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the DOL OIG by Elder Research Inc., under contracts

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GS35F0320T/DOLOIG14A0006, 2012-2017

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April 10, 2017

This is in final response to your November 30, 2014 Freedom of Information Act request (215010) addressed to this office for a copy of the statement of work, reports or presentations produced for the DOL OIG by Elder Research Inc., under contracts DOLOIG14Al0006/DOLOIG14U00012, GS35F032OT/DOLF12XG21355, and GS35F0320T/DOLOIG14A0006.

The policy of the Inspector General is to make, to the extent possible, full disclosure of our identifiable records in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Accordingly, I am enclosing a copy of all materials responsive to your request. However, certain information, which includes fields of information used for audit/investigative techniques, and individual's names and personal information have been redacted from the enclosed documents. The withheld information is subject to various FOIA exemptions, as discussed below.

Exemption (b)(6) authorizes the withholding of names and details of personal information in personnel, medical and similar case files, which, if disclosed to the public, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Exemption (b) (7)(e) protects law enforcement information that would disclose techniques or procedures for audits and law enforcement investigations. In this case, specific details regarding data mining techniques the OIG uses for audit/investigative purposes has been redacted on portions of several pages.

You have the right to appeal this response within 90 days from the date of this letter. Should you decide to do this, your appeal must state, in writing, the grounds for appeal, together with any statement or arguments. Such an appeal should be addressed and directed to the Solicitor of Labor, citing OIG/FOIA No.215010, Room N-2428, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Please refer to the Department of Labor regulations at 29 CFR 70.22 for further details on your appeal rights.

Should you need to discuss your request, feel free to contact this office at 202-693-5116 and select Disclosure Officer, or the DOL FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks at 202-693-5427. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Finally, fees were not charged for this request. If you have any concerns regarding this letter, feel free to contact me at this office at 202-693-5116 and refer to FOIA case number 215010 on future inquiries.

Sincerely,

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Disclosure Officer

Enclosures

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Insight Perpetual License	Perpetual	\$125,000.00	\$62,500.00	\$62,500.00
RADR Annual Maintenance	12 Months	\$21,500.00	\$10,750.00	\$10,750.00
Insight Annual Maintenance	12 Months	\$31,250.00	\$15,625.00	\$15,625.00
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BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE SOLUTION (BI-SOLUTION) STATEMENT OF WORK

Background

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The OIG has an IT audit office located in the Frances Perkins Building, Washington, DC. This office is responsible for ensuring the Inspector General meets mandatory obligations to perform annual evaluations of more than 60 DOL major information systems' security controls, and provide targeted extracts of database information, including at times establishing the reliability of the information at a summary or transaction level. The latter activity is generally referred to as data mining or also called knowledge discovery. OIG has been using Elder Research Inc.'s RADR and Insight proprietary software for performing data mining and analytics of DOL's Office of Workers Compensation Federal Employees' Compensation Act chargeback, compensation, bill pay, case management and DOL OIG's investigative case file data.

Objective and Scope

The objective is for OIG to contract with Elder Research Inc. to provide an automated BI-Solution for performing knowledge discovery across heterogeneous DOL computing environments and related external systems that are comprised of large databases, including many within high Terabyte ranges.

Requirements

The contractor shall establish an automated BI-Solution for OIG and additional DOL program agencies using the proprietary RADR and Insight software for knowledge discovery activities that can span multiple program agencies' disparate systems, networks, and databases in order to assess and analyze the data. Information generated from these discovery activities is to further OIG audit targeting involving issues such as potential waste, fraud, and abuse and covering multiple topics such as revenue, expenses, payments, performance measurement, enforcement actions, employee safety and retirement, cost savings, entity and metadata identification, and/or combinations of any or all these elements. The use of the BI-Solution using RADR and Insight will be seen as an important tool in OIG's analysis of information from selected databases. It will allow users to analyze information from unforeseen data relationships, find correlations or patterns among dozens of data fields residing in a variety of types of databases such as flat-file, relational, and/or hierarchical databases. Databases may also be ranged across multiple operating systems platforms such as Windows, Unix, Oracle, and Open Source.

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- Insight
 - o Perpetual Multiple DOL Progam Agency License
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- The mathematical models for current and future projects
- The Insight cubes (output via OLAP) and the underlying data for current and future projects.
- IT services, including training, that is in support of the use of RADR and Insight for current and future projects.
- Specific documentation, such as process and procedures related to the access, use and reporting of RADR and Insight and the Insight cubes.

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Pursuant to BPA contract number(s) <u>DOL-OIG-14-A-0006</u>, a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) is hereby established between <u>Elder Research</u>, <u>Inc.</u> and the <u>U.S.DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL)</u> under the terms and conditions of the above stated contract(s) and the following terms and conditions are incorporated in this BPA:

I. AUTHORITY

This BPA is entered into pursuant to the Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 13.303-2.

II. DESCRIPTION OF AGREEMENT

This Blanket Purchase Agreement allows for ordering of services for <u>Business Intelligence Solution (BI-SOLUTION) Covering Vast and Complex</u>, by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General. Please be advised that the services to be provided for BPA <u>DOL-OIG-14-A-0006</u> is described below in Section III entitled "Scope of Work" The period of performance for this BPA encompasses five years.

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The Government anticipates awarding various fixed price Time & Material (T&M labor hour) Task Orders from this BPA. Please provide a list of potential labor categories and associated prices.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Primary Point of Contact:	W. Gerhard Pilcher
	Vice President & Senior Scientist
	855-973-7673 ext. 707 (phone)
	434-973-7875 (fax)
	Gerhard@datamininglab.com
Alternate Point of Contact:	Jeff Deal
	Vice President, Operations
	434-227-5851 ext. 851 (phone)
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V. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

This BPA shall be in effect from the date of award through five years.

VI. DESCRIPTION OF AGREEMENT

Under this agreement, the BPA holder shall provide lifecycle replacement and enhancement of the existing <u>Business</u> <u>Intelligence Solution (BI-SOLUTION) Covering Vast and Complex</u> that support the users across the country for the Department of Labor's OIG. The above described supplies and/or services shall be provided when ordered by an authorized Contracting Officer during the specified period stated in Item V, entitled "PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE".

VII. REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTING OFFICER

The Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) is Keith Galayda.

The COTR has the following authority:

To direct work but does not have authority to direct the contractor to perform work outside the scope, price, terms and conditions of the BPA's performance work statement and issued task orders, the GSA Federal Supply Schedule Pricing, terms and conditions or in excess of funding which has been obligated by the Contracting Officer for performance of work; inspection and acceptance of supplies/services; and Invoices.

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PROVIDE A BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE SOLUTION (BI-SOLUTION) COVERING VAST AND COMPLEX DATA TO EXTRAPOLATE MEANINGFUL RESULTS

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Requirements

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Pursuant to BPA contract number(s) <u>DOL-OIG-14-A-0006</u>, a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) is hereby established between <u>Elder Research</u>, <u>Inc.</u> and the <u>U.S.DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL)</u> under the terms and conditions of the above stated contract(s) and the following terms and conditions are incorporated in this BPA:

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This BPA is entered into pursuant to the Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 13.303-2.

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II. DESCRIPTION OF AGREEMENT

This Blanket Purchase Agreement allows for ordering of services for <u>Business Intelligence Solution (BI-SOLUTION) Covering Vast and Complex</u>, by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General. Please be advised that the services to be provided for BPA <u>DOL-OIG-14-A-0006</u> is described below in Section III entitled "Scope of Work" The period of performance for this BPA encompasses five years.

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Deliverables

- RADR
 - o Perpetual Multiple DOL Progam Agency License
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- Insight
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- The mathematical models for current and future projects
- The Insight cubes (output via OLAP) and the underlying data for current and future projects.
- IT services, including training, that is in support of the use of RADR and Insight for current and future projects.
- Specific documentation, such as process and procedures related to the access, use and reporting of RADR and Insight and the Insight cubes.

