

**Suggested Projects: Presidential Innovation Fellows  
# 21 - California Public Policy and Federal/Big Data**

An important project for Innovation Fellows is to produce a comprehensive, prioritized list of projects in the MyGov and OpenData areas. There should be a planning group for a conference, or series of meetings, in California to inform this list. It is a sophisticated state, and a good partner for discussing this agenda.

A planning group could enroll California leaders in government, academic institutions and advocacy/interest groups, foundations, and venture capitalists around the theme of Big Data. What do you need, or could you use, from Washington? The UC Berkeley Graduate School of Public Policy (I have taught there) is data-oriented and has a Dean who is an MIT graduate. The campus also is a leader in Big Data techniques and methods. Policy analysts throughout the State also are very good, and also data oriented. And the venture capitalists are alert to Apps and business opportunities for selling to the public sector in California. It is a sophisticated and large market and whatever is worth doing nationally probably can be prototyped and refined in California.

Also, the huge challenges to the California budgets are shared responsibilities with Washington: almost all unsolved or ignored social problems end-up increasing the Medicaid budget. Now, as we are entering the era of Precision Medicine (# 15 at [www.policyscience.net](http://www.policyscience.net) at II. C) the new era of Big Data Health applications should be starting in California.

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