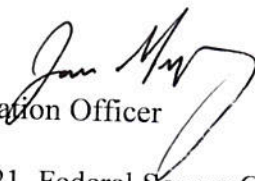


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Reference: OMB M-16-21, Federal Source Code Policy: Achieving Efficiency, Transparency, and Innovation through Reusable and Open Source Software

The Department of Education, Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), is currently implementing objectives defined in OMB M-16-21, "Federal Source Code Policy: Achieving Efficiency, Transparency, and Innovation through Reusable and Open Source Software", issued on August 8, 2016. The Department has made significant progress towards modifying existing policy to ensure new source code is available for sharing and reuse across the Federal Government. To date, OCIO has taken the following steps to meet the objectives:

- Analyzed and revised all relevant policies and submitted for publication clearance;
- Reviewed contractual language for data rights clauses;
- Established a GITHUB site for publishing open source software (OSS); and,
- Drafted data call to identify possible candidate code for publication, such as the College Scorecard, a citizen facing OSS website that provides free tools to help potential students make informed decisions about which colleges or universities to attend.

The Department of Education OMB Federal Source Code, M-16-21 Action Plan, defines the remaining milestones to successfully complete the implementation and to provide on-going management to ensure the inventory will be updated as new code is developed.

Enclosure: OMB Federal Source Code, M-16-21 Action Plan