The Government anticipates awarding various fixed price Time & Material (T&M labor hour) Task
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DOL-OIG Claimant Fraud Model

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Department of Labor Office of the Inspector General (DOL-OIG) contracted with Elder Research, Inc. (ERI) in FY 2013 to create a model to detect fraud in the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), specifically in the Federal Employee Claims Act (FECA). The process of modeling the data should highlight abnormalities in the data that can be used to form the basis of future audits.

Defining Fraud

DOL-OIG provided a data set, called the (b) (7)(E)

This file contains both claimant and provider cases. These cases will be used to define fraud for the modeling process.

Limitations

The OI file has both provider and claimant cases. Provider cases will not be used in this data analysis. Provider cases will be removed by virtue of joining the OI file with the Case Management file; the SSN of the provider will not be found with an associated case in the Case Management file.

The cases in the Oi file represent a many-to-many situation. A claimant can have more than one criminal, administrative, or civil action taken against them. A claimant can also have multiple medical claims in FECA. Unfortunately, there is no way to know which particular case for a claimant led to the criminal/administrative/civil action; only an SSN is available from the DOL-OIG investigation results, not a claim number. Thus, one result might match to many cases in the Case Management file. We will discuss ways to limit this problem later on.

Criminal cases in the DOL-OIG FECA file have a number of different outcomes. They are

- DECL Declined
 - o The prosecution declined to prosecute the case. This could be for any number of reasons, including a lack of evidence, or an excessive workload at the district court.
- CV Convicted
 - o The claimant was convicted. The exact charge is unknown.
- DS Dismissed
 - o The case was dismissed because there wasn't enough evidence to make a decision.
- PT Pre-trial
- AC -- Acquitted
 - o The claimant was found not guilty.

All cases will be considered fraud, regardless of the criminal outcome. After discussions with the team that runs the case tracking system, it was decided that all cases should be considered fraud, because the investigator believed it to be fraud. They want to be able to find cases similar to these in the future. The legal outcome was more likely a procedural side effect rather than a reflection of the merit of the case.

Administrative cases in the DOL-OIG FECA file have a number of different referral outcomes. They are:

- Benefit/Payments
- Cost Efficiencies
- Counseling
- Debarment/Suspension
- Declared Overpayment
- Forfeitures Crim/Civ
- None
- Recoveries
- Resignation
- Restitution Crim/Civ.
- Revocation/Denial
- Termination
- Voluntary Restitution

As with Criminal outcome codes, all Administrative outcomes will be considered fraud for the purpose of modeling.

Civil cases are all against providers. They will not be considered in this analysis.

Data Sets

Chargeback

Data owner: DOL. The amount being charged to an agency for a case that belongs to one of their employees. Includes information from the Case Management file and summary information from the Bill Pay and Compensation files.

Compensation

Data owner: DOL. Cases that receive payment for a FECA claim. Includes repeated payments and one-time payments. Only includes active payments in a given time period.

Bill Pay

Data owner: DOL. Bill paid on behalf of DOL for a FECA case. Includes information about payment, whether it be to a pharmacy, hospital, or physician.

Case Management

Data owner: DOL, FECA cases that have been reported to DOL, Includes all open and closed cases.

OI Case File

Data owner: DOL-OIG. FECA cases that have been investigated by DOL.

Data Audit

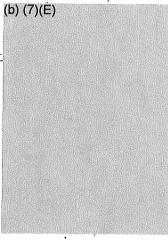
A data audit was performed on Chargeback, Compensation, Bill Pay, and Case Management data. This included learning about the data, transforming the raw text files into denormalized tables, examining properties of the data, and much else. Here are a number of the things that we learned about each of the raw data sets:

Chargeback

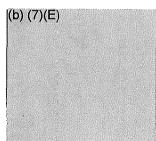
Chargeback is provided in a fixed width format. The data has two record types, with different fixed widths, in the same file: Summary Records and Detail Records. There is a set of metadata rows associated with both record types. The record type is differentiated by the field "Record Type."

Chargeback data contains non-numeric characters as the last character in many of the numeric columns. This is an artifact from the way the data used to be stored in (b) (7)(E)

These characters are a 1-to-1 replacement of a number. The conversion table is:



Chargeback contains numeric currency fields that are not identified as such. This means that decimal places for dollar values with cents are missing. Decimal places were added to the following fields:



Compensation

Compensation is provided in a fixed width format. The data has three record types, each with different fixed widths, in the same file. The major redefine is between Death Records, Temporary Disability Records, and Scheduled Awards Records. The record type is determined by the variable "Pay Type." 1

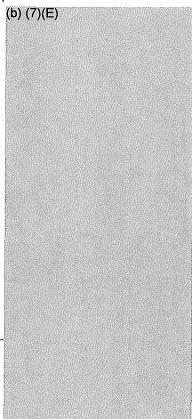
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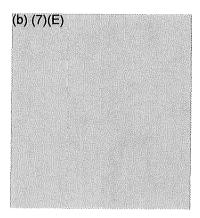
Payee addresses are broken into either physical mailing address columns or (b) information. The phrase (b) (7)(E) is found from characters from 114 to 128 if the records are specific. Otherwise, the columns are broken down into address information.

Since the data is fixed width, the column boundaries are outlined by a data dictionary. After data inspection, it was discovered that there was one more byte of data than there should have been, as indicated by the data dictionary. A conversation with the data owner confirmed this, and they are in the process of correcting the data dictionary. The additional byte of data belongs to the final column in the data, Cash Receipt.

It was discovered during the import process that some of the Compensation files were shorter in width than other files. We determined that expanded columns were inadvertently left off of the data extract. We requested those additional columns from a subset of the months. We replaced the old extract files with the new extract files.

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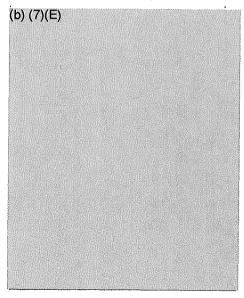




Bill Pay

Bill Pay is provided in a fixed width format. The data has three record types on the same file: Provider records, Hospital records, and Pharmacy records. The field breakdown is determined by the column "Provider Type:" F indicates a Pharmacy record, H indicates a Hospital record, and P indicates a Physician record. There are also redefines in the data depending on whether the record is from before or after 09/04/2003. Since all of our data is more recent than 2003, our record structure is set up to assume the columns for post-2003 data.

Bill Pay contains numeric currency fields that are not identified as such. This means that decimal places for dollar values with cents are missing. Decimal places were added to the following fields (the number of decimal fields is indicated in parentheses):



Case Management

Case Management is provided in a pipe delimited file. There are no redefines in the data. No issues with the raw data were discovered during the audit process.

Through this process, we learned about the concept of Retired Cases. These are the equivalent of historical cases. They were once active FECA cases, but have not received a payment(b) (7)(E) When that time passes, they are moved off of the Case Management file and into the Retired database. While we could like to consider closed cases, we were told by the data owners that retired records were structured very differently and would be very difficult to retrieve. We decided to move forward with only cases that had been active recently and thus appear in the Case Management file.

Audit Files

Data audits were performed for all files mentioned above. Reports from the audits are attached in the appendix of this document.

Data Analysis

A big part of getting to know the data is to start asking questions. As an outsider without intimate knowledge of the data or the business processes, we ask the data many questions. Some of these questions are easily answered through discussions with the subject matter experts. Other questions might lead to discoveries in the data that were previously unknown. These can present potential vulnerabilities in the business process.

Case Number Overlap

To begin with, we found the common variable (case number) on all of the tables, and compared how often a specific case was found on each of the four files.

