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**Unisys and AWS Partnership Will Move Federal Government Agencies to the Cloud Faster, Better, and Cheaper**

It’s deceptively easy to simply just “move to the cloud”. It’s flat-out hard to realize the IT transformation benefits. Government agencies have discovered this frustrating truth over the past several years—and are ready for a change. The good news is that Unisys and Amazon Web Services (AWS) are partnering to bring about that change.

The problem stems from a simplistic notion of the cloud: the belief that it is possible to “lift and shift” infrastructure and applications to the cloud and instantly reap the benefits – including substantial cost savings. The reality is that while it is possible to save in capital costs by moving applications to the cloud, those savings typically get eaten up trying to manage applications that were never optimized for the cloud with staff that has not been reskilled for this very different environment.

The problem is then compounded when agencies discover that there are security gaps in their now-hybrid IT environment, as well as redundancies and problematic legacy code. The apps are not architected in such a way as to take advantage of the full capabilities of the cloud, or the many native cloud services providers offer.

**Starting with the End Result in Mind**

What is the solution? AWS has unquestionable benefits for Federal agencies as the clear market leader, but those benefits cannot be gained by zeroing in on the technology. Instead, leveraging the cloud must begin by asking business-oriented questions to optimize migration and management such as:

* What are my objectives in moving to the cloud? (e.g., efficiency, cost savings, reliability, risk-reduction, customer convenience, etc.)
* Which of my applications do I need to modernize, because the software is end-of-life and unsupported?
* What effort and investment do I need to make upfront in my applications’ architecture to ensure the outcomes I want?

In essence, agencies must start by taking a good, close look at the mission results they want to see. Then, work backwards to determine what to do to get there. This clarifies both your mission objectives and your migration strategy.

**Unisys and AWS: A Powerful Partnership**

It is easy to identify the outcomes you want. The strategy to get there, however, can be quite complicated and daunting. That is where the partnership between Unisys and AWS shines.

Through AWS, Federal agencies have access to innovative cloud solutions with capabilities that are growing and changing mandates on a regular basis. Unisys brings to the table over 100 years of experience in developing enterprise-level solutions for large engineering and technical dilemmas, coupled with tremendous expertise in government functioning and award-winning cloud services. Working together, Unisys and AWS help government agencies move to the cloud swiftly, securely, confidently, and productively.

Unisys supports government agencies through the end-to-end cloud migration process, guiding the discovery phase, analyzing applications and dependencies, strategizing the best way to optimize applications for maximum performance, planning the migration, and carrying out the transition. As some applications will undoubtedly remain on-premise, creating a hybrid IT environment, Unisys steps in to ensure end-to-end security, availability, and governance without artificially limiting access to AWS cloud native services.

Unisys and AWS release the transformational power of the cloud, working together for the best interest of government agencies to drive benefit realization as quickly, easily and efficiently as possible. We not only solve the problems of today: we prepare you to rise above the problems of tomorrow.