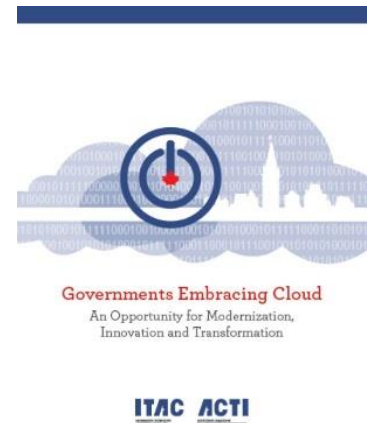*ITAC Industry Insider Newsletter*
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ITAC releases Cloud White Paper that addresses governments' slow adoption of cloud computing and resulting negative impact

On Monday, September 9, ITAC released a new White Paper, addressing governments' slow adoption of cloud computing is wasting resources, slowing down innovation, limiting the delivery of digital services to Canadians and resulting in missed opportunities for technological competitiveness.

The White Paper notes that holders of the most sensitive data in the world, including many national governments – including the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia – have already adopted Cloud First policies and are reaping the benefits. Their experiences offer valuable lessons learned on improved policy outcomes, enhanced efficiencies, higher levels of service quality, greater agility and improved levels of trust with citizens and businesses.

Important to note - while many governments have been slow to migrate to the cloud, due to the technological debt load they are carrying, the Government of Quebec by contrast [announced a bold move](#) in February to migrate 80 per cent of its operations to the cloud by 2022.

- **To read the English version:** *[Governments Embracing Cloud: An Opportunity for Modernization, Innovation and Transformation](#)*
- **To read the French version:** *[L'adoption du nuage par l'État Perspectives de modernisation, d'innovation et de transformation](#)*

Establishing a Framework: A four-pillar strategic approach to a modern Digital Government in Canada. An ITAC-ICT Industry Commitment to Change

As a reminder, ITAC, on behalf of its members, offers the Government of Canada a solution that would help provide immediate and long-term solutions to key issues that are holding back their ability to digitally transform, modernize and

migrate to the Cloud in a safe and effective manner that saves money, brings real solutions in a short time frame, and would enable government, the ICT sector and other private sector participants to work together to bring real change.

This solution is a four-pronged strategic approach are separate but have significant overlap: Developing a Commercial First Approach; Establishing a National Govtech Citizen Accelerator at Bayview Yards; Migrating to the Cloud; and Re-Skilling and Up-Skilling the Federal Workforce. **Click here for an overview of all four pillars**.