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Hudson Hollister is the founder and Executive Director of the Data Coalition, a trade association representing technology and consulting firms supporting open data in government. The Data Coalition is the main advocacy group for the implementation of the DATA Act of 2014, transforming the U.S. federal government's spending information into standardized, open data. The Data Coalition also supports data standards to transform regulatory compliance, legislative mandates, and the whole landscape of government invitation. Hudson has helped to craft landmark reforms, including the DATA Act, the OPEN Government Data Act, the Financial Transparency Act, and the Grant Reporting Efficiency and Assistance Transparency (GREAT) Act.

Hudson is also the founder of the Data Foundation, a nonprofit think tank seeking to define an open future for both government and private-sector data. The Data Foundation is responsible for the leading research on open data in federal spending and in regulatory compliance. The Data Foundation hosts the largest annual open data conference in the United States.

Prior to founding the Data Coalition and the Data Foundation, Hudson served as counsel to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the U.S. House of Representatives and as an attorney fellow in the Office of Interactive Disclosure at the Securities and Exchange Commission. Before his government service, he was a securities litigator in the Chicago office of Latham & Watkins LLP.

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