Federal Community of Practice on Crowdsourcing and Citizen Science
Crowdsourcing and Related Definitions

- **Open innovation** is a paradigm that suggests that organizations can and should solicit contributions from external volunteers.

- **Citizen science** is a form of open science and innovation where members of the public participate in the scientific process to address real-world problems in ways that include identifying research questions, collecting and analyzing data, interpreting results, making new discoveries, developing technologies and applications, and solving complex problems.

- **Crowdsourcing** is a process of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by soliciting contributions from a large group of people, and especially from an online community.

- **Crowdmapping** is a process where individuals or organizations submit an open call for geographic information or information with an associated geographic location from volunteers to produce collaborative maps.

- **Do-it-yourself (DIY) / Making** is a method of creating, modifying, or repairing something without the aid of professional experts.

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