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## Ensuring Bioenergy Data Can Be Accessible, Usable, and Useful

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# Why is data access and usability important?

Data should adhere to the FAIR principles:

- Findable
- Accessible
- Interoperable
- Reusable

It is important that federally funded data be shared openly with the public

Data that can be shared with the public will spur innovation, reduce duplicative work, and rapidly advance industries and technologies





Metadata and data should be easy to find for both humans and computers. Machine-readable metadata are essential for automatic discovery of datasets and services.

- Metadata should be used
- Metadata should have globally unique and persistent identifier or document object identifier (DOI)
- Metadata and identifiers should be register or indexed in a searchable resource





Once the user finds the required data, people need to understand how to access the data.

- Metadata, and the raw data, should be retrievable by their identifier using a standard communications protocol
- The protocol should be open, free, and accessible.
- Proper authentication allows for access and use
- Data and metadata need to be available for long-term use and citations (even if the data is out of date or has been replaced by a newer dataset).



## Interoperable Data

The data needs to be easily integrated with other data and/or applications or workflows for analysis, storage, and processing.

- Data should use formats that are easily shared using broadly acceptable languages and formats.
- Metadata should use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles.
- When possible, utilize data content models to ensure consistent vocabularies and taxonomies.



## **Reusable Data**

Data should be optimized for reuse and reutilization of the data. Data should be well-defined, provide provenance about the data sources, and allow for others to build on the data.

- Metadata has deep descriptions
- Data has a clear license assigned so people know how the data can be used
- Data has a clear provenance model
- Data uses proper domain-relevant community standards



## Examples of Data Work







Linked energy information on hundreds of topics crowdsourced from industry and government agencies.

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### Tracking the Sun

#### Abstract

Berkeley Lab's Tracking the Sun report series is dedicated to summarizing installed prices and other trends among grid-connected, distributed solar photovoltaic (PV) systems in the United States. The present report, the 11th edition in the series, focuses on systems installed through year-end 2017, with preliminary trends for the first half of 2018. As in years past, the primary emphasis is on describing changes in installed prices over time and variation in pricing across projects based on location, project ownership, system design, and other attributes. New to this year, however, is an expanded discussion of other project characteristics in the large underlying data sample. Future editions will include more of such material, beyond the report?s traditional focus on installed pricing. The trends described in this report derive primarily from project-level data reported to state agencies and utilities that administer PV incentive programs, solar renewable energy credit (SREC) registration systems, or interconnection processes. In total, data were collected and cleaned for more than 1.3 million individual PV systems, representing 81% of U.S. residential and non-residential PV systems installed through 2017. The analysis of installed pricing trends is based on a subset of roughly 770,000 systems with available installed price data.



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#### Featured Data







# How can this be applied to Bioenergy Data?

- Let's make bioenergy data more FAIR
- We can try to find interesting data that has not been readily accessible and reusable and make it available for public use
- We can use a carrot or a stick to secure data
  - Pay data owners for their high-value data to
  - Require all federally funded data to be collected and stored for reuse



## Let's find the data!



One important step is to find the data that exists but is not currently accessible.

#### I would love to brainstorm about:

- What data would be highly valuable to industry?
- What laboratory data exists, where does it live now, and how can we make it more accessible?
- What other key data owners have valuable data that could be shared?
- How can we avoid duplicative work, advance industry, and accelerate innovation?

## Let's Work Together



I'm always happy to talk data and create a path forward that works for the Bioenergy industry!

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## Thank you!

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