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Modernizing Securely in the Cloud for Mission Impact



As new security threats emerge and tech stacks get more complex, protecting sensitive data presents a challenge for Federal Government agencies tasked with meeting and maintaining security and regulatory requirements. It's a tall task to assess and procure new technology that will complement and extend current infrastructure and systems, a task that requires much research and confidence.

As modernization efforts are now mandatory in the Federal government, it's critical to update policies and adopt technology that meets NIST security controls to protect data. This upgrade effort is a direct result of growing risk as federal government systems are being targeted for data breaches and ransomware attacks. Investing in secure cloud software not only protects you from current attacks but selecting the right partner can future-proof against new security risks and changing mandates.



Preparing for the Unexpected

In the 2023 report, **Top Technology Trends in Government**, Gartner predicts "by 2025, 75% of government CIOs will be directly responsible for security outside of IT, including operational and mission-critical technology environments."

This increases the need to adopt adaptive security measures, through strategic programs and investments to integrate systems and processes. With industry-leading security designed to monitor, protect, detect, and act, security leaders can have confidence that their data is always protected at the highest standards.

An enterprise-wide security strategy enhances and accelerates digital innovation for months and years ahead.



Commitment to Continuous Innovation

Working with a travel and expense (T&E) solution that is committed to staying FedRAMP-compliant as requirements evolve and providing a secure environment for its public sector users can better position your organization. It also helps future-proof your systems as government agencies evolve their security standards and best practices. For example, government agencies are using NIST 800-53 security protocols to prevent data breaches and disruptions, and when your T&E vendor has information security experts keeping up with evolving threats and government regulations, your teams can rely on continuous monitoring and improvement.



The Challenges of Staying Compliant and Sustaining Innovation

Some organizations manage T&E functions with separate software for travel booking and expense report submission. When T&E data is stored in and shared between multiple systems that are housed in different clouds and likely interacting via custom integrations, it can open security gaps and create points of failure. When multiple systems are involved, each vendor is responsible for providing security for their own solution — not the entire T&E solution.

Additionally, multiple spend management applications multiply work. When selecting new technology applications or assessing current ones, you must evaluate each provider's current security capabilities, as well as their ability to keep abreast of emerging threats and regulatory requirements at the level that you need. Once implemented, your teams must continually stay on top of multiple vendors, auditing their capabilities when updated regulations arise, an administrative burden that takes time from other work. A single all-inclusive travel and expense solution architected for the government minimizes this burden and, more importantly, greatly reduces the risk of security gaps and weaknesses.



Is Your T&E Solution Up to Par?

To determine if you are securely managing T&E at a level that meets mandates to protect government data, ask:

- What are our current data security requirements and are we meeting them?
- Can we support protecting government data in accordance with FedRAMP moderate standards?
- Does our current solution contain sensitive data that we may not be aware of?
- Can our existing systems protect possible CUI data?
- Do we want to meet higher standards than our current needs require to be prepared for future regulations?
- How much time does it take to ensure our T&E vendors are meeting and staying up to date with security regulations?



Travel and Expense Purpose-Built for Government

The solution to these challenges is multi-faceted, and therefore requirements a dynamic solution. Federal Government agencies at all levels need a consolidated T&E cloud solution architected for the protection of data that's fully integrated to eliminate multi-vendor gaps and future-proof cloud data protection efforts. They also need a solution that supports a range of data, as there are varying standards, requirements, and guidelines that governments publish.

Concur® Cloud for Public Sector is a platform-as-a-service (PaaS) that hosts a variety of commercial SAP Concur solutions, such as Concur Travel and Expense, which meets or exceeds the security needed to protect your data. Concur Cloud for Public Sector delivers:

- NIST 800-53-level encryption for data in transit and at rest
- Continuity of operations that meet NIST program standards
- Physical data security within the AWS GovCloud data center environment, staffed exclusively by restricted U.S. personnel
- Regular audits and validation of controls as regulated by the federal government
- Ongoing close collaboration with the defense industrial base to meet current and evolving needs

In addition to these security features, Concur Cloud for Public Sector customers gain the benefits of consolidating multiple functions with a single vendor: frictionless data sharing; a single source of truth across travel and expense solutions; easier management and collaboration; and a consistent user experience.

SAP® Concur solutions have helped organizations take on the challenge of modernizing travel and expense management for more than 20 years. Within regulated industries, SAP Concur has led transformative projects to enhance user experiences, automate expense management, drive reconciliation and transparency in booking invoices, build out an enhanced ecosystem of partners, and much more.



Get the level of security you require without the extra administrative work.

Learn more about <u>Concur Cloud for Public Sector</u> and contact an SAP Concur representative today.



About SAP Concur

SAP Concur is the world's leading brand for integrated travel, expense, and invoice management. Driven by a relentless pursuit to simplify and automate everyday processes, the solutions guide employees through business trips, move authorized charges directly into expense reports, and automate invoice approvals. By integrating near real-time data and using Al to analyze transactions, businesses can see what they're spending, improve compliance, and avoid possible blind spots in the budget. SAP Concur is imagining a world where travel and expenses practically manage themselves, helping businesses run at their best every day.

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