



# **Privacy, Confidentiality, and Data Ethics Expert Group #2**

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# Key Takeaways

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## Expert Group Discussion

- Key focus on weighing the privacy versus utility tradeoff across all recommendations to ensure partners are empowered and confident in their use of the NSDS to further evidence building
- Recommendations of new tools and technologies were provided that allow vastly expanded data access while providing robust privacy protection (e.g., synthetic data, validation servers, secure multi-party computation)
- The report examined approaches for measuring risk and expanding secure access
- The Committee agreed on the importance of balancing privacy (data protection) and utility (data quality and accuracy of statistical analysis)

# Future Engagement

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## Expert Group Discussion

- Evaluation of the future NSDS risk and utility framework in practice along with potential refinements
- Review of OMB identified privacy-preserving technologies within the tiered access framework after adoption
- Consideration of future transparency and accountability initiatives, privacy and ethics education, and information security practices

# Summing It Up

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## Expert Group Discussion

### *Balance*