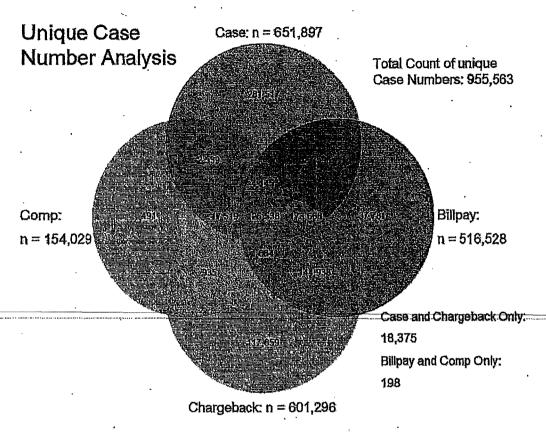


Figura 1. Unique Case Number Analysis

As you can see in Figure 1, there were a number of case numbers not represented on the Case Management table. This was a concern that we brought to the attention of the data owners who performed the extract, OWCP. They indicated that a filter removing all short-form closure cases was inadvertently left in place when the data was extracted for this project. They gave us a new extract of the data. We performed the same analysis with the new Case Management data.

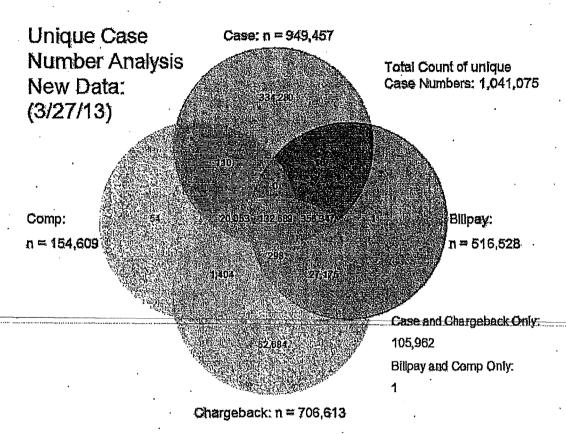


Figure 2. Update Unique Case Number Analysis

The data owners agreed that these new numbers made more sense. The lack of total overlap was of some concern. For example, that there were cases on Compensation, Chargeback, and Billpay that did not appear on the Case Management file. This was explained by Retired cases. Cases are "retired" after a certain timeframe of inactivity associated with the case. Since the Case Management file was snapshotted after the Compensation, Billpay, and Chargeback files were extracted, it is possible those discrepancies occurred because of the slight time difference.

Potential Audit Issues

Throughout the course of our data analysis, we noted what to us, as outsiders, seemed strange. Each of these could be a potential audit. Examples are presented below. These issues were presented in detail during status update meetings, and are summarized here.

Case Management

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Pre-Modeling

Winnowing Down the Modeling Dataset

Cases in the Case Management file were opened as long ago as 1940. This creates an issue of stale data. We would like to include only recent cases, since the nature of OWCP has surely changed in the last eight decades, but need a methodical way to do so. Luckily, this probably has been somewhat taken care by the practice of removing Retired cases.

Additional considerations include payment. Since we are modeling fraud with the goal of a monetary return to DOL and the employing agency, it would be important to only consider cases (b) (7)(E)

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This was accomplished by inner joining the (b) (7) data and (b) (7)(E)

data to the Case Management data on case number. Since we only have data and data since FY 2009, this will remove a number of cases from modeling consideration on the final analysis dataset.

Another consideration is undue weight given to a single claimant. This could happen if one claimant has many FECA claims. A way to avoid this is to only consider (b)(7)(E) The most recent case is determined by the (b)(7)(E) If a claimant has more than one case with the

same date of injury, then the following tie breakers will be used: (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E)

Another consideration is to (b) (7)(E) At this point, whether or not a claim continues is out of their hands. They cannot actively be perpetrating fraud. So they will also be removed from the analysis dataset.

After all of these modifications to the Case Management dataset, which originally had 949,457 records, the new analysis dataset had 344,660 records.

Non-Fraud

As discussed earlier, some of the claims in the Case Management file are known to be fraudulent. We need a contrasting label for all other claims. In an ideal world, they would be known not fraud, meaning they had been investigated or audited and had been determined to be not fraudulent. Unfortunately, we do not have marked non-fraud cases. Instead, we classified all cases outside of the known fraud set as "unknown." From there, we winnowed down the cases in consideration, as outlined in the Creating a Modeling Dataset section. Additionally, data mining techniques were performed to attempt to identify those cases most likely to be non-fraud. That process is outlined in the Selecting Non-Fraud section.

Creating Variables

Many of the variables that were used for this data mining effort (such as injury type, injury nature, rehabilitation indicator) are categorical variables with a large number of categories. With our sparseness of known fraud cases and the large number of categories, we needed to narrow down the categories to those that are most important. We started by looking at the categorical responses that were most common in each of the variables for the universe of cases. We then performed chi-square tests to compare the frequency of these categories for fraud and non-fraud cases. This let us know the categories where fraud cases have a statistically higher-than or lower-than-expected ratio of occurrence.

(b) (7)(E)

Two variables available about each claimant is (b) (7)(E)

and (b) (7)

This was put forth as a possible model variable.

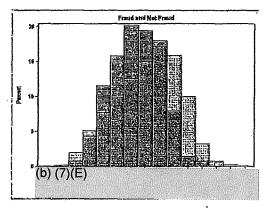


Figure 3. (b) (7)(E)

As can be seen in Figure 3, fraud cases tend to have (b) (7)(E)

Injury Variables

There are five different injury variables (b)(7)(E)

Many of

these variables have over 50 different possible categories. To include each category of each variable would water down the model significantly. Instead, we did analysis into the more prevalent categories from each variable. We considered each category that had at least 1% of the data. From there, we did a chi-square test for each variable, checking whether the category occurred statistically more often in fraud cases than non-fraud cases. This led to the creation of four binary variables:

Rehab Indicator

One available variable is whether or not a claimant is or was in rehabilitation for a specific injury. This variable was condensed down – any valid value was considered an indication of rehab, while a missing value was considered an indication of no rehab.

Number of Cases

This derived variable calculates the total number of claims within the Case Management file by (b)

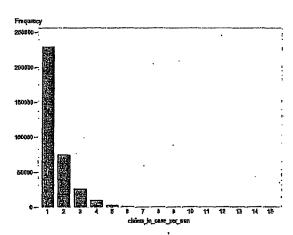


Figure 4. Claims in Case Management by (b) (7)

ICD-9

There is a variable in the Case Management file called (b) (7)(E)

The description from the data

dictionary is (b) (7)(E)

and the valid values are "Narrative, or up to 6

ICD-9 codes." Typically, we like to work with the Primary Accepted Condition. We followed up with the data owners to find out if the codes were listed in any specific order. We received the following response: "No, the codes aren't listed in any particular order and we don't consider any one code 'primary'. All codes are the injuries that are accepted in the claim, so all have equal primacy."

- 72% of cases have one or more ICD-9s
- 31% of cases have two or more ICD-9s
- 14% of cases have three or more ICD-9s
- 7% of cases have four or more ICD-9s
- 3% of cases have five or more ICD-9s
- 1% of cases have six ICD-9s

Unfortunately, the model and visualization needs a primary ICD-9, and without an established hierarchy, one had to be devised that was at least consistent among all cases. We picked the first ICD-9 and classified it as the Primary Accepted Condition.

Bill Reimbursement Percentage

Bills can either be paid directly to a provider, hospital, or pharmacy, or they can be reimbursed back to the claimant. Claimants can perpetrate fraud by having bills reimbursed to themselves that they never paid. One way to approach this is to look at the percent of bills that a claimant had reimbursed. We created this derived variable by dividing the number of reimbursed bills by the total number of bills paid. Note that this formula is blind to the monetary value of the bills.

