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Building Trust in Federal Statistics

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- **Vision of the Evidence Act**
 - What's new?
- **Evidence Act / CIPSEA 2018 – 44 U.S.C. 3563**
 - Rulemaking Process
- **Trust Regulation**
 - Relevant and Timely
 - Credible and Accurate
 - Objective
 - Confidentiality & Exclusive Statistical Use

*** This presentation does not provide new OMB guidance or interpret existing guidance ***

- Recognizes **statistical agencies as foundation of data** for evidence-building
- Statistics are a **public good** that derive their value from **public trust**

- Updates & **expands** Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA 2002)
- CIPSEA 2018 requires:
 - Codification of Statistical Policy Directive No. 1 (“Trust” Reg)
 - Presumption of Accessibility for Statistical Agencies
 - Expanding Secure Access to CIPSEA Data Assets
 - [Standard Application to Access Data Assets for Developing Evidence](#) (OMB M-23-04)
 - CIPSEA Designation Guidance

What's So Exciting?

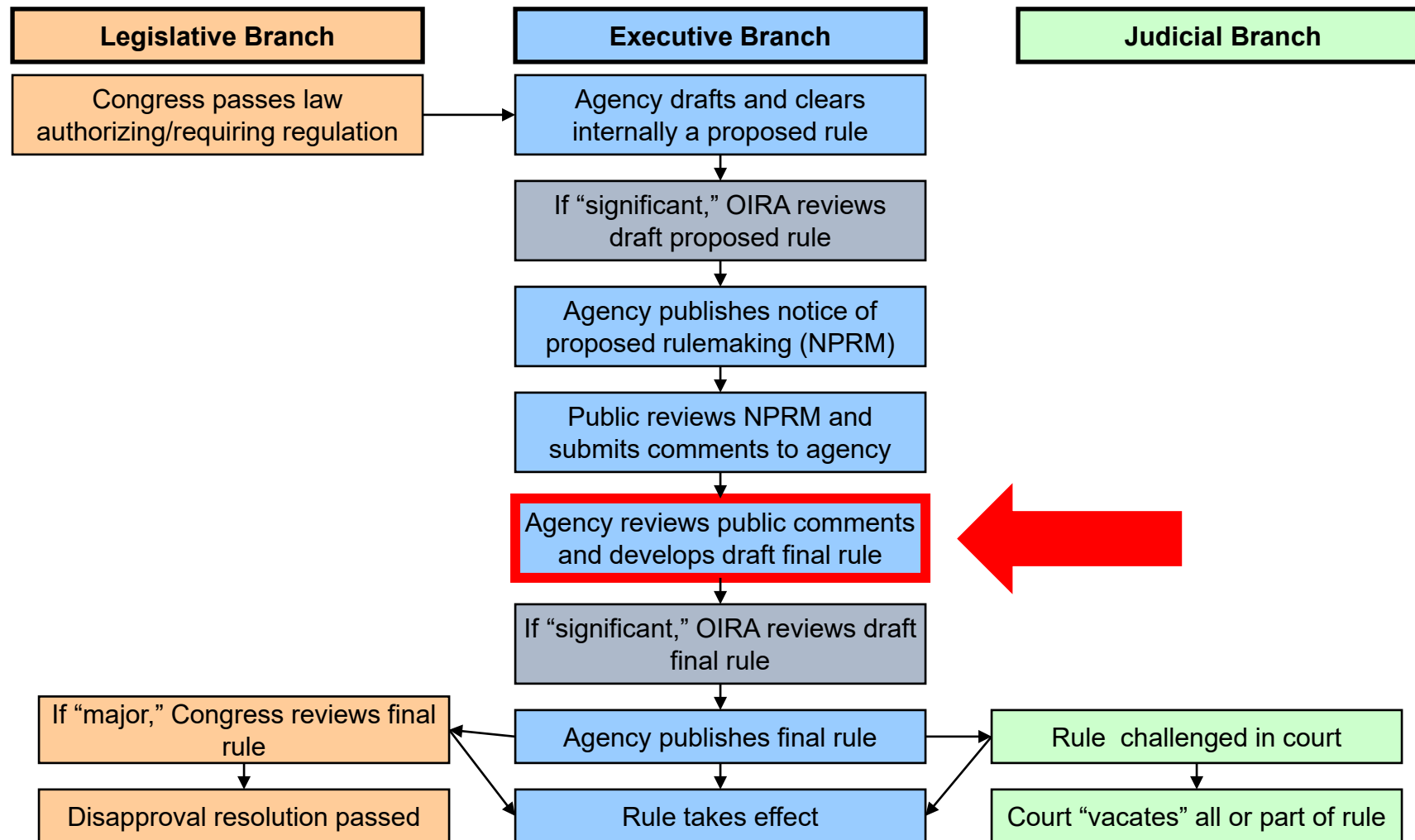


**Elevates
SPD No. 1
to law!**



**Requires
support
from other
agencies!**

The Rulemaking Process



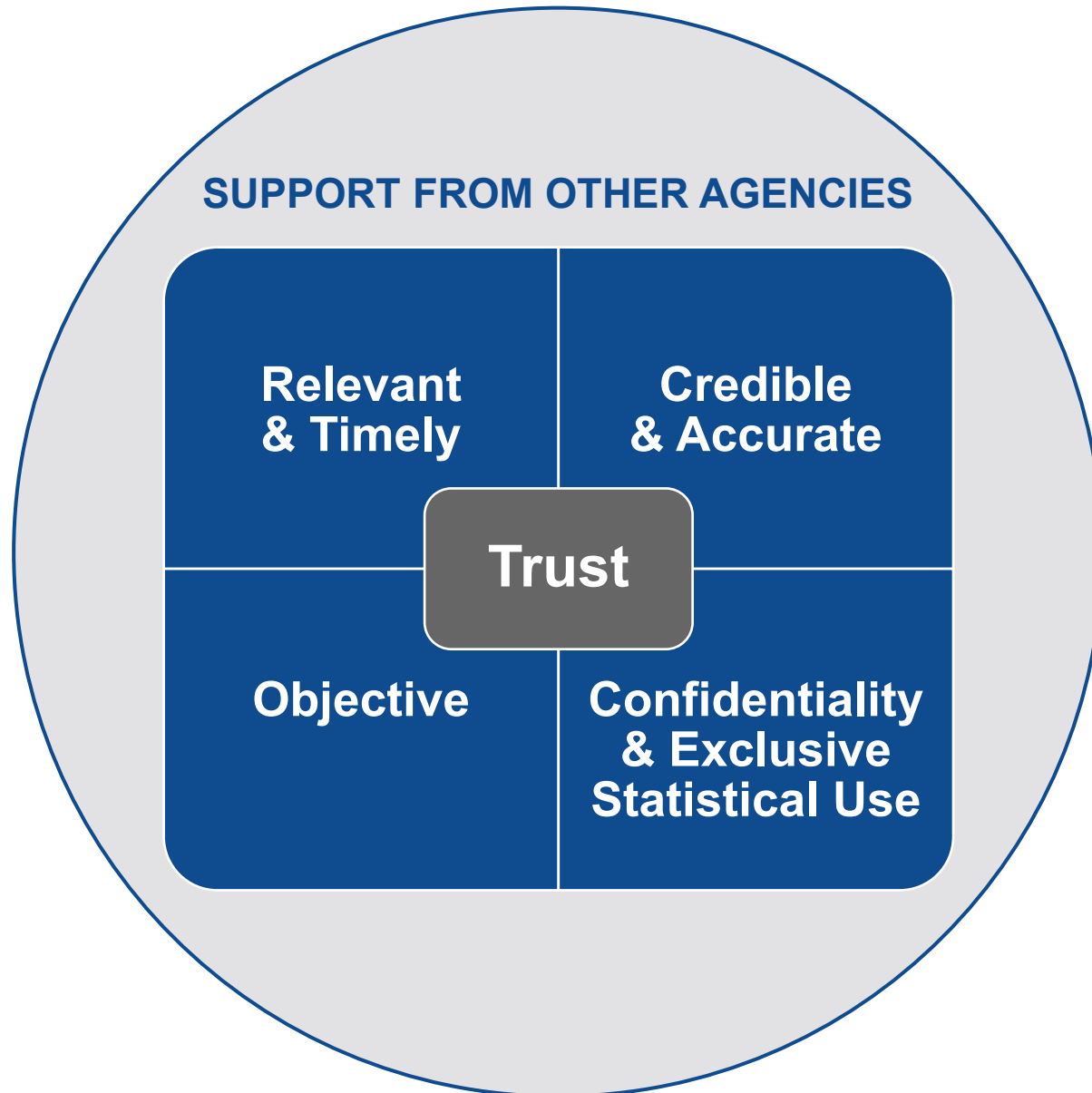
CIPSEA 2018 and Statistical Policy Directive No. 1

