

# 18F/cloud.gov Cloud Adoption Consulting

If you're looking at practical steps to cloud migration, 18F/cloud.gov is ready to work with you. Based on our experience at 18F/cloud.gov, helping many agencies with consulting partnerships and running cloud.gov, we've learned how to support successful federal cloud adoption. If you're interested in exploring a project, email us at [cloud-gov-inquiries@gsa.gov](mailto:cloud-gov-inquiries@gsa.gov).

## Stage 1: Application Portfolio and Process Analysis

18F/cloud.gov translates your cloud adoption challenges into straightforward recommendations and helps align your stakeholders.

This small, eight-week investment gives you a **high-level cloud readiness analysis** of your application portfolio and development processes. We identify action-oriented routes to pursue. Because we consider opportunities and pitfalls that can be difficult for a program team to see, the **Portfolio and Process Analysis serves as insurance** that your cloud adoption strategy will deliver value to your agency and your users. This phase lays the groundwork for continued progress with cloud.gov or another technical team inside or outside of government. Analysis steps include:

- Talk to development teams, infrastructure teams, and application users to identify pain points and determine application needs in the cloud.
- Learn from security teams about compliance landscape and key needs.
- Understand development and deployment processes.
- Collaborate with CIOs and program managers on a high-level identification of which existing types of applications are potentially cloud-ready, would require adaptation for the cloud, need to be retired, or should be replaced with SaaS.

## Stage 2: The One-System Pilot

After a Portfolio and Process Analysis, an 18F/cloud.gov team of engineers, designers, product managers, and strategists can work shoulder-to-shoulder with your team to migrate the first system. This is **intensive work on a single system** to rapidly identify challenges and unblock the path, without the risk of a large portfolio migration before proving the process. We help your team grow their skills including cloud-native architecture, DevOps practices, security compliance, iterative software development, product management, and acquisition. Together, these skills significantly **strengthen your team's ability** to migrate additional systems and scale up.