Master and Subsidiary Cases

The Case Management file comes with two types of cases: Independent cases and "dependent cases," which are further broken down into two types: Master and Subsidiary. The following information was found on a DOL website (http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dfec/regs/compliance/DFECfolio/FECA-PT2/group5.htm) about when cases are classified as either dependent or independent:

- c. When to Double Cases. Cases should be doubled when correct adjudication of the issues depends on frequent cross-reference between files. Cases meeting one of the following tests must be doubled:
 - (1) A new injury case is reported for an employee who previously filed an injury claim for a similar condition or the same part of the body. For instance, a claimant with an existing case for a back strain submits a new claim for a herniated lumbar disc.
 - (2) <u>Two or more separate injuries</u> (not recurrences) have occurred on the same date.
 - (3) <u>Adjudication or other processing</u> will require frequent reference to a case which does not involve a similar condition or the same part of the body. For instance, an employee with an existing claim for carpal tunnel syndrome files a new claim for a mental condition which has overlapping periods of disability.

Based on these descriptions, we believe the subsidiary cases are different enough from the master case that they should be treated, and thus modeled, separately. Thus, each individual record in the Case Management file will be scored, regardless of the DOL perception of association between one or more cases.

Date of Injury

Based on a chi-square analysis, we determined that injuries were reported to have occurred more often or (b) (7)(E) and in (b) (7)(E) A binary flag for both of these concepts will be added to the analysis dataset. The analysis is shown below. In Figure 5 and Figure 6, the Day of the Week comparison is broken down.

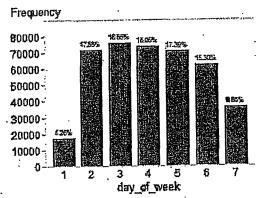


Figure 5. Number of Claims, by Day of the Week, for Non-fraud Cases

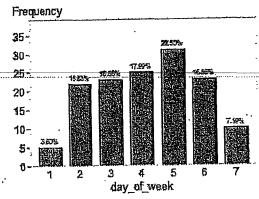


Figure 6. Number of Claims, by Day of the Week, for Fraud Cases

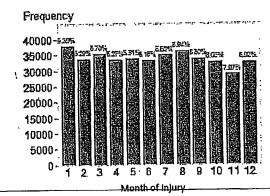


Figure 7. Number of Claims, by Month of Injury, for Non-Fraud Cases

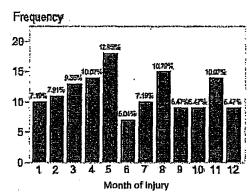


Figure 8. Number of Claims, by Month of Injury, for Fraud Cases

District

DOL has a number of different districts, based on geographic location of the claimant, which could be responsible for handling a claim. We determined that District (b) which covers (b) (7)(E) has a higher than expected incidence level of fraud.

Transportation Expenses

In Bill Pay data, there are expenses related to transportation. The Office of Audit recently conducted an audit that focused on these payments and found that they were often unauthorized or extreme and did not have the necessary level of oversight. We created a metric that (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

This variable became a new input

into the model.

Modeling Methodology

Overview of the Modeling Process

Modeling is a three-step process: training, validation, and testing. First, we build many models using samples of the training data. This includes many types of models, such as logistic regressions and random forests, and many variations of those models. We continue to tune parameters for the model based on the insights learned from the results of previous models. We use validation data to evaluate how well a specific model with a certain set of tuned parameters works. Once we have a specific model for each methodology, such as a logistic regression and random forest, we compare those model types to each other using the testing data. Analyzing how well those models perform against each other using the testing data allows us to determine the final model that will be put into production.

Selecting Non-Fraud

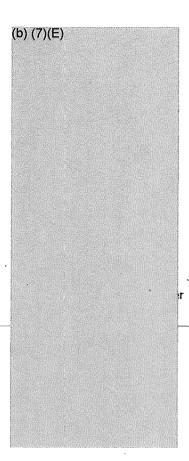
The modeling approach used to identify potential fraudulent cases within the DOL data was more complex than a normal prediction model. A very low percentage of known fraud within the data

prevented the usage of common methodology for identifying other fraud cases. This was caused by only having 139 observations of known fraud within the data, compared to 405,228 cases that may or may not be fraud. This means that 0.00034% of our analysis data set is truly fraud. It is extremely unlikely that 0.00034% is the true percentage of fraud cases within the data; therefore, some of the 405,228 cases whose fraud status is unknown are likely to be fraud. It is critical to identify these cases that are not classified as either fraud or not fraud but are probably fraud. Recognizing these cases is crucial because any models created from data where there are fraud cases classified as not fraud, would be biased and provide inaccurate predictions. To overcome this obstacle, a two-step modeling approach was constructed to reduce the probability of classifying fraud cases as not fraud.

Before any of the modeling was started, 30% (41 observations) of the fraud cases were removed from the list of fraud data and put into a testing data set. These 41 observations would be used at the very end of the modeling process to identify how well the model works on data it has never seen before. This process of splitting data into different subsets is known as data partitioning. Three subsets of the whole dataset are created throughout the modeling process. These three subsets are training data, validation data, and testing data. The training data is used to create many models using many combinations of variables and techniques. Once the numerous models have been created, they are then validated against the validation data set. A particular model could work very well against training data; however, the algorithm might be extremely over fit to training data. That model would perform very poorly against validation data, whereas models that do not suffer from over fitting will perform well against validation data. From this validation of the models, a final model should be selected to use in production. Once that model has been decided upon, the testing data is used to understand how effectively the production model will perform on unseen data. This allows final calculations to be made on the predictive power and accuracy of the production model. Reference to these three data partitions will be made in the rest of the Modeling Methodology section as the three partitions are created.

Once the 41 observations were set aside for model testing at the end of the modeling process, the two-step modeling approach could be started. The first step in the two-step modeling approach is designed to more accurately classify the cases that currently are unknown according to whether they are fraud or not fraud. These particular cases are then ranked based upon their likelihood of fraud. This ranking will not be exact, but will provide a more accurate representation of whether or not each data point is fraudulent. To create a ranked list of each unknown fraud observation, an initial logistic regression was created. This model was constructed using all of the variables that were designated to be used in the modeling process. Some of these variables are from the raw data, others are transformations of raw data, and several are binary indicators. The list of variables is:

(b)	(7)	(E)			



All of these variables were used in a stepwise logistic regression model that had an entry alpha level of 0.18 and allowed for second order interactions to be tested. For this initial model, all of the 98 (139 initial cases, minus the 41 held out for testing) remaining fraud cases were modeled against the 405,229 cases (one case could not be used due to a missing gender) whose fraud status was unknown. The stepwise model ran for 20 iterations and identified the following variables as being important predictors:

(b) (7)(E)	llysia	of Effects	
	表	Wald	
	DE	Chi-Square	Pr > ChiSq
	1	41.6643	<.0001
	4;	54.7440	· <.0001
	1	26.7040	<.0001
	1	13.0133	0.0003
	1	10.1836	0.0014
	1	8.2502	0.0041
	1	1.1538	0.2828
	4	0.5615	0.4537
	1:	2.9814	0.0842
	1	0.3950	0.5297
	1;	0.0491	0.8246
	1:	10.9505	₽.0009
	1	8.8371	0.0030
	. 1	4.4409	0.0351
	1.	3,9471	0.0470
	1	2.5385	0.1111
	1.	2.9470	0.0860
	1;	2.5967	0,1071

From this output, there are 18 parameters, aside from the intercept, that were used in the initial model. The importance of each parameter can be noticed by the Wald Chi-Square value. Also, parameters that have an '*' in their name are interaction parameters. This means that there is a relationship between these two variables that, when used together, enhances the predictive power of the model.

After the logistic regression model was created, all of the observations were scored using the model and a probability of fraud was generated for each of the cases with an unknown fraud status. These scores were then turned into an ordered list, which was used to determine which cases can be classified as not fraud. The determination of not fraud was made by the percentile of an observation's score. With an assumed response of not fraud, accurate models could then be created to predict fraud in DOI data.

