Uncle Sam: The Federal Big Data Forecast" at www.meritalk.com/SmarterUncleSam.