ACCENTURE FEDERAL SERVICES:

MICROSOFT AZURE READY FOR PRIME TIME
Accenture Federal Services is a recognized leader in Public Cloud Infrastructure consulting, services and solutions for the federal government. Our experience and expertise help federal agencies implement and sustain a cloud-first strategy. With an extensive portfolio of best-of-breed capabilities as well as industry-leading partnerships with commercial cloud providers, we create robust hybrid cloud computing environments for your most challenging mission and IT requirements.

Based on our strategic relationship with Microsoft and unmatched expertise, experience, methods and tools, we are uniquely positioned to help federal agencies capitalize on Microsoft Azure. We can create an enterprise strategy using Azure to extend current Microsoft investments, develop and deploy best-of-breed applications or migrate existing enterprise systems to Azure Government.

**WHY MICROSOFT AZURE**

Offering one of the industry's most comprehensive collections of integrated services, Azure is a platform that enables federal agencies to build, deploy and manage applications in the public or hybrid cloud. Its robust infrastructure services, powerful development tools and integrated administration capabilities empower users to rapidly create and easily maintain new solutions for a number of use cases. Azure is central to Microsoft's cloud-first strategy—and it shows.

The close integration of Azure's Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) and Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) capabilities with Microsoft's widely used infrastructure offerings and development tools is a critical differentiator. For agencies with significant investments in Microsoft tools and training, it is a logical extension of their legacy environment, as they can leverage existing licensing, certifications and expertise.

At the same time, Azure offers extensive support for third-party software, such as Linux and other open-source tools and middleware. This approach works to simplify management of hybrid cloud environments and improve application portability.

**SECURITY FIRST**

As the platform with more certifications than any other of its kind, Azure is the industry's most trusted cloud with an enterprise focus on security, privacy, transparency and disaster recovery.

Azure Government, the physically isolated instance of Microsoft Azure dedicated to serving the public sector, is at the forefront of compliance with stringent government security guidelines. With new security credentials accredited in the last year, Azure Government is a formidable option for agencies evaluating CSPs.

In 2016, Azure Government was awarded an Information Impact Level 5 DoD Provisional Authorization by the Defense Information Systems Agency and is in compliance with International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). In March 2017, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) issued a FedRAMP High ATO for Microsoft Azure Government, validating that the Microsoft Azure Government cloud meets all security and compliance standards necessary to handle VA's most sensitive data. In addition to an Agency FedRAMP High ATO from VA, the Joint Authorization Board (JAB) granted Azure Government a Provisional Authority to Operate (P-ATO) at the High Impact Level.
Azure Government’s FedRAMP High authorization covers 32 customer-facing Azure services. These security-focused accomplishments put Azure Government security certifications on par with or above its competitors. Azure Government’s adherence to the government’s most rigorous security guidelines alleviates security concerns that often stall cloud migration efforts.

Azure Government provides a secure, feature-rich cloud platform that combines Microsoft legacy with industry-leading security functionality. Existing Microsoft Enterprise licenses can be repurposed in the cloud environment, allowing customers continued access to products and support through their existing investment.

Microsoft understands the unique security, compliance and performance demands the Federal Government needs to continually achieve their mission. Accenture effectively combines Azure’s infrastructure capabilities with our industry-leading cloud implementation experience to seamlessly transition agencies to the cloud.

**WHY ACCENTURE**

Accenture was the first global technology services provider to deliver end-to-end cloud solutions on Microsoft Azure. Accenture and Microsoft launched Avanade as part of a strategic partnership and unique enterprise agreement in 2000. The alliance is the most significant of its kind for the three companies, bringing to bear the largest collection of Microsoft and open-source skilled resources in the world. Underscoring the strength of our relationship, Accenture and Avanade were recognized as Microsoft’s 2016 Alliance Partner of the Year—our ninth consecutive year earning this honor. Accenture and Avanade are the #1 Azure and Office 365 partner in the world, with more skilled Microsoft resources than anyone else.

The Accenture Hybrid Cloud for Microsoft Azure brings together the best of both worlds: Azure’s compelling security features and Accenture’s cloud expertise. The Accenture Hybrid Cloud Solution for Microsoft Azure delivers new technologies to migrate and manage applications between private and public clouds in a controlled, seamless and automated way.

Accenture Federal Services has helped a number of federal agencies embrace a cloud-first strategy and move successfully to the cloud. We address the full cloud lifecycle, including strategy, architecture, development, migration, operations and security. With complementary skill sets in a number of related fields—from DevOps and digital to application outsourcing and shared services—we can deliver the right solution for nearly any requirement.

For one federal agency, we are working to migrate their mission applications from legacy data centers to Microsoft Azure. As part of this engagement, we are helping them develop their cloud strategy, move to an agile and DevOps operating model, and implement development and production cloud environments. By shifting to DevOps, they can automate many of their development and migration practices for a seamless transition. Accenture also worked with the agency to conduct a thorough portfolio assessment to determine cloud readiness and prioritize applications for migration to the new Azure environments.

**GETTING STARTED**

Faster development, innovative new services, cost savings or more secure solutions? Accenture Federal Services can help determine how your agency can use Microsoft Azure to advance its mission. We bring unmatched expertise in the Azure platform, the Microsoft ecosystem and the broader cloud market to every engagement. Our strategies and assessments are designed to be:

**Fast.** RAPID (Responsive Application Portfolio Inventory Diagnostics) is an Accenture asset designed for Federal customers to quickly assess your existing portfolio within days or a few weeks to determine cloud readiness.

**Proven.** Our methodologies, tools and models build upon our global leadership in cloud computing as well as in-depth experience serving every cabinet-level agency. We can define an optimal strategy and architecture for meeting your agency’s unique needs and ambitions.

**Cost-Effective.** We focus on the real world, including your agency-specific priorities, constraints, dependencies and available resources. Our goal is to identify and capture measurable cost savings and avoidance, which can often be used to satisfy innovation or operational needs.
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