Fundamental Responsibilities:

1. Relevant and Timely
2. Credible and Accurate
3. Objective
4. Confidentiality & Exclusive Statistical Use

See also:

- **CNSTAT**, *Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency*
- **Eurostat**, *European Statistics Code of Practice*
- **UN**, *Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics*
- **OECD**, *Principles and Practices for International Statistics*



The Four Pillars

- ✓ Statistical agencies to implement the four fundamental responsibilities
- ✓ Other agencies shall enable, support, and facilitate statistical agencies in carrying out the responsibilities
- ✓ Maintain a website clearly branded for the statistical agency
- ✓ Improve transparency of statistical agency budgets
- ✓ Delegation of some statistical policy functions to CSOTUS

- ✓ Be knowledgeable about the issues
- ✓ Communicate and coordinate across agencies
- ✓ Seek input on data needs from parent agencies and data users
- ✓ Be innovative to improve accuracy and efficiency
- ✓ Publish a calendar of release dates

- ✓ Regularly evaluate data and products
- ✓ Publicly describe methods and limitations of the data, including for outside data
- ✓ Seek new methods and adopt new technologies
- ✓ Publish dissemination policies

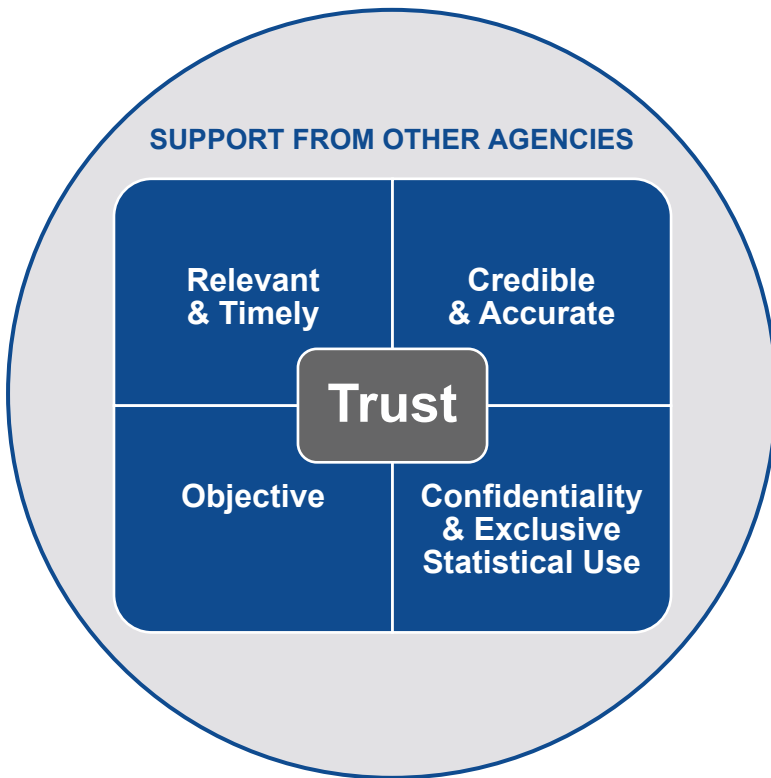
- ✓ Make products available on an equitable, policy-neutral, timely, and transparent basis
- ✓ Function in an environment that is clearly separate and autonomous from the other administrative, regulatory, law enforcement, or policy-making activities within their respective Departments
- ✓ Seek to avoid even the appearance that agency design, collection, processing, editing, compilation, storage, analysis, release, and dissemination processes may be manipulated

