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Accelerating Enterprise Cloud Migration is Critical to Meeting Warfighters' Needs,
Say 84 Percent of DoD IT Leaders in New Research

Alexandria, Va., June 7, 2021 – Eighty-four percent of Department of Defense (DoD) IT decision makers say accelerating enterprise cloud adoption is critical to meeting warfighters' needs, but 96 percent continue to face migration delays, according to *The Time is Now: Accelerating DoD Enterprise Cloud*, a new study from [MeriTalk](#), a public-private partnership focused on improving the outcomes of government IT.

The report, based on a survey of more than 100 DoD IT decision makers, explores DoD enterprise cloud migration barriers and ramifications of continued delays. Sixty-eight percent of respondents say delays in moving to DoD enterprise clouds – Defense Enterprise Office Solution (DEOS), Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (JEDI), and milCloud 2.0 – obstruct their department's ability to meet its mission. The top consequences to migration delays cited include:

- Increased cybersecurity risks (47 percent)
- Increased costs (43 percent)
- Organizational inefficiencies (42 percent)
- Complex data management (41 percent)

Seventy-six percent of respondents agree that delays have forced their department to seek cloud work-arounds, and the vast majority cite an impact on their department's ability to meet the [DoD Cloud Strategy's](#) objectives – among them implementing scalable solutions, enabling exponential growth in data use, and addressing cyber challenges proactively.

The survey uncovered the need for the DoD to provide strong guidance and education. When asked what their department needs to accelerate their move to enterprise cloud, the top responses included clear guidance from DoD leadership (49 percent), stronger policy directive (44 percent), improved access to technical resources (35 percent), and workforce training and

development (34 percent). The research also pointed to an opportunity for increased education on the proven enterprise cloud solutions available to the DoD today (DEOS and milCloud 2.0).

“The priorities released in the 2019 DoD Cloud Strategy are even more important today against the backdrop of a global pandemic, an increasingly mobile workforce, and a widening cyber threat surface. The findings of this survey indicate there is a massive opportunity to transform the DoD mission with accelerated enterprise cloud adoption,” says Brittany Johnston, research director, MeriTalk. “DoD leadership guidance and education will be critical components in moving the migration needle forward.”

Despite delays, 84 percent of respondents feel optimistic about the future of DoD enterprise clouds, and the vast majority (86 percent) say the availability of DoD enterprise clouds will accelerate their department’s cloud adoption.

The Time is Now: Accelerating DoD Enterprise Cloud is based on an online survey of more than 100 DoD IT decision makers familiar with their department’s plans for enterprise cloud in April 2021. The report has a margin of error of $\pm 9.54\%$ at a 95% confidence level. To review the full report, visit: <https://www.meritalk.com/study/the-time-is-now/>.

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