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Multicloud Working Group
CHARTER

A.   Purpose

For many public sector agencies, multi-cloud initiatives have been driven through the lens of data center consolidation, cloud smart initiatives or expanding vendor pools and business opportunities across hyperscalers. Yet, beyond the simplicity of expanding access to cloud providers contractually, the reality of multi-cloud adoption involves myriad complexities to consider; both in initial cloud migration and in Day 2 operations. This Multicloud working group will:

1. Establish a common and expanded public sector Multicloud definition as: The ecosystem of IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS capabilities required to continuously and consistently Build, Run, Manage, Connect, and Protect IT and software at Day 2 scale across on premise, one or multiple CSPs, and Edge cloud instantiations
2. Ensure public sector agencies are aware of the Day 1 and Day 2 multicloud complexities their procurement, architectural and cloud operations pursuits need to account for
3. Ensure public sector agencies are aware of approaches and technologies available for addressing multi-cloud complexity
4. Identify and document the most common public sector business/mission use-cases around agency apps and data that drive cloud implementations across on premise ops/data-centers, one or multiple CSPs, and the Edge; Include perspectives/use-cases from a diverse group of large and small public sector agencies
5. Facilitate industry demonstrations of capabilities aligned to addressing public sector multi-cloud use-cases
6. Aligned to the aforementioned use-cases, identify and document best practices and high-level approaches for agency app portfolio cloud migration/adoption, rationalization, and ongoing multicloud operations; this may include highlighting exemplar enterprise implementations and quantifiable outcomes achieved
7. Propose draft requirements public sector cloud procurements may include to ensure proper up-front planning necessary for managing multi-cloud complexities

B.   Working Group Membership

This working Group includes:

Government Chair: **Kiran Balsa**, Deputy Director, IT Modernization at GSA Office of Governmentwide Policy

Industry Chair: **Jeremiah Sanders**, Senior Federal Strategist at VMware

ATARC support: These staff will provide facilitation and support to the workgroup:
Kiersten Patton, Working Group Program Manager

C.   Roles

Working Group Members will:
- Participate in meetings
- Gather information or do work outside of meetings to move the process along, as needed
- Provide comments on draft proposals
- Write sections of the proposal
- Co-lead or participate in sub-workgroups, as needed, to advance the thinking and productivity of this working group
- Provide input on meeting agendas, as needed
- Organize series of meetings with staff to discuss proposal

ATARC support will:
- Schedule working group meetings
- Develop working group meeting agendas along with the chairs
- Facilitate working group meetings along with the chairs
- Send post-meeting decisions and action items email after each meeting
- Serve as project manager to coordinate the tasks to be completed and who is assigned these tasks
- Assist in preparing final proposal/recommendations

D.   Operating Procedures

The working group will:
- Meet twice monthly on Friday's from 11:30 AM-12:00 PM ET
- Form sub-workgroups to work on specific topic areas to inform the draft proposal, as needed.
- Follow the group's ground rules developed at one of the working group meetings
- Strive to make decisions by unanimous agreement. All people in this working group have a voice and will be listened to. If consensus cannot be reached, a vote (by majority) will be Voting members of the workgroup:

    **If a working group member misses a meeting:
    - Decisions will be made in their absence. The workgroup will decide on a case -by -case basis if a decision that is made in the absence of a workgroup member can be revisited, permitting that workgroup member to weigh in and possibly change a decision the workgroup made.