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## **Cloud Computing Caucus Advisory Group Statement on President Obama's FY 2015 Budget Proposal**

*Cloud Computing Adoption is Central to Greater IT Spending Efficiencies in 2015*

**March 6, 2014, Alexandria, VA** – Cloud Computing Caucus Advisory Group, a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of industry and key government stakeholders focused on raising awareness of issues associated with cloud computing, offered the following statement after President Obama released the [fiscal year 2015 Federal budget](#) on March 4, 2014:

The Cloud Computing Caucus Advisory Group recognizes the necessity to find greater efficiencies in Federal information technology spending in FY2015 – and cloud is a key driver. The President's FY15 Federal budget emphasizes a need for innovation from Federal chief information officers as agency IT budgets remain relatively flat. Widespread adoption of cloud technologies helps speed innovation across Federal agencies and achieves greater spending efficiencies.

Cloud computing services, which give agencies the ability to purchase IT services in a utility-based cloud model – paying for only the services consumed – offer agencies opportunities to showcase innovative approaches to IT implementations and save taxpayer dollars. If Federal agencies continue to adopt cloud computing services, the return on investment would be significant – MeriTalk [research](#) shows agencies are saving \$5.5 billion with cloud implementations but could achieve even greater potential savings of an estimated \$12 billion annually.

The Cloud Computing Caucus Advisory Group and its supporters applaud the President and Congress for recognizing the need for greater innovation in IT. We urge this Administration and Congress to recognize the benefits and savings realized by increasing the implementation of cloud computing and focus Federal IT spending to the broader adoption of cloud computing in our Federal government.

Cloud Computing Caucus Advisory Group recently hosted its first “[Hillversation](#),” focused on the Cloud Service Providers’ Viewpoint of FedRAMP – and previewed the new MeriTalk/GSA FedRAMP OnRAMP, a new [transparency portal](#) to showcase Federal agencies secure cloud options. The White House has established a June 2014 deadline for all Federal agencies to use FedRAMP certified cloud solutions. For more detail on the FedRAMP OnRAMP, see the [announcement](#) or to join the Cloud Computing Caucus Advisory Group’s mission, visit [www.cloudcomputingcaucus.org](http://www.cloudcomputingcaucus.org).

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### **About the Cloud Computing Caucus Advisory Group**

The Cloud Computing Caucus Advisory Group is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of technology companies and industry groups focused on educating lawmakers and the public about cloud computing as well as other information technology issues. The Cloud Computing Caucus Advisory Group is driven by the understanding that sound policy relies on a full understanding of the issues affecting Federal information technology. It is separate and distinct from the Cloud Computing Caucus, a Congressional Member Organization. For more information on the Cloud Computing Caucus Advisory Group, please visit [www.cloudcomputingcaucus.org](http://www.cloudcomputingcaucus.org) or follow us on Twitter [@CloudCaucusAG](#).