Creating Modeling Datasets

Before the second step of the two-step modeling approach could commence, a sample needed to be taken from the known fraud cases and the list of unknown fraud cases to fully create the training,

validation, and testing data sets. From the entire population of known fraud cases, 41 had already been set aside from the very beginning for use in the testing data set and had no impact on the first step of this methodology. The remaining 70% (98 observations), which were used in the first step of the modeling process, needed to be split into training and validation data for the second step of the modeling process. From these 98 data points, 71 were randomly sampled to be used in the training data set and the remaining 27 were used for the validation data set. This resulted with a breakdown of 50%, 20%, and 30% of known fraud cases into the training, validation, and testing data set, respectively.

The ordered list of unknown fraud observations then had to be sampled in order to complement the known fraud cases that had already been partitioned. First, observations to be put into the testing partition were selected by randomly sampling from the ordered list of unknown fraud cases below the 5th percentile mark. This means that, for the testing data set, the 5% of cases most likely to be fraud were withheld and could not be randomly selected to fall into the group selected as not fraud to complement the fraud in the testing partition. The 5th percentile cutoff is designed to mimic, in theory, the amount of fraud historically found in datasets. Based upon past research, it has been shown that 5% of any data contains fraud. Therefore, if the initial stepwise logistic regression served its purpose, the top 5% of the data in the ranked list should be the fraudulent cases. Since there should be no in fraud in the subset we are randomly selecting to complement the known fraud in the testing partition, the 5th percentile barrier was used to theoretically prevent any fraud from being classified as not fraud. This will not be completely accurate at preventing true fraud from being classified as not fraud, but this is desirable because the purpose of the testing partition is to mimic reality, and in real data, there will be actual fraud that is being considered not fraud. 778 observations were randomly selected and considered not fraud. The count of 778 was derived so that when added to the 41 observations of known fraud, the known fraud would be approximately 5% of the testing data set. Again, the 5% is the theoretical percentage of fraud in a data set.

After a sample had been taken from the ordered list of unknown fraud in order to complete the testing data set, the list had to be randomly sampled again to finish the creation of the training and validation data sets. When creating the testing data set, a 5th percentile cutoff was used; for the training and validation partition, a 15th percentile cutoff was used. The reasoning behind this is that it is important to be extremely accurate in the identification of not fraud cases for the training and validation components of the model creation process. If there are fraud cases that have been diagnosed as not fraud in either the training or validation partitions, there will be bias built into all of the created models and also in the model that is put into production based upon the validation data. 512 observations were selected for the validation partition, which results in a 5% rate of fraud when combined with the 27 known fraud cases in the validation data set. The rest of the observations below the 15th percentile were designated for the training data set. Different types of predictive models can handle vast differences in the size of the training data, and therefore, all remaining 343,231 observations were assigned to the training partition.

Partition	Total Size	Fraud Count	Not Fraud Count	
Training.	343,302	71	343,231	

Validation	539	27	512	
Testing	7.78	41	819	

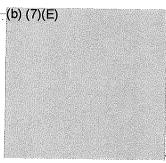
Table 2. Total Cases used in each of the modeling datasets

Models

After the data was properly partitioned, the second stage of the two-step approach was able to begin. For this part of the modeling methodology, 3 different algorithms were used to attempt to predict fraud. The 3 different algorithms used were logistic regression, random forest, and neural network. The same variables that were used in the initial model were also used for the logistic regression, random forest, and neural network.

Logistic Regression

The logistic regression was created in SAS. First, we fed all variables mentioned above into the logistic regression. We ran this 500 times. We kept track of the variables selected in each iteration of the logistic regression. From that list, we selected the variables that were selected in at least 50% of the models and always had scores of the same sign (i.e. always positive or always negative). We used these variables to run the final logistic regression. The following variables were selected:



This model performed very well in the out-of-sample data, as is demonstrated in the ROC Curve figures seen below. ROC (short for Receiver Operator Characteristics Curves) Curves are a common tool used to evaluate models:

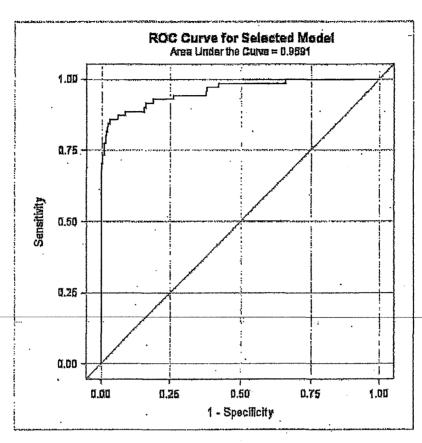


Figure 9. ROC Curve for Logistic Regression Model

Random Forest

A random forest model was also created to see how well it would stack up against the competition. A random forest model is a collection of decision trees that are ensembled together. Each individual tree uses different variables and different observations. These variables and observations are both randomly selected from the training data. In total, there were 1,000 trees generated for the random forest, each of them being built from 50 fraud cases and 950 not fraud cases.

Neural Network

Lastly, a neural network was created using the training data. For the neural network, there needed to be a defined set of not fraud observations. Because of this, 1,349 observations were taken from the not fraud training set to be paired with the 71 known fraud observations in the training set. 71 was selected to maximize the number of included fraud cases in the model. This caused the percentage of fraud to be 5% within the training data utilized for the neural network. The final neural network that was developed had a decay weight of 0.25 and contained 10 hidden layers.

Scoring

All three of these models were then scored against the validation data to understand how effective they are in predicting fraud.

ROC Curve - Single Models - Validation

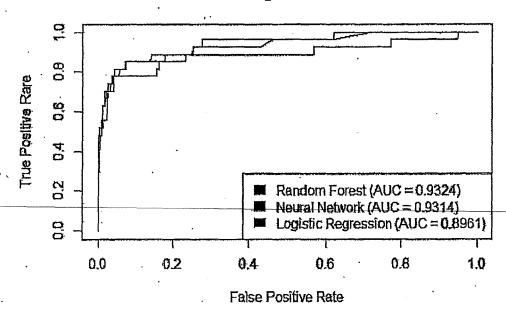
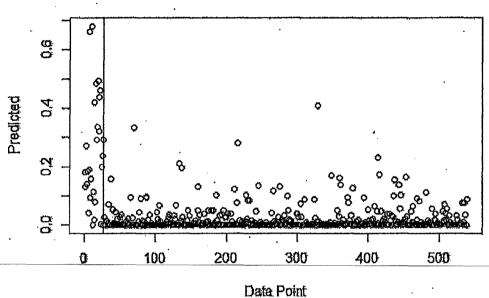


Figure 10. Comparison of Three Models' Performance on Validation Data

The measurement used to determine the effectiveness of the models is the area under the curve (AUC). This value is calculated by figuring out the area below the ROC curve. The ROC curve is a way to compare true positive rate to false positive rate. In order to compare the models together, the key idea to understand is that the model with the highest AUC value is the more desirable model. A baseline all AUC values can be compared to is an AUC of 0.5, which is pure random assignment of fraud and not fraud. Based upon the above graph, the random forest model performed the best, followed very closely by the neural network. The logistic regression performed still performed well, but not as well as the other two models. A few more plots to understand the effectiveness of each of these models are below.

The vertical line in these three plots is the cutoff between fraud and not fraud. Observations to the left of the vertical line are known fraud cases; therefore a higher predicted value is desired. Observations to the right of the vertical line are the not fraud cases and therefore would ideally have predicted values that are close to 0. This is another method to visually see how effective each of the three techniques is at predicting fraud versus not fraud.

