

Governance, Transparency, and Accountability Focus Area

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Overarching Findings

Function:

Provide access to data for evidence building and programmatic improvement for federal, state, and local governments

Value:

- Improve research, evaluation, and programmatic delivery
- Reduce burden to the public
- Minimize delays to access data
- Protect privacy and confidentiality

Canonical Use Cases:

- Health (COVID-19)
- Labor Markets
- Education

Requirements

- Transparency and Trust
- Scalable
- Sustainable
- Strong Oversight and Accountability
- Intergovernmental Support
- Legal Authority to Protect Privacy and Confidentiality
- Accessible
- Innovative

Disincentives:

- Economic
- Legal
- Bureaucratic
- Political

Recommendation: Governance



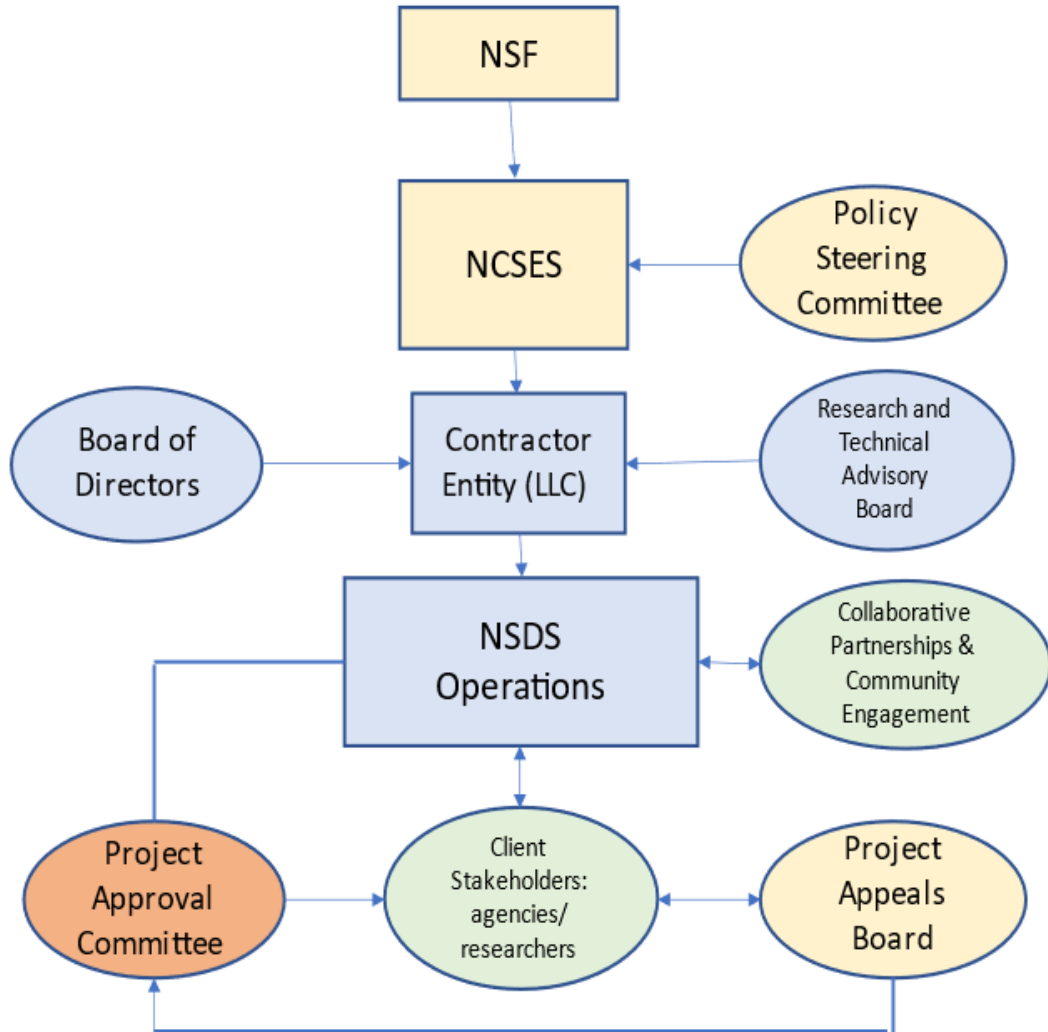
The ADC will need a centralized management structure

- Collaborative system guided by a coherent body and governance process
- Centralized structure coordinates a group of ADC nodes

The ADC will need to continuously produce value

- Add additional features, as needed
- Implement efficient, timely, and transparent business processes
- Help identify and resolve agency bottlenecks
- Receive funding through Federal appropriations and through user charges and partnership/cooperative agreement revenue

Proposed Governance Model: Central Management Structure

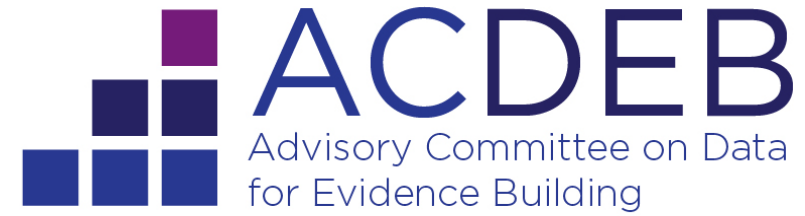


Federal Stakeholders:

- Chief Statistician of the United States
- Interagency Council on Statistical Policy (ICSP)
- Chief Data Officers Council (Chair or Designee)
- Evaluation Officers Council (Chair or Designee)
- Federal Privacy Council (Chair or Designee)
- Chief Information Officers Council (Chair or Designee)
- Director of NCSES

Non-Federal Stakeholders:

- Senior executives or lead partners from the contractor organization(s)
- State government representatives
- Research and evaluation community representatives
- Privacy Expert
- Cybersecurity Expert
- Ethics Expert



Questions & Discussion