Federal agencies have been mandated to move to the cloud, but there are obstacles to overcome. Force 3’s Bridge to the Cloud strategy offers a comprehensive, long-term plan that mitigates risk and ensures a smooth transition to a multi-cloud environment.

For federal agencies, modernization isn't just a wish—it's a mandate. Between the recent passage of the Modernizing Government Technology Act, the Cloud First Mandate, and the rising costs of maintaining legacy technology, Federal agencies face unprecedented pressure to embrace cloud technology to support more modern, flexible, and secure infrastructures.

Moving to cloud technology can be an uphill battle fraught with obstacles, including resource limitations, skills gaps, budgetary challenges, and the growing burden of legacy IT. Federal agencies also struggle with balancing their fears about cloud security with the risks of failing to modernize — irrelevance, poor performance, and wasted resources and budget. How can federal agencies address the challenges and overcome the obstacles to ensure the best outcome that not only meets the Federal mandates but sets their infrastructure up for success in a multi-cloud environment well into the future?

**OUR APPROACH**

Overcoming the obstacles and migrating to the cloud doesn't happen overnight. Force 3’s Bridge to the Cloud strategy offers a comprehensive, long-term plan designed to help federal agencies build an achievable roadmap for cloud migration that mitigates risk and ensures a smooth transition to a multi-cloud environment.

With Bridge to the Cloud, Force 3 offers federal agencies a way to take the risk out of cloud migration by first transitioning to a private cloud within your own environment. By doing this, agencies can take the time to get all of their applications ready for the cloud — or identify those that can't be migrated.

Private clouds act as a proving ground that is controlled by your IT team. Moving first to a private cloud is a way to safeguard your journey and minimize any potential disruptions. Once the applications and workloads have been successfully moved to your private cloud, it is then an easy transition to the public cloud environment.
PRIVATE CLOUD STARTER SOLUTION

Force 3 offers a Private Cloud Starter Solution that is designed to help agencies take their first step towards the cloud in a controlled, secure environment. Transitioning to a private cloud also helps achieve mandated requirements in a risk-free way. Our Private Cloud Starter Solution combines the following technologies and services:

• Private cloud software, built on container technologies
• Computer hardware
• Installation and configuration services

CLOUD MIGRATION METHODOLOGY

Force 3’s approach to cloud migration follows a methodology that enables agencies to make the gradual transition to the cloud, whether you choose to go the private route or decide you want to move right to the public cloud. With the Cloud Migration Methodology we put security first and always safeguard your journey, ensuring efficient transition without disruptions.

Assessment
We start by taking a look under the hood. Force 3 assesses all of your applications’ code to determine which ones are good targets for cloud migration.

Prioritization
Next, we prioritize your apps for migration based on your agency's needs. We determine which applications can be easily migrated and which will require modifications.

Journey Roadmap
We then develop a cloud migration roadmap for all of your assets based on the lifecycle of each application. Two applications could take two very different paths to the cloud environment. Our Journey Roadmap shows how all components of your applications will migrate to the cloud.

Prepare
With that roadmap in hand, we begin preparing and optimizing your applications to run in the cloud. You determine whether immediate migration can begin or if modernizing legacy applications is more important.

Build
Based on our initial assessment, we can begin rebuilding or replacing legacy applications that cannot be migrated to the cloud.

Migrate
Once your applications and workloads are ready, we begin migrating them to your cloud environment.

MOVING FROM PRIVATE TO PUBLIC CLOUD

When your applications have taken their journey to the private cloud — whether they have been migrated with no changes, updated, rebuilt, or replaced — your agency can now confidently take the final step into the public, multi-cloud environment. Force 3 has strategic partnerships with all of the leading public cloud providers. We also have a team of dedicated engineers to help move all of your applications from your private cloud to any public cloud provider efficiently, including moving your applications to multiple service providers.

ABOUT FORCE 3

Force 3 is the Network Security Company. We provide secure IT solutions and services for clients who demand value and reliability. Together with our parent company, Sirius Computer Solutions, we offer a wide range of solutions and services backed by expert engineers and strategic partnerships.

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