Random Forest - Validation



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Figure 11. Random Forest Predicted Score on Validation Data

Neural Network - Validation

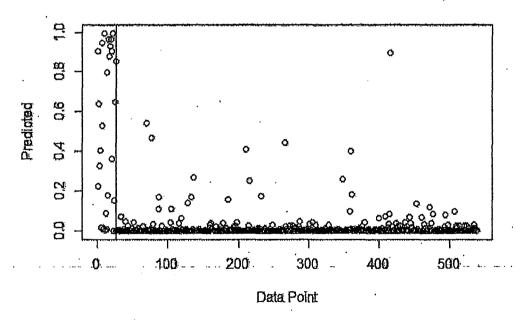


Figure 12. Neural Network Predicted Score on Validation Data

Logistic Regression - Validation

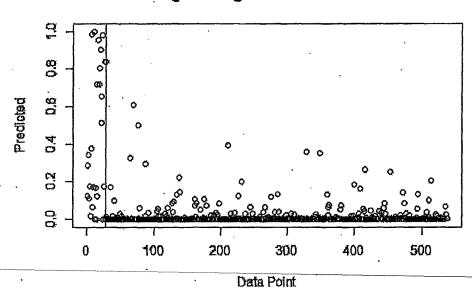
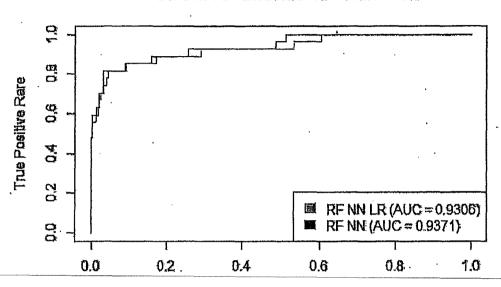


Figure 13. Logistic Regression Predicted Score on Validation Data

Ensembling

A way to improve model performance and to prevent overfitting is ensembling different modeling techniques together. Since a logistic regression, a random forest, and a neural network were all effective at predicting fraud based upon assessment statistics, the random forest was be ensembled with the neural network into a new model, and also all three were ensembled together. The ensembles were created by averaging the probabilities (predicted values) of the ensembled models together. The accuracy of the two new ensemble models can be seen in the following plots.

ROC Curve - Ensembles - Validation



False Positive Rate

Figure 14. ROC Curve for Ensembled Models on Validation Data

NN RF LR - Validation

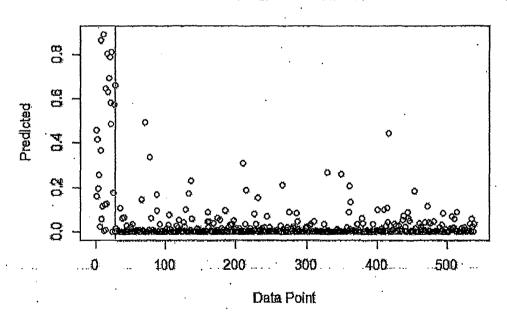


Figure 15. Ensembled Model Predicted Score on Validation Data

NN RF - Validation

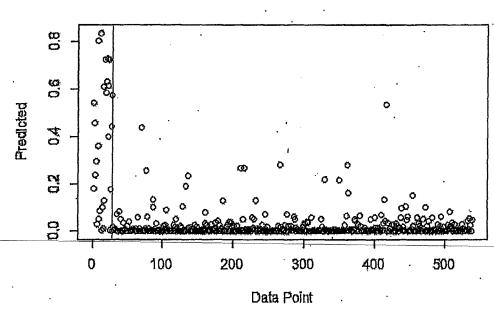


Figure 16. Predicted Scores for Ensembled Models on Validation Data

Based upon the AUC score for the new ensemble models, the random forest and neural network ensemble performed better out of the two ensembles and also better than any of the individual models.

Model	AUC (Validation Data)					
Random Forest	0.9324					
Neural Network	0.9314					
Logistic Regression	0.8961					
Logistic Regression + Random Forest + Neural Net	0.9306					
Random Forest + Neural Net	0.9371					

Table 3. Model Performance

Based on the performance of the random forest and neural network ensemble with the validation data, this model was selected to be the model used in production to determine which cases are fraudulent.

Model Evaluation

After the final model was chosen, the model was evaluated against the testing dataset to identify the model's effectiveness against unseen 'real world' data. For comparison, all of the other potential models were also assessed using the testing data; however, the ensemble of the random forest and neural network will be the model used in production, not any of the other models.

ROC Curve - Single Models - Testing

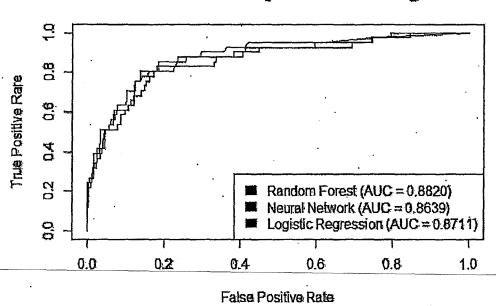


Figure 17. ROC Curve for Individual Models on Testing Data

ROC Curve - Ensembles - Testing

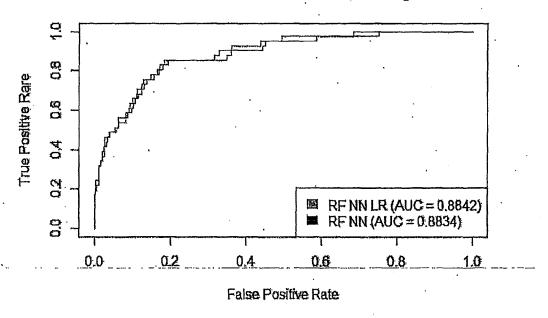
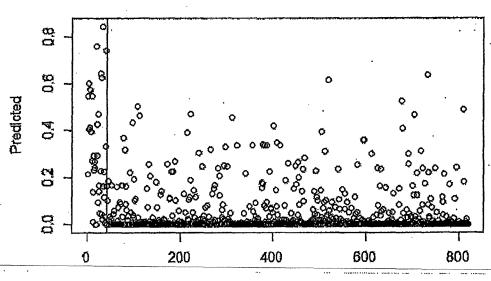


Figure 18. ROC Curve for Ensembled Models on Testing Data

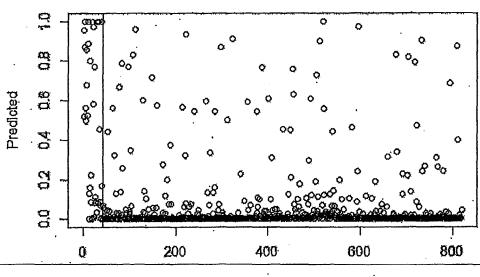
Random Forest - Testing



Data Point

Figure 19. Predicted Values for Random Forest on Testing Data

Neural Network - Testing



Data Point

Figure 20. Predicted Values for Neural Network on Testing Data

Logistic Regression - Testing

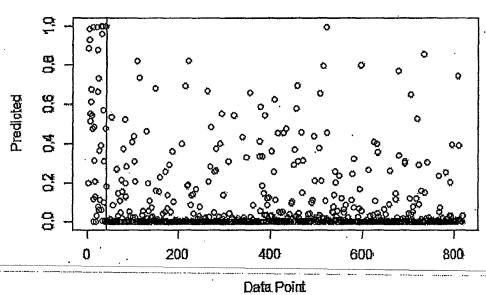


Figure 21. Predicted Values for Logistic Regression on Testing Data

NN RF LR - Testing

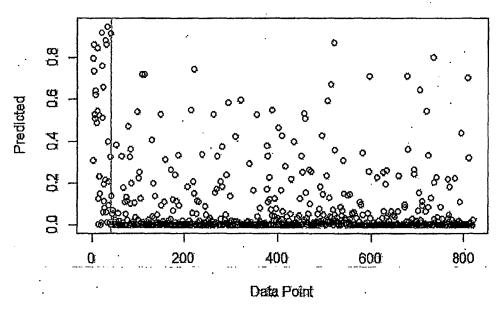
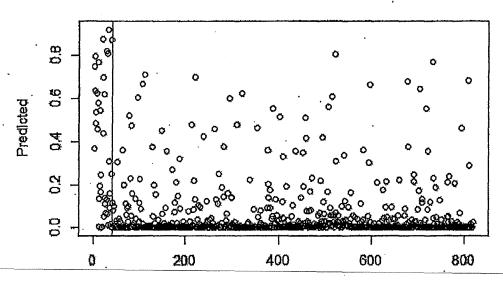


Figure 22. Predicted Values for Ensembled Model on Testing Data

NN RF - Testing



Data Point

Figure 23. Predicted Values for Ensembled Models on Testing Data

From the evaluation of the models against testing data, we see the AUC scores are slightly down for each of the models. This is due to using more realistic out of sample data. The training and validation data sets were constructed below the 15th percentile whereas the testing data set was constructed below the 5th percentile. This idea can easily be visualized in the 5 plots contrasting fraud and not fraud points to the left and right of the vertical line, respectively. In the validation plots, the not fraud side of the plot had very few points that the models identified as potentially fraud, but now with the testing plots, more points are receiving a higher percent because the testing data has more points that are similar to fraud. This goes back to the notion of the 15th percentile and 5th percentile cutoffs. This fact is also the cause of the drop in AUC. All of this was completely expected based upon the differing natures of the two data sets.

