

# **Federal Cloud Weather Report**

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The Federal move to the cloud is on. As of December 9, 2010, OMB requires all agencies to adopt a %Gloud First+policy. Feds must choose a cloud-based solution first if one exists before initiating any new IT program. and must immediately begin transitioning existing applications to the cloud.\* Further, in February 2011, OMB provided additional direction to accelerate the safe and secure adoption of cloud computing.\*\*

How many agencies have actually taken this step? How quickly are they progressing?

In January 2011, VMware worked with MeriTalk to survey 167 Federal government CIOs and IT managers on these important cloud questions to check cloud migration status, explore the cloud challenges agencies face, and provide recommendations on the path forward.





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# **Methodology and Demographics**

MeriTalk, on behalf of VMware, conducted an online survey of 167 Federal government CIOs and IT managers in January 2011. The report has a margin of error of +/- 7.56% at a 95% confidence level

d	CIO Titles (N=14)		
	22%	Chief/Deputy Chief Information Officer	
	14%	Acting/Assistant/Associate Chief Information Officer	
	14%	Chief/Deputy Chief Information Security Officer	
	21%	Chief/Deputy Chief Technology Officer	
	29%	Acting/Assistant/Associate Chief Technology Officer	

IT Manager Titles (N=153)			
13%	IT Director/Manager		
48%	IT Supervisor, Specialist, or Engineer		
1%	Program Executive Officer for IT programs		
20%	Program/Project Manager for IT programs		
3%	Network Administrator		
1%	Data Center Manager		
14%	Other IT Management		

CIO Agency Type		
93%	Federal Civilian	
7%	Department of Defense	

100% of respondents are familiar with their agency cloud plans

IT Manager Agency Type		
50%	Federal Civilian	
50%	Department of Defense	



# **Executive Summary**

- " We Believe: Feds recognize cloud benefits and plan to implement
  - 42% of IT managers say cloud will help them overcome the current constrained budget climate
  - Most also believe it will support other priority initiatives. 64% of CIOs think cloud expands telework and mobility options
  - 64% of CIOs anticipate they will use Cloud First within two years
- " Necessary Climb: Cloud savings are real
  - 64% of Federal CIOs say cloud computing will reduce costs and improve services
- " On the First Rung: Federal IT managers say few agencies are in the cloud
  - 17% are maintaining Infrastructure as a Service; 15% Software as a Service; 13% Platform as a Service
  - Of those in the cloud, 64% are using private, internal cloud applications
- " Stuck at Go: Agencies have not yet moved to Cloud First
  - 79% of CIOs say their agencies have not yet moved to Cloud First
  - And, just half anticipate meeting goals to move their first three applications to the cloud



## The Case for Cloud

64% of CIOs say cloud will help them reduce costs and improve services

### Cloud will help reduce costs and improve services

Validated by other sources:

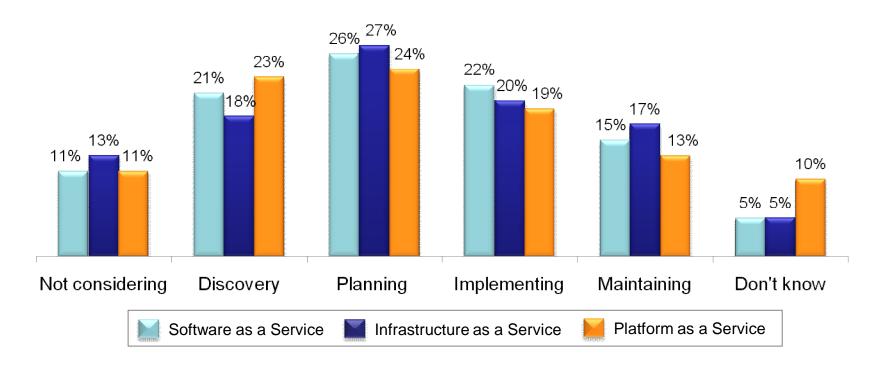
- Feds currently spend \$35.7B supporting legacy technology\*
- Feds project a \$14.4B savings in steady state budgets for the first year of government-wide private cloud implementations\*\*
- Feds anticipate that moving to the cloud will allow an approximate 30% reduction in expenses for data center infrastructure\*\*\*



