

Get Connected: A Checklist for Smarter, More Effective Government

Build an agency that's ready for the challenges of delivering services in a world of evolving priorities and rising demands. Use this checklist to find out where you're strong and where you need help.

1. Build a Connected Culture

Your workforce is the first and last link in a connected government. Agency employees are the ones ultimately responsible for mission success, which means change management and continuous education are as important as network capacity and battery life.

Engage employees via technology committees and user input on new technology blueprints.

2. Maximize Your Reach

Agencies face pressure to improve productivity, boost COOP (continuity of operations) readiness, reduce capital expenses and retain talent. It's imperative to find secure solutions that expand the reach of agency programs while making the best use of precious technology dollars.

Consider CYOD (choose your own device) programs to combine the savings of BYOD with the security and manageability agencies require.

3. Turn Information into Answers

Calling data "big" doesn't quite cover the possibilities and challenges agencies face. The move towards data-driven decision-making requires creating, moving, and crunching information from a wide range of disparate sources. Anticipating infrastructure needs allows agencies to adapt as data demands evolve.

Optimize networks for new database and application needs and ensure workstation infrastructure is up to speed across key ISVs.

4. Match Tools to Tasks

As technology and what it can help agencies accomplish increases in sophistication, building an IT infrastructure that can keep pace with the exploding demand for government services requires a new commitment to adaptability. In many cases, it's not an issue of having enough hardware or software, but choosing solutions that most closely match real-world processes and priorities.

Consider new approaches like shared devices and more customized configurations of desktop technology.

Get Connected: Aligning your agency around a connected government framework empowers your teams to boost productivity, transform information, and strengthen your IT infrastructure. **From the device to the data center, Lenovo is committed to helping agencies meet these goals.**

5. Future-Proof Your Investment

Even as budgets stabilize, the pressure to maximize ROI persists. Longer refresh cycles and basic configurations have been viewed as an easy way to stretch technology dollars. But this strategy can actually drive up long-term costs while slowing productivity and impeding scalability.

Invest in technology that incorporates the features and scalability you need over at least a three-year period.

Modern digital government is about connectivity. In a sea of information about speeds and feeds, Lenovo is committed to connecting government organizations in ways that empower ideas, data, employees, citizens, and agencies.

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