Design and Development of Data-Driven Risk Assessment through the Integration of Federal Acquisition Data with Open, Internet Sources

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Research Motivation

- A wealth of information is collected and available
- They could be used for
 - o assessing, enhancing, and enriching our data
 - supporting effective acquisition planning and management
- Could we identify possible weak links in a supply chain and mitigate their risks?
 - Natural disasters can disable production and cause significant loss to service providers

Research Agenda

- Identify critical contractors based on
 - > the natural disaster risk of their location, and
 - > the uniqueness of their business types
- Provide a visualization framework to enable an acquisition expert to
 - Assess risk for critical contractors
 - > Find alternatives in low risk areas

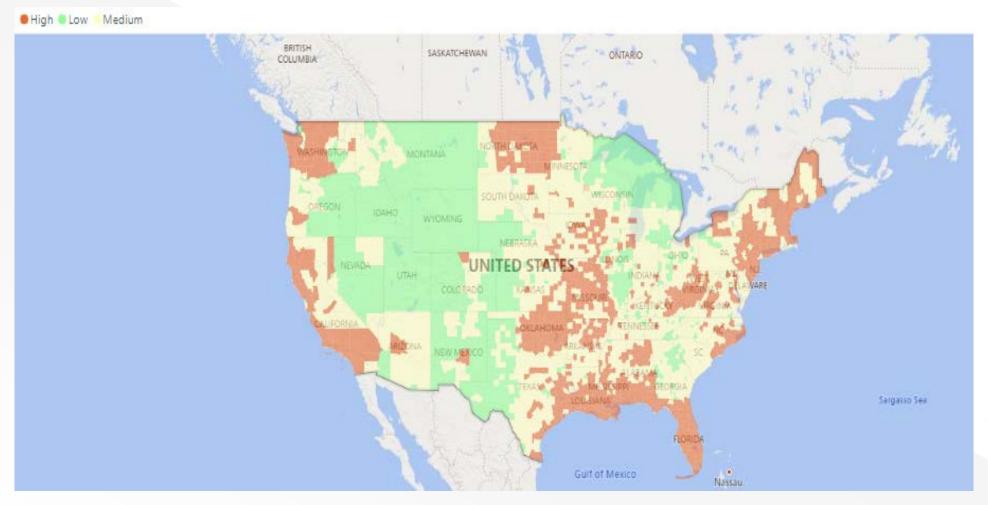
Our Previous Work-- Natural Disaster Risk Assessment for US Counties

- Integrated for each US county
 - Natural disaster data from National Centers for Environmental Information 1950 – 2018
 - > FEMA Emergency assistance data 1953 2020
- Defined a new metric, Weighted Disaster Score (WDS)

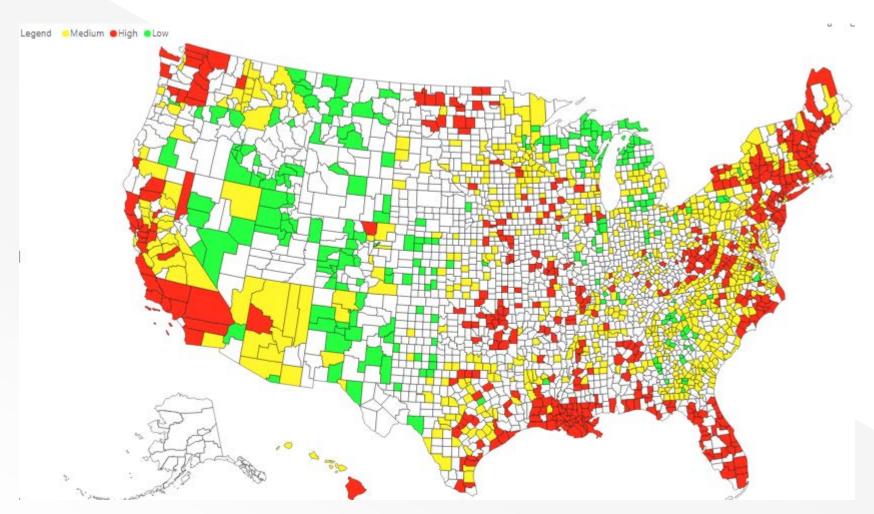
$$s = \sum_{i=1}^{4} w_i * n_i$$

Natural Disaster Risk Map for U.S. Counties

WDS is clustered into three easy to interpret levels: high, medium, and low risk of natural disaster