Model	AUC (Testing Data)
Random Forest	0.8820
Neural Network	0.8639
Logistic Regression	0.8711
Logistic Regression + Random Forest + Neural Net	0.8842
Random Forest + Neural Net	0.8834

Table 4. Model Performance on Testing Data

Another interesting outcome of the running all of the models against the testing dataset was that the ensemble of the logistic regression, random forest, and neural network outperformed the ensemble of

the random forest and neural network. The AUC difference between the 2 models is only 0.0008 and likely due to random chance, therefore there is no concern with the ensemble of the random forest and neural network being put into production.

Once the ensemble model of the random forest and neural network was put into production, every single case in the 949,457 observation data set was scored. This resulting score is the risk score that is currently being visualized in RADR. Since the cases that are known fraud cases were also scored through the model and put into RADR, it was possible to identify how much of the data would need to be analyzed in order to identify any percentage of the known fraud cases. The following chart shows how much of the data must be analyzed in order to identify the known fraud cases in 5% increments.

Percentage of fraud captured	Percentage of data investigated	
5%	0.014%	
10%	0.10%	
15%	0.22%	
20%	0.36%	•
25%	0.53%	
30%	0.73%	
35%	1.17%	
40%	1.68%	
45%	. 2.20%	
50%	2.56%	
55%	. 3.52%	
60%	4.44%	
65%	5.38%	
70%	6.29%	
75%	7.74%	
80%	9.47%	
85%	13.24%	
90%	21.29%	
95%	70.03%	
100%	96.51%	

Table 5. Percentage of Fraud Captured in relation to Percentage of Data Covered

DOL-OIG Data Mining

Results, Evaluations, and Next Steps

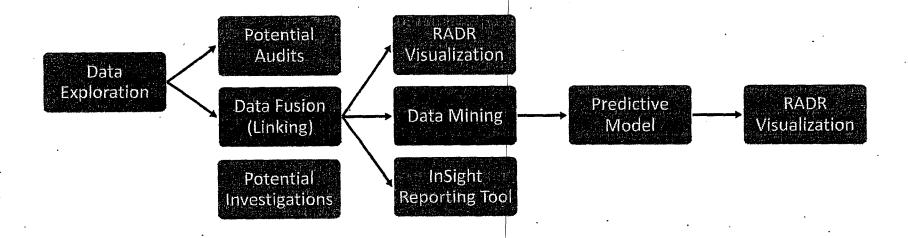




Data Mining Project

- Healthcare Claimant (FECA) Data Mining
- Linking of four disparate data sources for analysis of 900,000+ FECA Cases
- Five Deliverables
 - Healthcare Claimant Risk Model
 - RADR
 - InSight
 - Risk Model Documentation
 - Program Analysis

The Process



Data Analysis

- Uncovers previously unseen patterns or insights from the data
- \$4.5M in potential improper payments found from 1,750 cases labeled "medical only" still receiving compensation
- Identifies data anomalies that highlight potentially weak, non-existent controls

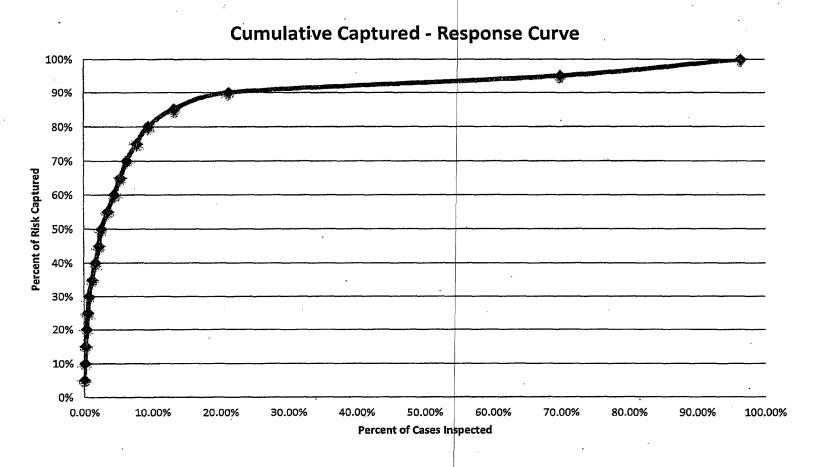
Claimant Risk Model – Data Mining

- Analysis of past data patterns and behaviors to predict future outcomes
- Produces a risk score that indicates risk magnitude and relativity
- Examines many types of compliance concerns, not just focused on a particular aspect of the claim

Claimant Risk Model – Data Mining

- Modeled on 29 variables and 400,000 case subset
- Tested three types of models
 - Logistic Regression
 - Neural Network
 - Random Forest
- Best performance came from an Ensembled Neural Network and Random Forest Model

Claimant Risk Model – Data Mining

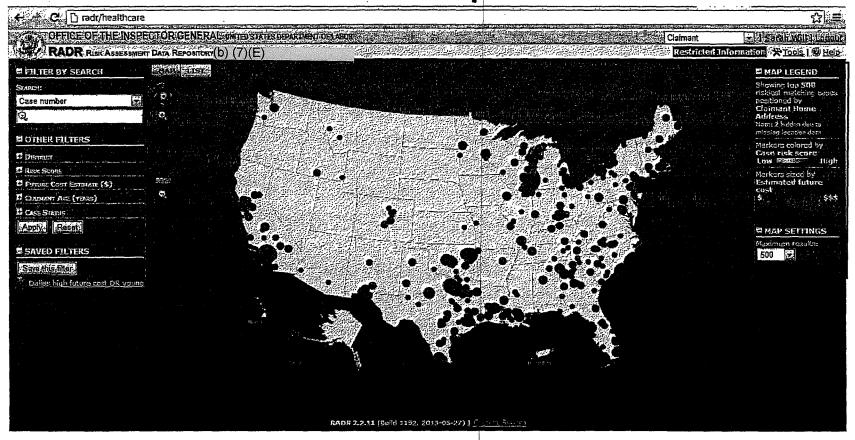


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RADR

- Claim-level data visualization
- Risk indicator and profile
- Customizable
- Expandable beyond Healthcare Claimant Risk

