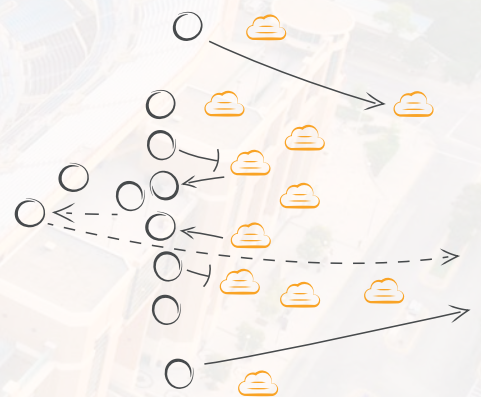# Multi-Cloud Defense:
Redefining the Cyber Playbook

MeriTalk, in partnership with GDIT, surveyed 150 Federal cyber leaders to examine current multi-cloud cybersecurity efforts and define the path forward.

Game Time

83% of Federal cyber leaders say their agency is **increasing multi-cloud adoption** to support telework and mission needs related to COVID-19

76% have begun moving **critical services** to the cloud to address telework-related availability issues

Flag on the Field

42% say they are trying to adapt cybersecurity strategies accordingly, but it's **not fast enough** to keep pace with evolving multi-cloud environments

Top challenges to securing multi-cloud:

Challenge	%
Budget constraints	**39%**
Difficulty meeting regulatory requirements	**32%**
Lack of skilled workforce	**32%**
Lack of sufficient cybersecurity solutions baked in (such as APIs and ICAM)	**31%**
Increased attack surface	**30%**

Focus on Defense

91% agree **securing multi-cloud** will be a top priority over the next two years

Top areas of focus:

#1
Federal compliance

#2
Vulnerability management

#3
Risk management

Top steps taken so far:

- Utilized data encryption **(51%)**
- Implemented zero trust principles **(41%)**
- Adopted FedRAMP-compliant solutions **(39%)**
- Established centralized controls for threat detection **(38%)**
- Worked with CSPs to delineate cyber responsibilities in the shared services model **(38%)**
- Implemented data redundancy **(36%)**
- Utilized a Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB) **(34%)**
- Deployed cloud-focused cybersecurity stack **(33%)**
- Adopted automated tools to speed response time (e.g., SOAR) **(33%)**

The Road to Victory

84% say in the long run, **successful multi-cloud adoption** will strengthen their agency's overall cybersecurity posture

Feds see successful multi-cloud adoption benefiting agencies in the COVID-19 era and beyond through:

53%
Increased security

51%
Increased flexibility/ scalability

49%
Cost savings

To future-proof cybersecurity for multi-cloud, Feds say:

"**Consistency across cloud platforms** is key to moving multi-cloud forward"

"We need to **automate our security policies** across multiple networks"

"**Evaluate the effectiveness of existing solutions** and determine whether **cloud instances are configured correctly**"

Cyber impacts every aspect of our lives. That's why GDIT is driven to ensure clients have cyber protection today, while outthinking the threats of tomorrow.

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