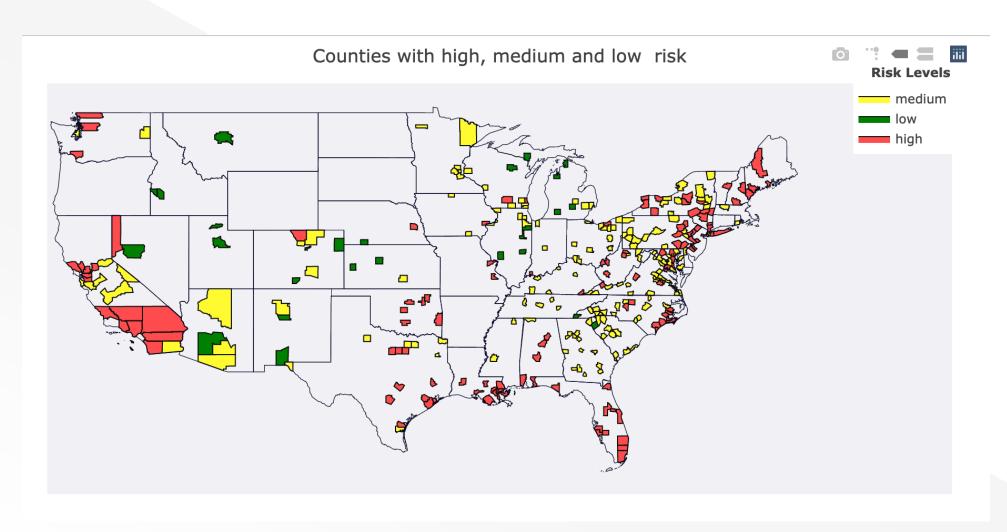
Natural Disaster Risk Level by Locations of Federal Contractors



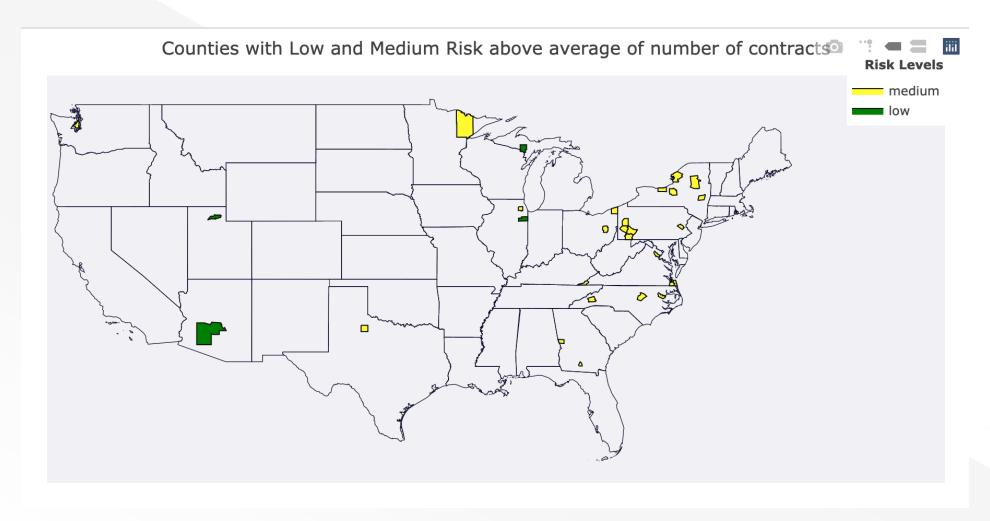
Visualization Framework

- Identify the distribution of contractors of different risk levels for a specific industry or project
- Identify the distribution of contractors with an above/below average of past federal contracts
- Recommend potential alternative contractors for some high-risk contractors

