The State of DoD Cloud

Introduction
Looking toward technological transformation, the Department of Defense (DoD) has plans to leverage cloud computing through its various cloud contracts and initiatives. To capture more on the state of cloud in the DoD, Government Business Council polled a random sample of 116 defense government employees, consisting of 85% defense civilians and 15% active duty personnel.

Findings
Respondents are mixed in their confidence surrounding future DoD cloud adoption.

Lack of Consensus

How confident are you that your agency will adopt cloud at a large scale in the coming years?

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Percentage of respondents, n=116
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Cisco’s Perspective
The Federal Government is actively moving toward cloud computing using a variety of public, private, and multi-cloud environments, underpinned by infrastructure that comes from countless different providers. It’s a complex environment, that has its’ informational direction and recommendations from Federal mandated executive orders such as CloudFirst and Cloud Smart. Those executive orders created a significant challenge when the government cannot decelerate the process of providing critical services to its citizens. For a seamless transition to cloud, Cisco can:

- Help accelerate IT modernization, increasing speed and flexibility while reducing costs
- Provide a unified management/interface strategy that can address all cloud computing deployments
- Empower stronger security with FedRAMP Authorized solutions

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A majority of respondents feel that their organizations are not cultivating cloud computing as needed

Please complete the following statement: "Cloud computing deserves ______ support than my organization is giving it."

- Much less: 3%
- Less: 2%
- Neither more nor less: 31%
- More: 46%
- Much more: 17%

Percentage of respondents, n=99
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2% of DoD respondents think that cloud computing deserves more or much more support than their agencies are delivering.

Cloud security ranks as the top priority needed for agency cloud transformation

What do you think is the top priority your agency must satisfy for successful cloud adoption?

- Cloud security: 58%
- Workload portability across cloud environments: 16%
- Data regulatory compliance: 7%
- Employee cloud training: 7%
- Visibility of cloud environment: 3%
- Other: 8%
- None of the above: 2%

Percentage of respondents, n=103
Note: Respondents were asked to select all that apply.

Methodology
GBC deployed a 3-question poll on DoD cloud adoption to a random sample of 116 defense civilians and active duty personnel. The poll was fielded in June 2020.

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