RADR - Map View

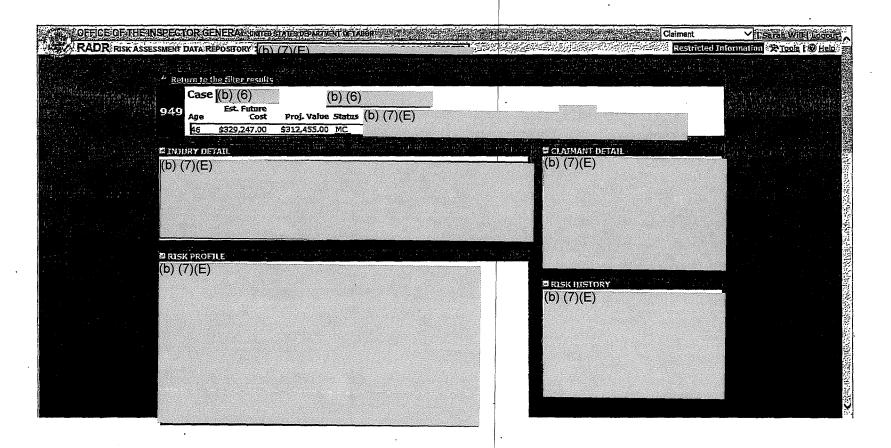


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RADR - List View

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RADR - Detail View

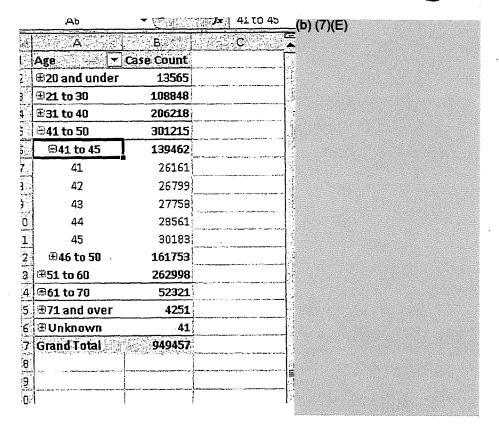


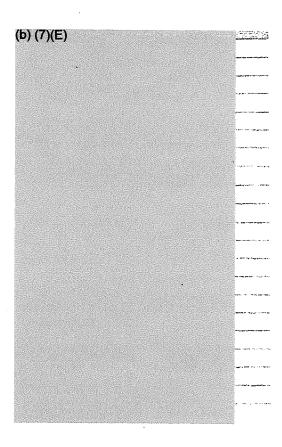
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InSight

- Data fusion
- Data querying and drilldown
 - Comparison of any field to any other field
 - Compute totals for subsets of data
- Audit trail

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9 Levels of Analytics

Descriptive Techniques:

- 1 Standard Reporting
- 2 Custom Reporting or "Slicing and Dicing" the Data (Excel)
- 3 Queries/drilldowns (SQL, OLAP)
- 4 Dashboards/alerts (Business Intelligence)
- 5 Statistical Analysis
- 6 Clustering (Unsupervised Learning)

Predictive Techniques:

- 7 Predictive Modeling
- 8 Optimization & Simulation
- 9 Next Generation Analytics Text Mining & Link Analysis

Data Analysis vs. Data Mining

Data Analysis	Data Mining
Having a human formulate questions and using the data to help answer them	Using the computer and data to figure out what questions should be asked, and helping you answer them

- Data Mining is a methodical combination of a multitude of data analyses
- The computer takes away the trial and error that a human would have to go through
- Allows for a multi-faceted approach to the underlying data instead of individual analyses

Skillset for Data Mining

- Unique quantitative skills from Mathematics,
 Statistics, Engineering, and Computer Science
- New advanced degree programs emerged to supplement on-the-job training
- Understanding advanced data mining algorithms and complex data mining software

Putting The Suite to Work

- Claimant Risk Model gain knowledge to direct the efforts towards finding program issues and identifying specific instances of risk
- RADR view attributes of risky claimants
- InSight follow up with and zoom in on program issues that have been identified

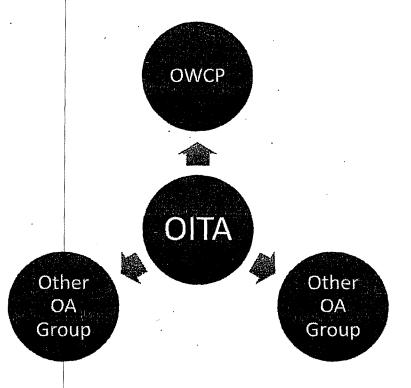


OI as an Audit Customer

- Share tools, knowledge, and leads
- RADR and InSight can make communication between multiple teams easier
- Decreases investigator reliance on tips and increases overall agency ROI

Program Strategy

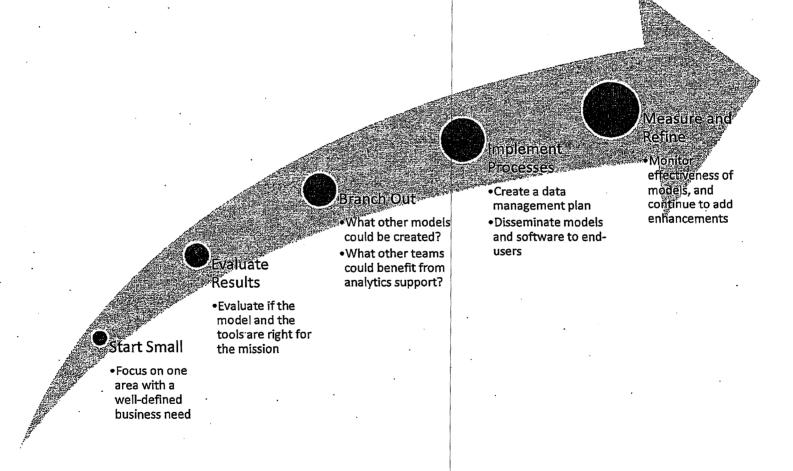
- IT Audit team oversaw the Data Mining project for the benefit of the OWCP Audit team
- Group has positioned itself to help additional teams and program areas increase their impact by adopting data mining techniques



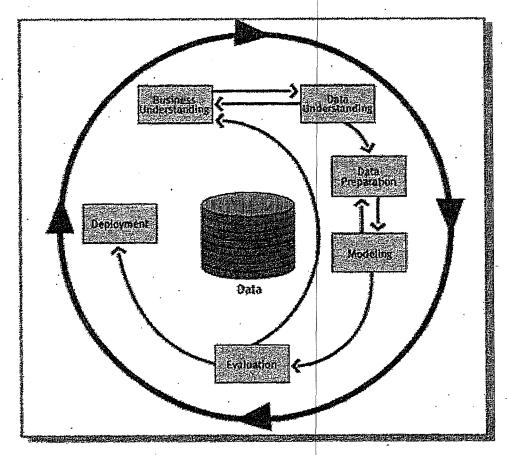
Lessons Learned

- The process of data analysis in a new project almost always uncovers new insights
- SME review and participation
- Maximum benefit comes from experimenting with tools throughout auditor workflow

Growth of an Analytics Team

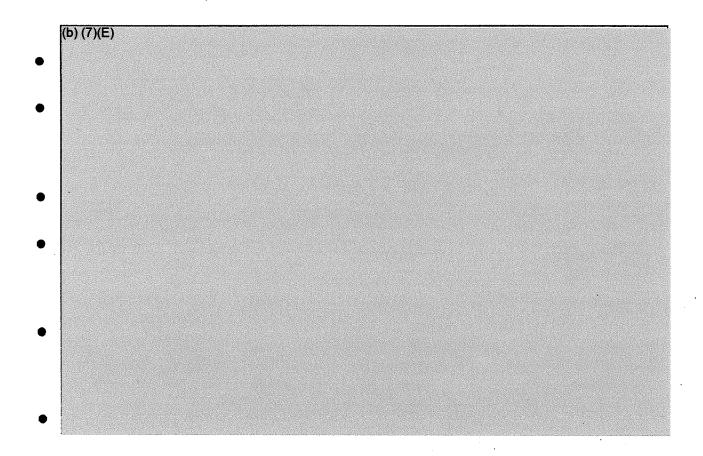


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Potential Growth Areas



Benefits

- Knowledge Sharing
- Visibility over Controls
- Increased Performance

Agency

- DOL has 72 major information systems (and even more databases)
- Analytics critical to help the 140 auditors tackle these information systems

How Do You Fill The Gap?