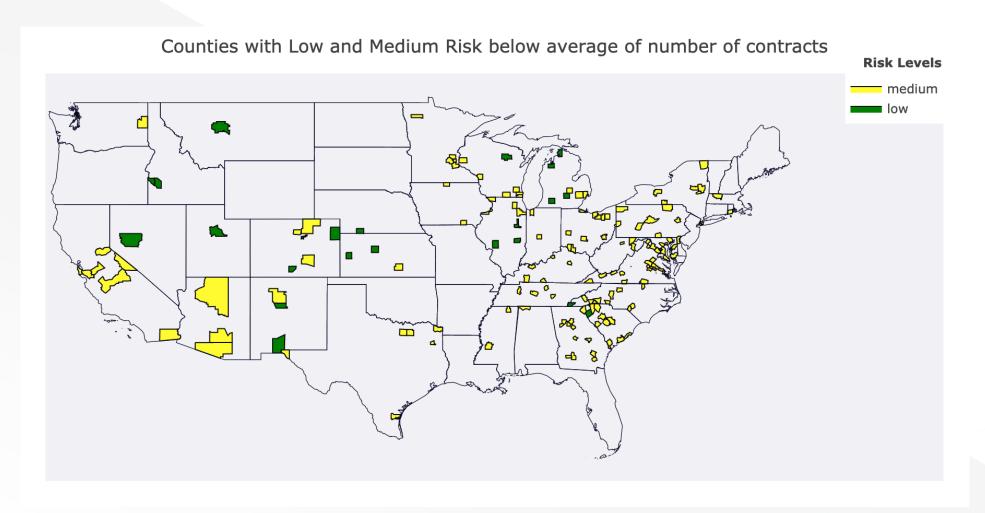
Geographical Areas for an Industry Type



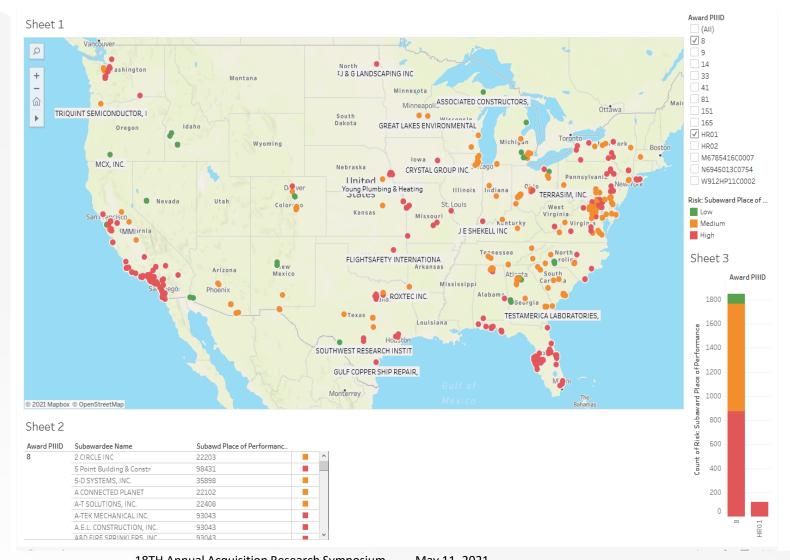
Low Risk Regions with an Above Average of Past Federal Contracts



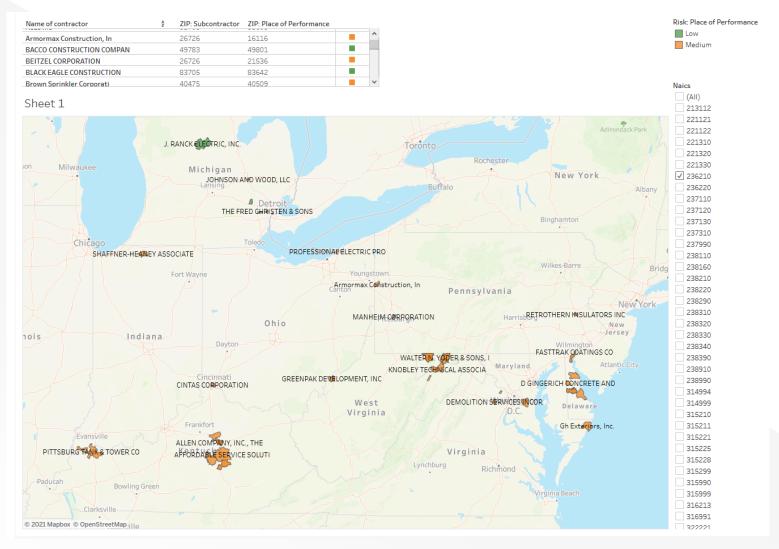
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Distribution of Contractors for Selected Projects



Identifying Alternative Low Risk Contractors by Name, NAICS Codes, or Locations



Concluding Thoughts

- The Web provides a valuable source of information that can help enhance the data capabilities of acquisition management and research
- Driven by data science techniques, a visualization tool enables a project manager to quickly assess and mitigate the risks in a supply chain
- More risk factors will be considered in our risk assessment framework
- Effective data science techniques to help find alternate contractors will be researched