

Three Steps to Cloud Readiness

WHY ISN'T GOVERNMENT MAKING THE MOST OF CLOUD?

It's not budget, absence of interest, or a lack of benefits to cloud.



\$2.1 bn
amount federal agencies planned to invest in cloud in 2015 alone



8.5%
of federal government spend is dedicated to cloud



21%
compound annual growth in federal spending on cloud is projected



>50%
savings in IT estimated for successful cloud computing projects



>50%
of global software sales will be for public sector cloud by 2018

As agencies embark on their journey to the cloud, many leaders are finding that their infrastructure, organization or both are not adequately prepared to transition to this new technology. While some agencies are more prepared than others, overall preparedness is low.

To determine the "cloudability" of your agency, consider your:

1. APPLICATION PORTFOLIO READINESS



Complex networks full of undefined applications and systems



A clear understanding of the applications you use and support



ASK YOURSELF:

- Do we have full visibility into our entire network?
- What technical workloads are supported by applications?
- Can we map the connections and interdependencies between all of our applications?

2. SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE READINESS



Disconnection between on-premise infrastructure and components moving to cloud



An infrastructure that can remain secure through a cloud migration



ASK YOURSELF:

- Which technologies will be impacted by a cloud transition, even if they are left on-premise?
- Do we have a plan for managing data and technology security during a cloud migration?
- How do we deploy and manage security patches across on-premise and in-cloud technologies?

3. ORGANIZATIONAL READINESS



Organizational structures created to manage traditional technology workloads and processes



An adaptable management and budgeting structure that scales with changing demands



ASK YOURSELF:

- Who's going to manage the ongoing operation and regulatory compliance of cloud investments?
- Where's the budget coming from to fund deployments and maintenance?
- Are we really ready to let go of managing physical servers?
- Are we ready to manage service-level agreements that are a lot more important in cloud scenarios?

Not sure how to answer these questions? Still feel unprepared to successfully transition to cloud? It's ok to ask for help. Your agency can do a deep dive assessment into your workloads and workforce with a vendor, such as Govplace, a government technology solutions and integration services provider that specializes in cloud computing and infrastructure. Learn more here: www.govplace.com

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