- ✓ Conduct statistical activities autonomously when determining ...
 - ✓ what information to collect and process,
 - ✓ how to secure and protect confidential statistical data,
 - ✓ which estimation methods to use,
 - ✓ how to disseminate statistical products, and
 - ✓ who to hire
 - ✓ Select candidates based on their scientific and technical knowledge, credentials, experience, and integrity
 - ✓ Maintain and develop in-house staff who are trained in statistical methodology

Confidentiality & Exclusive Statistical Use

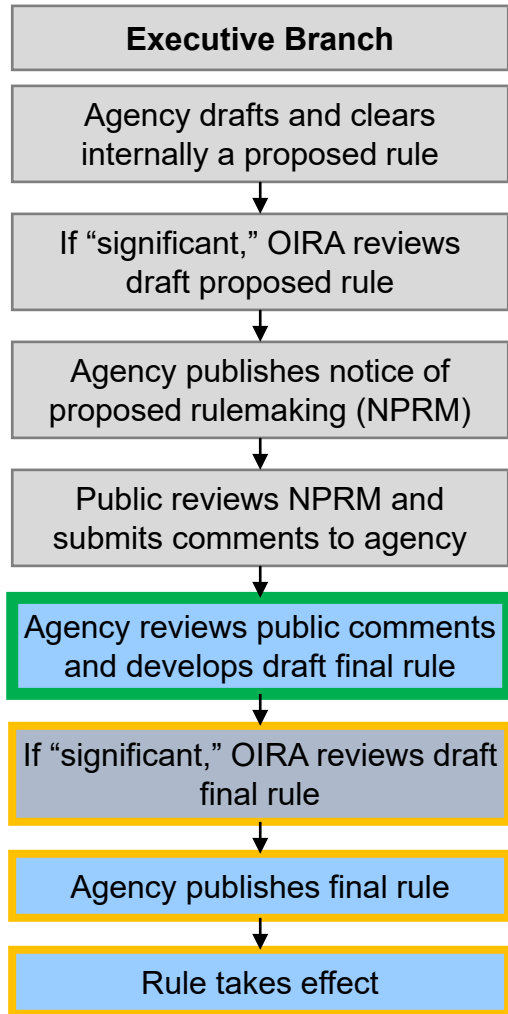
- ✓ Ensure the confidentiality of and exclusive statistical use of identifiable data
- ✓ Maintain a strong organizational climate that safeguards and protects the integrity and confidentiality of the data
- ✓ Fully adhere to legal requirements and follow best practices for protecting the confidentiality of data

- ✓ Assess compliance with the regulation at least once every 3 years



- **Enable, support, and facilitate**
- All other agencies – in NPRM, called parent agencies (regardless of agency structure)
- Delegations of authority to statistical agency head where necessary
- Clarify where and how to support statistical agencies, including:
 - Budgets
 - Shared services (IT, HR, etc.)
 - Identifying data needs

What's next?



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- Check [StatsPolicy.gov](https://www.statspolicy.gov) for updates and announcements!

Questions?

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