



## Ecosystem Frequently Asked Questions

Do you believe in the power of data and technology to transform people’s lives? What would it take for this to happen? We believe that, in order to achieve this goal, we have to have a robust civic tech and data ecosystem.

### Who is ARDA?

The Alamo Regional Data Alliance (ARDA) is a vibrant network of data professionals, leaders, and change-makers who share the common belief that individuals and organizations throughout the community should be informed by timely quality data when making decisions that impact their lives or the lives of those they serve.



### What is Ushahidi?

Ushahidi is an open source platform developed so users can quickly indicate their location without downloading any software and can be used to crowdsource information from the bottom up.

### What information are you requesting?

We are trying to gather information on organizations, initiatives and collaborations in our data and civic tech community so that we can improve coordination and collaboration in using data to improve quality of life. See other side for an example of questions.

### Are you asking us to make our data publicly accessible to others?

No! We are trying to learn more about what data people have and if they would consider sharing it with appropriate agreements in place.

### If we have multiple offices then how do we enter our location on the map?

Place the point in your physical location. If the point needs to be moved later on to reflect the main offices or headquarters of your organization, the location can be modified easily.

### How do I enter my data information if we are part of a larger entity (e.g. Bexar County)?

It is ideal to enter information for which you are knowledgeable, e.g. your department and we don’t expect it to be representative of the larger entity.

### Can I contribute my information without making it public on the website?

Yes! We would love to publish your organization’s information on the website, but you can select what you want to publish or you can contribute privately.

### Why are you asking for contact information?

If we have any questions related to the information submitted, we would like to be able to contact you for clarification. We will not ever publish contact information.

### Why is my entry not showing up on the map?

We review the entries before they are published to prevent spam. Your entry should be approved within 5 business days.

Please visit [AlamoData.Ushahidi.io](http://AlamoData.Ushahidi.io) to help us discover each other and build relationships!

To learn more about ARDA and join, visit [AlamoData.org](http://AlamoData.org)

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## SA Area Data & Tech Landscape

The Alamo Regional Data Alliance (ARDA) is gathering information on the organizations, initiatives, and collaborations in the San Antonio region's data and civic/community tech, so that we can improve coordination and collaboration in using data to improve quality of life.

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### San Antonio Data and Civic Tech Survey

Name of organization, initiative, or collaboration.

Enter as much or little information as you'd like to about this organization, initiative, or collaboration.

Is your organization/collaboration doing any of the following?

- Open data (making downloadable datasets public on web)
- Data-sharing (several organizations sharing private data with each other)
- Civic tech (tech to improve engagement, government responsiveness, etc.)
- Digital inclusion (increase access to and use of broadband and devices)
- Data communication (journalism/storytelling, other communication)
- Training or coaching in understanding and using data
- Other data capacity development help (privacy/security, data management, etc.)
- Data support (collection, analysis, communications, etc.)
- Large data repository with controlled access (data warehouses, research centers)
- Championing the use of data and tech to improve quality of life
- Community-wide indicator or dashboard project
- Data visualization (GIS mapping, other visualization)

What issue areas does this organization focus on?

What is the geographic scope of this organization, initiative or collaborative?

Does this organization/collaborative own data that is not publicly available that might be made more accessible to others?

Are you (or your organization/collaborative) willing to develop free or low-cost civic tech for the public good?

Do you have data dictionaries for your datasets?

Check out some of the organizations who contributed!

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**Alamo Area GIS Users Group**

A group of professional Geographic Information Systems users that work to offer data sharing and training.

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**San Antonio River Authority**

Regional watershed management agency with extensive data, models and analyses related to water resources

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**HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)**

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a web-based software system that the San Antonio Continuum of Care (CoC) utilizes to coordinate care among direct service providers. The HMIS is only to be accessed by authorized users within the CoC.

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