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CLOUD COMPUTING FOR COGS & PLANNING DISTRICTS

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WHAT'S DRIVING IT IN TODAY'S COG?

Citizens and Staff Needs

- 7x24 access to services, any time...from anywhere
- Collaboration with other organizations
- Staff efficiency...need to do more with less
- Security
- Budget Pressure
- Business Continuity
- Technological Innovations
- Technology Leadership



LEE-RUSSELL SITUATION - PAST

IT Premise Based Model

- No formal internal IT staff
- Escalating capital expenses
- Lacked adequate mobility
- Very reactive mode of operation
- No round the clock support
- Security concerns
- Business Continuity



DECISION – MOVE TO CLOUD COMPUTING

Why?

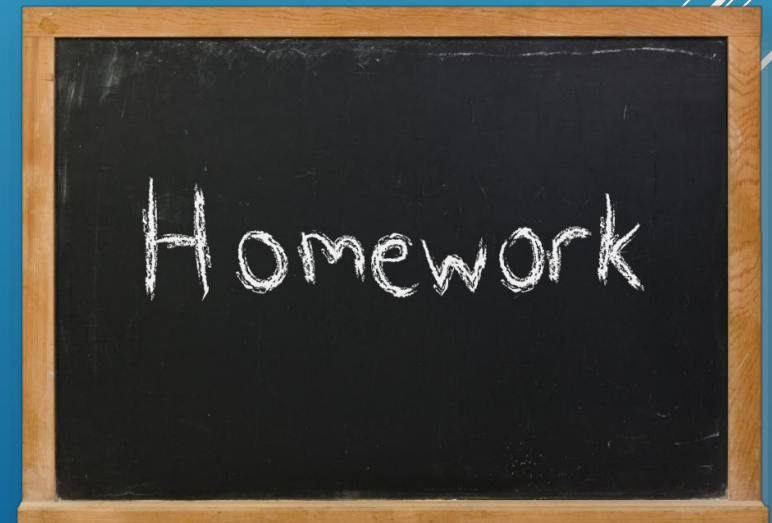
- Got me out of the IT business!
- Now more focused on our core business
 - ...not spending time chasing IT issues
- No PC or servers purchases
- Lower total annualized IT costs
- Scale up/down easily...we only pay for what we need, when we need it
- Very secure environment
- Continuous operation...always able to access desktop, from anywhere



YOUR HOMEWORK

Cloud Computing...have you considered this option?

- Does your current IT meet the needs of your citizens and staff?
- Are your capital costs getting out of hand?
- Is IT consuming too much of your staff's time?
- Do you have a strategic plan to transition to the next IT stage?



THANK YOU!

