

CLOUD ARCHITECTURE CONSULTANCY

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Overview

The Cloud Architecture Consultancy service provides complementary architecture support to you across infrastructure and applications to support transitions to the Cloud or between Cloud platforms and services.

Description of the Service

In any Cloud transition and transformation project, it is vital to provide clear oversight of the solution across various dimensions. Our service is designed to provide architecture support when working across a range of Cloud platforms including Amazon Web Services, Oracle Cloud, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform and IBM Cloud.

Within this service we can provide a range of architecture services including:

- enterprise or business architecture to ensure alignment of IT strategy to your vision;
- solution architecture to identify solutions to meet your business requirements;
- technical architecture to identify technical solutions and provide technical input to development teams;
- information and data architects to design and oversee the information management elements;
- infrastructure architecture to ensure alignment with existing and planned infrastructure;
- security architecture to design and implement security elements and controls.

We work with your team to understand your internal capability to support your transformation project and to identify gaps in capability or capacity. This allows us to create a bespoke work package of consultancy services across the various disciplines to complement your team delivering against clear requirements and/or deliverables.

We will ensure that our team possess the appropriate skills and qualifications to deliver the work and have experience of working in your sector or equivalent transferable skills.

We will seek to transfer knowledge and skills to your internal teams both to allow smooth transition to business as usual and to reduce your ongoing need for consultancy to optimise value for money.

Our Delivery Approach

We run an associate based consultancy model, where we supplement our internal capability with specialist external associates to ensure we can provide a team who are ideally matched to your specific requirements. When we agree the work with you, where required we will identify suitable associates from our specialist pool who will be engaged by us on demand for as long as the engagement lasts. We will take responsibility for any work delivered by these associates.

How to Order

Under G-Cloud, the first step in ordering any service is to develop a statement of requirements and conduct appropriate searches on the Digital Marketplace, assessing the matching services to determine which one best meets your needs.

Following this, you should contact us by telephone or email to discuss your requirements and ensure we are able to assist. We will discuss the requirements and scope out the work and the size and composition of the team, and agree the expected duration of the work and the pricing.

You can then send us a G-Cloud Order Form which formally instructs us to commence service provision. We are happy to help draft this is required. As soon as the order form is signed by both parties, we will commence with resourcing and onboarding the team.

Initiation and Onboarding

After receipt of the signed Order Form, we will allocate a delivery team which may include permanent consultants and specialist associates. We will aim to deploy a team within a week of receipt of the Order Form. Prior to the engagement, our team will be briefed on the requirements, scope and expected deliverables. From the start of the engagement our team will work with you to identify key stakeholders and agree the work plan.

Resource Changes and Termination

We recognise that during assignments there may be changes to the requirements and that we may need to adjust the resourcing to ensure we adapt to these changes. Similarly, there may be a requirement to terminate the engagement or reduce the scope due to changing priorities. We will always aim to be flexible in ramping down resources. Our standard terms for termination for convenience are five working days.

Customer Responsibilities

We will seek to work alongside your team as far as possible to facilitate knowledge sharing. You will need to provide appropriate contacts to liaise with our team including facilitating contacts with parts of your organisation and any third parties. We will also verification from you of satisfactory delivery of service on a regular basis.

We will ensure that all team members supplied to you are vetted in line with BPSS. In the event that you require higher level of clearance, we will identify suitably cleared consultants but will expect you to hold their clearances. We will also look to you to sponsor SC clearance and above where this is required.

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