

The Seismic Shift in IT Buying

How Lines of Business are Adopting Cloud

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There's a New Buyer of Information Technology Today: Line of Business (LOB)



This technology buyer is predominantly a business executive or manager



Business budgets in most developed economies across the world now fund nearly 70% of all technology spending



Business buyers want business outcomes top-line/bottom-line focus, revenue, productivity, return on investment



Today's Line-of-Business Executives are Tech Savvy, Empowered by the Cloud with a Lot at Stake

Top 4 reasons LOBs are increasing their technology spending:

My functional area is becoming more **tech savvy** and we feel comfortable driving our own IT projects

to implement new technology initiatives

27% We are able to access technology
more easily because of cloud
computing

The link between technology and business results is increasing and my

functional area feels a sense of **urgency**

33%

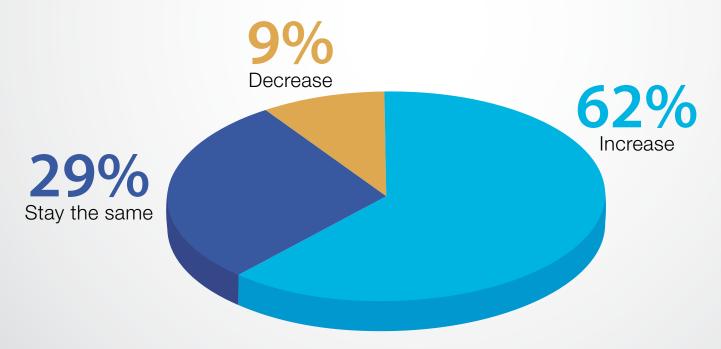
Requirements to incorporate new technologies into **legacy IT systems** make it difficult for our IT organization to meet demands of our functional area



The Centers of Technology Buying Have Shifted — Permanently



62% of respondents expect the percentage of the IT budget controlled/dictated by LOBs to increase in two years

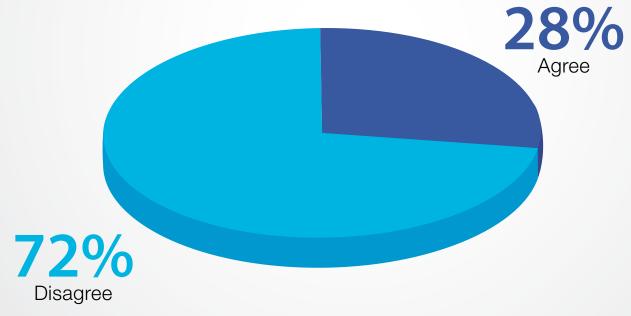




This is Not All Bad News for IT



72% of LOB respondents disagree with the idea that, in three years, their IT department will be less relevant than it is today

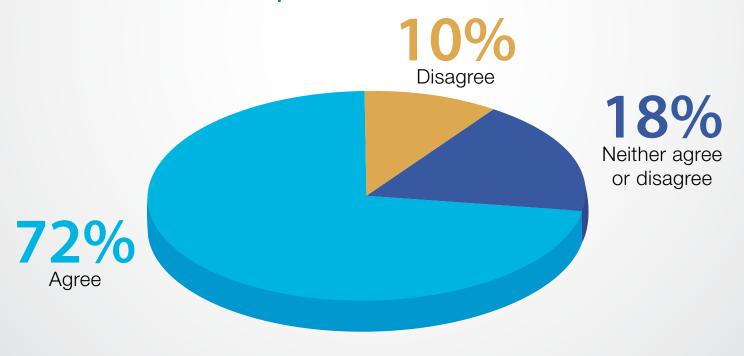




Role of IT in the New LOB-Driven World? A More Valuable Partner



Compared to three years ago, 72% of LOB respondents say IT is becoming a more valuable partner to their functional area

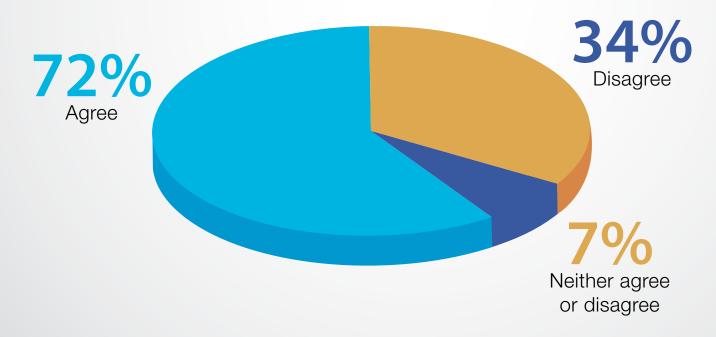




New LOB Expectations of IT: As a Service Broker



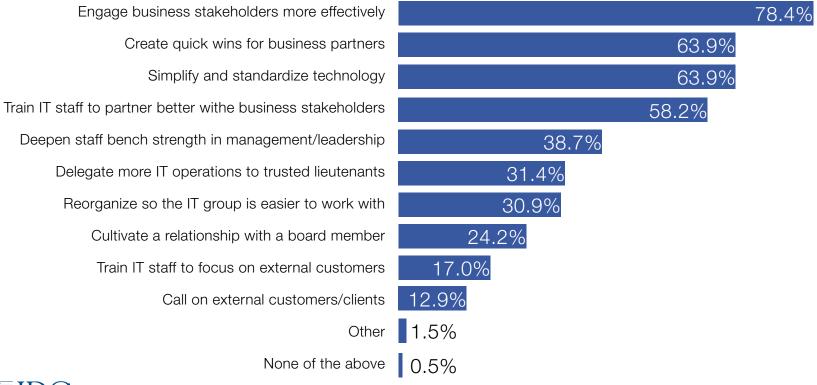
59% of LOB respondents say future role of CIOs will likely be focused primarily on managing contractors, cloud, and other IT service providers





Forward-Looking CIOs Are Preparing for the Opportunity

In fact, today's forward-looking CIOs recognize the new IT buying centers as an opportunity—with the top 2 initiatives for 2015 focused on LOB relationship success.





Making it Work: Top Ways for IT To find Success with LOBs

- 1. Ease business use of technology
- "Simplify and standardize technology" 54%
- 2. Build relationships
- "IT to partner better with business stakeholders" 37%
- 3. Improve engagement
- "Engage business stakeholders more effectively" 33%
- 4. Initiate success
- "Create quick wins for business partners" 31%

