



# Data Inventory:

Building a Foundation

# State Data Inventory for Agencies

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- Oregon's [Open Data Program](#) ([ORS 276A.350-374](#)) codifies that state agencies identify and inventory data
- Open Data Coordinators identified by agencies guide this work
- Oregon's [Agency Data Inventory](#) on the [Open Data Portal](#)

## ODOT's Approach to State Data Inventory

- Preparation
- System development
- Collection process
- Importance of Data Inventory



# State Data Inventory Preparation

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## Introduction Meetings with Management

- What is Data Governance?
- Data Governance structure and Data Governance support
- Stewardship Identification and upcoming state data inventory meetings

## State Data Inventory Introduction Meetings

- Data Trustees/Coordinating Data Stewards with a request to invite other team members
- Overview of data governance: roles, history and timeline for the state data inventory
- System walk-through and checked access
- Post-meeting communication: Meetings notes, procedures, slide deck, Teams Channel link

# State Data Inventory Preparation Challenges

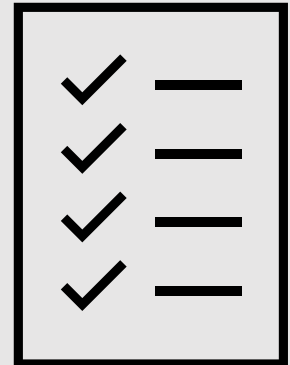
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- State data inventory meeting management
- Data stewardship list updates in progress
- Continuous improvement of resource materials
- Creating opportunities for discussions and encouraging feedback
- Process adjustments as people shared with us how to support them
- Separate State Data Inventory from the internal data inventory process
- Data inventory system development from feedback/issues during meetings

# State Data Inventory System Requirements

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- Approved application/platform
- Accessible to all ODOT employees
- Administrative control of data structure, functionality, and user interface(s)
- Compatible with current data sources and systems
- Scalable for future data inventory and metadata needs



# State Data Inventory System Selection

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ODIN – ODOT's Data INventory System

Smartsheet foundation using Dynamic View for data collection

- Customize column names and have detailed field descriptions
- Control editing, viewing, and required fields in form vs. table
- Create unique views/access for individual teams or divisions

# State Data Inventory Fields and Features

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- Required state data inventory fields
- Required ODOT fields
- Automated notifications, error detection, process tracking
- Dashboards and reports for status tracking



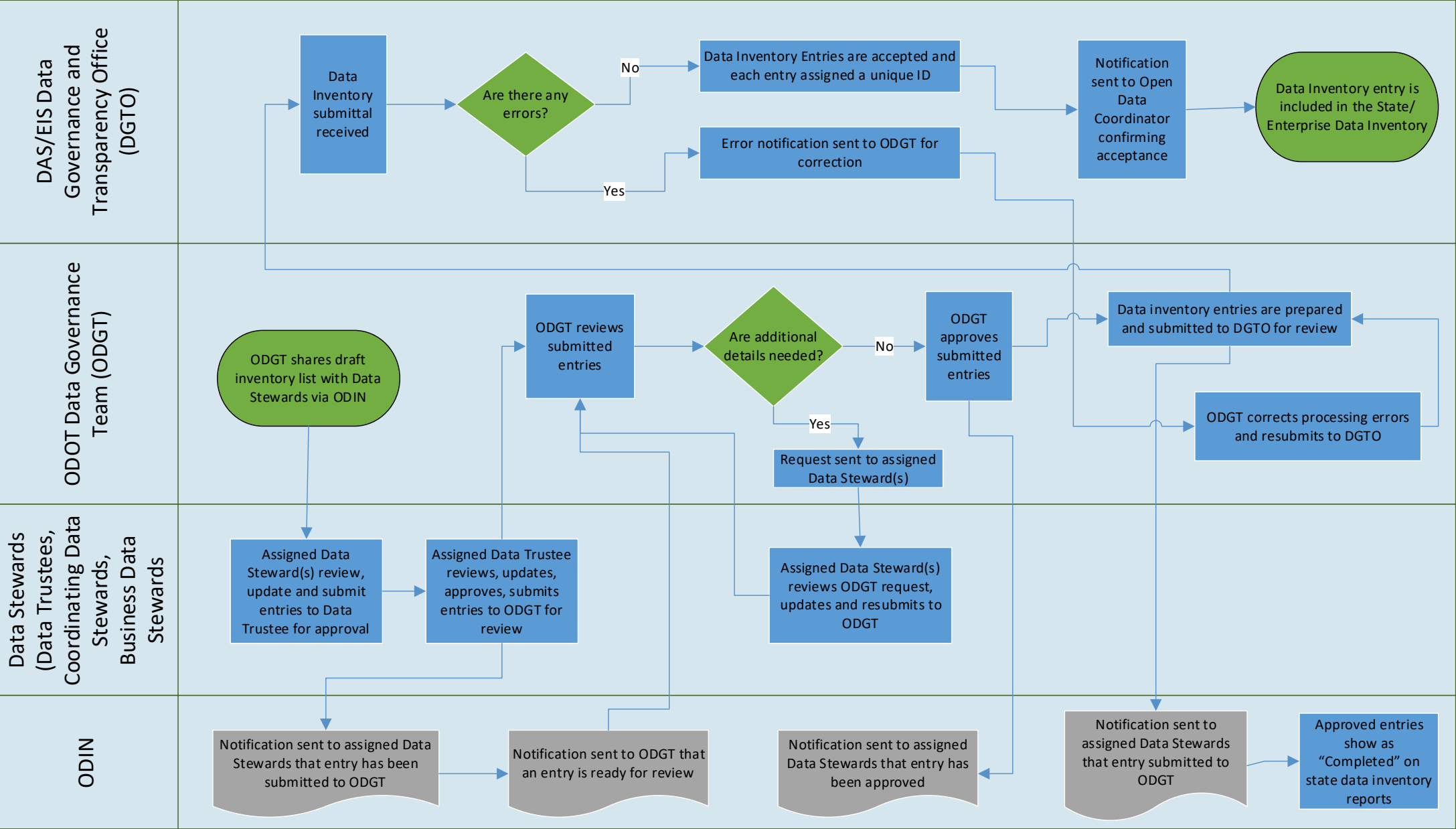
# State Data Inventory Process Key Points

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- Assigned data steward(s) coordinates completion of entries
  - Reviewer could be BDS, TDS, CDS but must be approved by Data Trustee
- Once completed by DT, a notification is sent to ODGT to review entries
- ODGT reviews, adds notes, and meets if needed to discuss
  - Data Librarian connects with data stewards for clarification and completion of state data inventory entries
- Once the entry is approved by ODGT, all assigned data stewards receive notification
- When the entries are submitted to DGTO, all assigned data stewards receive notification
  - Initial submittals occur on July 1<sup>st</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 18<sup>th</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup>
- DGTO receives, reviews, rejects/accepts, and sends notification



# State Data Inventory Collection and Submittal Process



# State Data Inventory Importance

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We must know what, where, who, and why in order to guide and prioritize

With this information we can:

- Determine publishing status and value
- Conduct analysis on the data inventory
- Identify opportunities for data solutions support
- Continue refining the integrated taxonomy model
- Focus on findability externally and internally
- Plan for future data and metadata migration as foundation of a data catalog
- Increase visibility into our systems and how data is collected, stored, shared





Thank you!

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