## **Current Cloud Status**

Agencies are largely in the discovery and planning stages of cloud computing.
To achieve savings, more must move into implementation

#### Implementation Status for Specific Cloud Services\*



Take Away: Need to Accelerate Adoption



## **Comfort in Private Clouds**

Agencies are starting small and favoring private, internal cloud applications

#### Two out of five

agencies report starting with a single cloud application, as opposed to launching an agency-wide cloud strategy\*



#### Cloud models currently in use\*:

Internal . private cloud	64%
Hybrid . public and private cloud	18%

#### Cloud models planned for future use\*:

Internal . private cloud	48%
Hybrid . public and private cloud	23%

Take Away: Cautiously Optimistic, Future Models Are TBD



## **Cloud First?**

Work in progress. While **79%** of CIOs say their agencies are not using the mandated Cloud First policy today, **64%** plan to adopt the practice within the next two years

Cloud First means that an agency chooses a cloud-based solution if one exists before initiating a **new** IT solution development program

As of December 9, 2010 all agencies are **required** to adopt a Cloud First policy\*



**79%** 

of CIOs <u>do not currently</u> use a Cloud First policy

<u>64%</u>

of CIOs <u>will use</u> Cloud First within two years

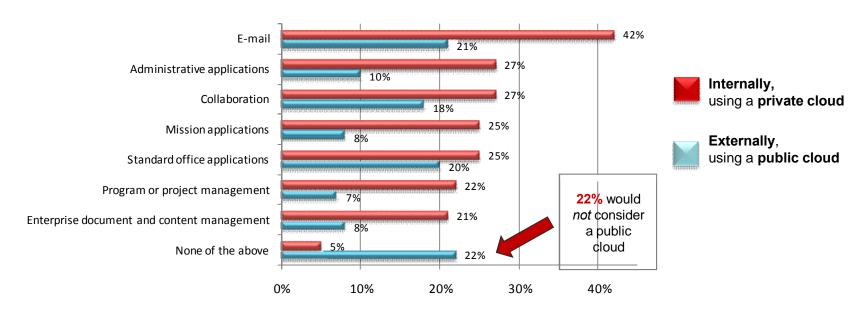
Take Away: Turning the Ship



## **Cloud Plans**

E-mail is easy. But, what goes next?

#### What applications would you consider deploying as a Software as a Service (SaaS)?\*



Take Away: Private Cloud First Out of the Gate



## **Cloud Divide**

IT managers are split on deadlines. Half anticipate meeting goals

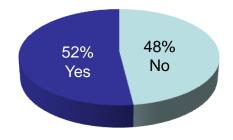
**Required:** All Federal agencies must "identify three 'must move' services within three months and move one of those services to the cloud within 12 months and the remaining two within 18 months"\*

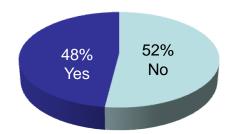


#### IT Managers:

Will your agency move the first service to the cloud within 12 months?

Will your agency move the next two services to the cloud within 18 months?





Take Away: Communication Needed



## What Are the Hurdles?

Feds cite budget, security, and mission-specific requirements as top challenges

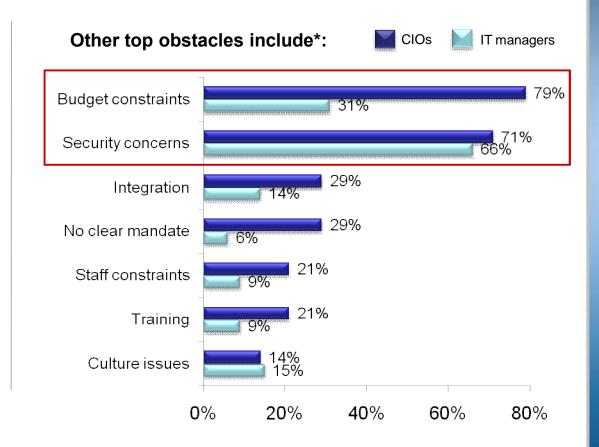
54% of IT managers assert mission-specific requirements hinder cloud adoption

#### Why?

%Different project requirements do not allow for common tools to be used+

%We need approval and budget from Congress+

Mission-critical applications won't be put on the cloud as our people need to have control over them+



Take Away: Mission Impossible?



