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Cloud Contracting

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Cloud Computing Trends

- Forrester estimates the cloud market will top \$241 billion by 2020¹
- IBM CTO estimates 50% reduction in labor costs and 75% improvement in capital utilization²
- Bundling professional services with cloud offerings
- Growing concern over how to meet regulatory privacy and security requirements

1"Sizing the Cloud: Understanding and Quantifying the Future of Cloud Computing" – Forrester Research, 2011

2 "Keeping Cloud Costs Grounded" - Forbes.com, 2010



Key Provisions on Cloud Contracts

- Intellectual property ownership
- Insurance and indemnity requirements especially for intellectual property infringement
- Regulatory compliance
- Subcontractor liability for third party services or software
- Effect of termination—return of customer data
- Service failure corrective action plan



Risk Overview

Business Continuity Risks

- Service Interruption
- Post-terminationData Rights

Regulatory Compliance Risks

> Data Privacy and Security Statutes

Intellectual Property Risks

- Use and Disclosure of Information
- Ownership of Software
- IP Ownership at Termination

Liability Risks

Risk Balancing



Industry Specific Regulations

HIPAA & HITECH

Health care service providers and business associates

Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA)

Financial institutions

FTC Red Flags Rule

Financial institutions and creditors

Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI)

Organizations processing credit cards



Common Regulatory Requirements

Privacy and Security Policies

- Regular risk assessment
- Access and audit controls
- Enforcement of policies

Encryption

- Data in transmission and in storage
- Does not address every regulatory requirement

Breach Notification



Regulatory Compliance in Cloud Contracts

Free or low-cost services

- Click-wrap contracts
- No opportunity to negotiate
- Cloud service providers attempt to offload regulatory and liability risk

Large-scale, integrated services

- Negotiated contracts
- Storage of specific data types defined
- Regulatory requirements addressed
- Risks balanced with indemnity and insurance



Mitigating Risks in the Cloud

Cloud Service Providers

- Understand industry/region regulatory requirements
- Use indemnity provisions
- Obtain cyber risk insurance
- Encrypt data in motion and in storage

Cloud Customers

- Ensure providers meet and take some responsibility for your regulatory requirements
- Require cyber risk insurance
- Implement employee Acceptable Use policy to limit exposure on free or low-cost cloud services

Questions?