Companies are often coming up with creative ways to enhance customer experience. Thus, adaptation to the staggering amount of data accumulation has provided the academic and the economy with unprecedented knowledge of population patterns. But the data accretion is vast in its quantitative measures and is susceptible to duplications, glitches, and factual errors. Additionally, on the qualitative front, the talent required for data clearing is scarce in their availability along with the upsurge in the use of storage space. Security is another major issue for data mining companies as big data is often vulnerable to cyber breaches, ethical hacking, and malware attacks that lead to loss of trust in data.

As 2018 commences, companies are far more motivated to adopt ambitious analytics trends to amplify the worth of web experience in day-to-day lives. Small and medium-sized companies are increasingly more enthusiastic about reaping the benefits of data analytics and are willing to outsource their analytics requirement to data companies specializing in it. Down the line, this year EU General Data Protection Regulation will come into effect and open up new opportunities for data scientists to explore.

In conclusion, the data analytics landscape is flooded with myriad solutions and thus zeroing in on the apt one remains an uphill task for a CIO. To tread on the right path, CIOReview Magazine has become the torch bearer in the data analytics landscape. Our distinguished selection panel, comprising CEOs, CIOs, VCs, industry analysts and the editorial board of CIOReview Magazine narrowed the excellent providers that exhibit competence in delivering data analytics solutions.

We have considered the vendor’s ability in building solutions and services that can effectively yet economically account for advanced and effective data analytics offerings, keeping in mind the factor of time-focused delivery. We present to you CIOReview’s “20 Most Promising Data Analytics Solution Providers - 2018.”

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**Company:** The Modeling Agency

**Description:** The Modeling Agency, LLC trains, mentors, and leads organizations to establish efficient high-impact analytic operations

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Enabling Value-Focused Operations for Analytically-Driven Organizations

While organizations possess the ability to derive useful patterns and insights from the data they collect, many analytics projects still tend to fail, due to a lack of strategic orientation. Business leaders need to adopt analytics as a value-driven operation to arrive at results that are purposeful, actionable, understandable, impactful, and residual. Along with the demand for expert data scientists and analytics professionals, there also exists a need for analytics leaders and “translators” who can act as a bridge between data scientists, IT, subject matter experts and executive management.

“Organizations only experience meagre increases in revenue due to a purely tactical view of analytics, whereas a goal-focused strategic implementation can draw valuable information hidden within existing data and produce truly stunning improvements in operational efficiency and the bottom-line,” says Eric King, president and founder of The Modeling Agency, LLC (TMA), an analytics enablement company. TMA provides training, leadership, and analytics service products to organizations that are “data-rich, yet information-poor,” focusing on enabling enterprises to establish and maintain their own thriving predictive modeling practice. To enable organizations to maneuver data analytics at the operational level, TMA has formalized a “modeling practice framework” that manages the entire analytics implementation process. “We apply a strategy comprising of superior project designs, then oversee the implementation with the right roles involved in the analytics team to achieve the desired results—ensuring clients are self-sufficient in running a high performance analytic modeling factory,” states King.

For complete enablement, TMA provides oversight to organizations with value-focused implementation and helps coordinate their teams, addresses the leadership mindset and culture of the organization, and empowers data scientists to be more effective at tying results to organizational priorities. Thus, organizations arrive at results that are impactful and clearly understood by leadership. By taking a strategic implementation approach, TMA analyzes the resources, objectives, work culture, and team roles of an organization to assess the analytics capabilities and determine suitable process road mapping. “By identifying the lowest risk, highest impact opportunities that make a difference, we formulate valid projects that produce impressive returns on projects that matter,” remarks King. TMA helped a large mail order company with its analytics objective to define customer groups based on value and complexity of service. The project involved enhanced assignment of customers to various service levels and selection for catalog campaigns, which resulted in a 40 percent reduction in mailing costs and boosted sales by 7 percent, leading to a 2,500 percent return on investment.

TMA is introducing its latest offering, THE ANALYTICS CLINICTM, a live online show where a highly seasoned analytic clinician tests approaches to emerging analytics topics. “A panel of experts then translate the winning tactical experiments performed in the clinic into organizational adoption and transformation strategies,” states King. TMA will also launch “The Analytics Leaders Roundtable” to allow leaders to discuss challenges, organizational work culture, setting realistic expectations and the team dynamics of leading/building/running an analytics operation. The Analytics Leaders Roundtable will allow organizations to break down silos between various departments and enable a high level of coordination to utilize common resources analytic process standardization. TMA’s goal is to guide its clients to establish an internal analytics capability, compete as a data-driven organization, and accelerate overall digital transformation. “Our training focuses on enablement, to allow clients to create their own internal analytics factory and run it efficiently and effectively,” concludes King. CR