# **Show Me the Money**

Feds must overcome budget challenges to achieve anticipated savings



**79%** of CIOs and **31%** of IT managers say <u>budget constraints</u> are a **top obstacle** to implementing cloud computing

Yet

Both CIOs and IT managers say <u>reduced</u> <u>costs</u> is the **#1 benefit** they expect cloud to achieve within their agency

**42%** of IT managers say that their agenciesqued plans will <u>help them</u> overcome the current budget climate

CIOs plan to increase cloud spending to **25%** in FY2011\*



Take Away: Consolidation to the Rescue



# **Unmet Security Needs**

71% of CIOs and 66% of IT managers say security concerns are a top obstacle to cloud adoption. FedRAMP does not eliminate concerns



**FedRAMP** is a Federal program that provides a consolidated point for government-wide security authorization and related risk management activities of cloud computing systems, including ongoing monitoring, assessment, reporting, and remediation of security risk. GSA and the Federal CIO Council released draft plans November 2, 2010, and the first phase is expected to be operational in the first quarter of calendar year 2011\*

64%

of CIOs say they understand FedRAMP but are not optimistic it will help



56% say FedRAMP will not aid and speed Federal cloud adoption

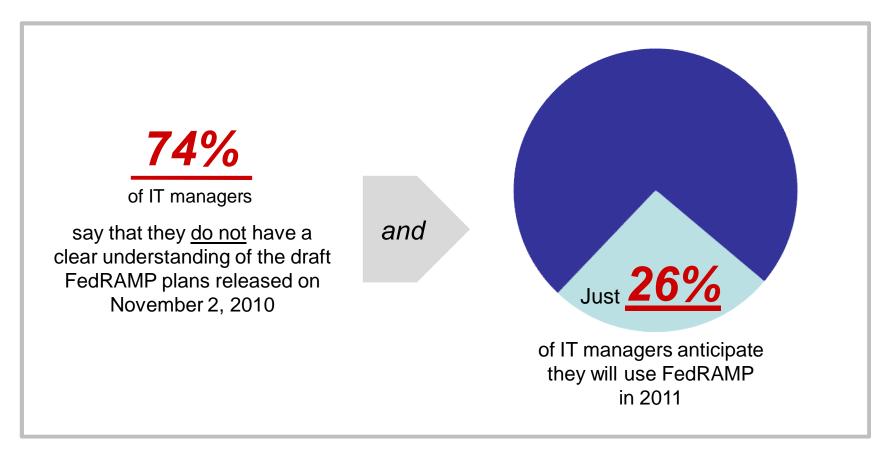
67% say FedRAMP will not make Federal cloud computing more secure

Take Away: FedRAMP Bridge to Nowhere?



# **Managers in the Dark**

FedRAMP wond help until agencies know how to use it



Take Away: Outreach Required



## **Telework in the Cloud**

Feds also anticipate using cloud computing to meet telework mandates

The recently passed Telework Enhancement Act of 2010, Public Law 111-292, requires Federal agencies to establish telework policies\*

Will cloud expand telework/mobility options for employees?

64%

of CIOs say **Yes** 

Take Away: Cloud Enables Mobility



## Recommendations

- **Dollars and Sense** . Make business savings case for cloud with real, attainable metrics
- **Communicate** . Workable solutions to help agencies attain goals and meet deadlines
- Educate. Answer questions on budget, security, and mission criticality in the cloud
- Align for Efficiency. Clearly map cloud with synergies of data center consolidation and telework initiatives



# Thank You

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