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THE CAUSES, COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF BAD GOVERNMENT DATA

Friday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m. - Noon CST

States and all other levels of government are turning to data more often and more vigorously to help manage effectively and guide policy decisions. But a blind faith in data can easily lead a state astray in a variety of ways. That's because the quality of data varies dramatically. It's often inaccurate, untimely, badly manipulated and incomplete. Sometimes, despite growing reliance on data, the needed information doesn't even exist. This session will cover the data front, making concrete recommendations for ways to improve data quality.

Join CSG Senior Fellows Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene Friday, Dec. 11 at the **2015 CSG National Conference** as they host an interactive discussion about problems that can lead to bad government data, including error-filled data input, ineffective systems controls, untrained workers, inconsistent definitions, siloed systems, a lack of centralized control of data and problems with data collected by private sector contractors.

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