

Data Centre as a Service Multi Use List

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On Thursday 18 October 2012, John Sheridan, First Assistant Secretary of the Australian Government Information Management Office (Agency Services Division) of the Department of Finance and Deregulation launched the first release of the Data Centre as a Service (DCaaS) Multi Use List.

John Sheridan's press release is available [here](#).

More information about the DCaaS Multi Use List is available on the AusTender website, [here](#).

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Data Centre as a Service Multi Use List

The DCaaS Multi Use List is designed to provide Federal Government agencies operating under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 (FMA)* with a simple way to procure cloud and cloud-like Services. The Multi Use List will be in place for two years initially, and will be continually updated to reflect changes in the suppliers, services and pricing available to agencies. Contracts under this arrangement are limited to \$80,000 (GST inclusive) and terms of up to 12 months.

The Multi Use List is open for use by all FMA agencies; agencies under the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997 (CAC Act); and Australian state and territory governments and other Commonwealth bodies. Use of the DCaaS Multi Use List is optional for these agencies and bodies.

The three basic types of services offerings that will be available through the Multi Use List are:

- Software as a Service;
- Platform as a Service; and
- Infrastructure as a Service.

Inclusion in the Multi Use List

AGIMO approached the market in July 2012 seeking applications for inclusion on the DCaaS Multi Use List. The cutoff date for the initial round of applications was 30 August 2012. From these applicants, 35 suppliers and over 900 services were chosen for inclusion in the first release of the Multi Use List.



Potential suppliers who would like to be included on the Multi Use List in the future may submit an Application for Inclusion (AFI) at any time via the [AusTender website](#), however assessment cut-off dates will apply. AFIs received after a cut-off date will be evaluated during the next round of assessments.

First Release Multi Use List Suppliers

35 suppliers have been selected to provide cloud and cloud-like services to the Australian Government through the first release of the Multi Use List. Services range from Virtual Desktops and Servers, to Disaster Recovery and Managed Backups, to eTendering packages and online collaboration tools. These suppliers are:

1. Bulletproof Networks Pty Ltd
2. C3 Business Solutions Pty Ltd
3. Cloud Central Pty Ltd
4. Compuware Asia Pacific Pty Ltd
5. Datacom Systems (ACT) Pty Ltd
6. Dell Australia Pty Ltd
7. Digital (Digest) Data Design Pty Limited
8. Emantra Pty Ltd
9. eMite Pty Ltd
10. Enterprise Data Corporation Pty Ltd
11. Ethan Group Pty Ltd
12. Flying Haggis Pty Ltd t/a Fluccs
13. Hewlett-Packard Australia Pty. Ltd
14. IBM Australia Limited
15. iCognition Pty Ltd
16. Infoplex Pty Ltd
17. Intech Solutions Pty Ltd
18. IntelligenceBank Pty Ltd
19. Interactive Pty Ltd
20. Interhost Pacific Pty Ltd t/a Intervolve
21. Lazu Pty Ltd
22. Lock Box Pty Ltd
23. Macquarie Telecom Pty Ltd
24. Objective Corporation Limited
25. Pacnet Internet (A) Pty Ltd
26. Sliced Labs Pty Ltd trustee for Sliced Tech Holdings Unit Trust (t/a sliced Tech)
27. Telstra Corporation Limited
28. Trade Interchange (Asia-Pacific) Pty Limited
29. TransACT Capital Communications Pty Ltd
30. Uber Global Pty Ltd
31. Ultra Serve Internet Pty Ltd
32. uniDap Solutions Pty Ltd
33. UXC Connect
34. VoIP Pty Ltd
35. ZettaGrid Pty Ltd

Background: Cloud Computing Strategic Direction Paper and the Australian Government Data Centre Strategy 2010-2025

The launch of the first DCaaS Multi Use List follows the release of the *Australian Government Data Centre Strategy 2010-2025* and the *Cloud Computing Strategic Direction Paper*. The Australian Government Data Centre Strategy 2010-2025 was released in March 2010. The strategy outlines a whole-of-government approach for future data centre requirements over 15 years, in order to avoid ad hoc investments which would cost significantly more than a coordinated approach.

The Strategy estimates that agencies operating under the FMA Act spend \$4.3 billion per annum on Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Of that, around \$850 million per annum is on data centres. FMA agencies use about 30,000 square metres of data centre space.

The Data Centre Strategy is available [here](#).

In April 2011 the Department of Finance and Deregulation released a Cloud Computing Strategic Direction Paper, which outlined opportunities and applicability for use of cloud computing by the Australian Government.

The Direction Paper notes that the rapid growth in the availability of cloud services and high speed broadband connectivity, such as provided by the National Broadband Network (NBN), present opportunities and challenges to all levels of government in Australia in delivering services to individuals and industry.

The Australian Government Cloud Computing Strategic Direction paper describes the whole-of-government policy position on cloud computing, which states that agencies may choose cloud-based services where they demonstrate value for money and adequate security.

The Cloud Computing Strategic Direction Paper is available [here](#).