VMware Announces General Availability of VMware vCloud Government Service

Enterprise-Class Hybrid Cloud Service for U.S. Public Sector Organizations Achieves FedRAMP Provisional Authority to Operate

PALO ALTO, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 02/05/15 -- VMware, Inc. (NYSE: VMW), the global leader in virtualization and cloud infrastructure, today announced that VMware vCloud® Government Service™ provided by Carpathia has achieved the Provisional Authority to Operate (ATO) through the U.S. Government's Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP).

FedRAMP ATO is mandatory for any cloud service provider serving the Federal government, and VMware's offering is now generally available to U.S. government and defense organizations. VMware vCloud Government Service - an infrastructure-as-a-service hybrid cloud - is based on the award-winning VMware vSphere® platform used by all cabinet level agencies, all military services, the Department of Defense and the Judicial and Legislative branches of government.

"Much of U.S. government IT runs on VMware virtual infrastructure, and VMware vCloud Government Service provided by Carpathia will enable agencies to extend their infrastructure to the cloud by leveraging the technology and personnel investments they have already made," said Pat Gelsinger, chief executive officer, VMware. "Being able to offer a FedRAMP authorized cloud solution to a market segment with such broad adoption of our vSphere technology is critical to providing Federal organizations the best alternatives as they increasingly turn to cloud computing to reduce costs, expand IT resources and services, and improve service levels to users."

As a result of the compatibility between vSphere-based virtual infrastructure in the data center and vCloud Government Service, organizations investing in vCloud Government Service can expect to move workloads seamlessly between their internal resources and the cloud. This is ideal for government agencies seeking to augment existing IT infrastructure capacity, enhance continuity of operations and disaster recovery, facilitate application development and testing operations, and host standard, packaged applications such as email and collaboration - without re-architecting for new infrastructure or retraining personnel on net-new technologies, tools and processes.

The architecture incorporates many of VMware's most advanced capabilities including VMware NSX™ network and security virtualization, vSphere® vMotion® for data and storage migration, and others. With VMware NSX, vCloud Government Service can extend a logical network across both the public and private cloud, empowering customers to quickly provision applications with full network and security policy portability across the hybrid cloud without ever having to touch the physical infrastructure. VMware NSX also allows unparalleled granular network security, with distributed policy enforcement at every virtual interface and in-kernel scale-out firewalling distributed to every hypervisor and baked into the platform.

FedRAMP is a government-wide program that provides a standardized approach to security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring for cloud products and services. This approach uses a "do once, use many times" framework that can reduce government organizations' costs, time, and staff required to conduct redundant agency security assessments.

"As the U.S. Federal government continues to move to a cloud-first approach to IT, VMware used FedRAMP's standard approach for conducting security assessments to reduce duplicative authorization efforts while also ensuring it meets the Federal requirements for all customers across government," said Matt Goodrich, FedRAMP Director. "This provisional authorization confirms that VMware vCloud® Government Service™ provided by Carpathia meets the stringent security and privacy requirements of FedRAMP."

Additional Resources

- Organizations interested in learning more about vCloud Government Service are invited to view the on-demand webcast located here
- To learn more about VMware vCloud Government Service, visit http://vcloud.vmware.com/about_services/vcgs.
- Read the VMware Public Sector Blog for the latest information on VMware Government
- Read our blog post and watch a message from VMware CEO Pat Gelsinger about vCloud Government Service
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