



U.S. Army ITA Emerges as Model for Data Center Consolidation

Washington, D.C. – As the provider of technology services for the Pentagon and the National Capital Region (NCR), the Army’s Information Technology Agency (ITA) is leading the way for the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative, achieving large scale improvements in efficiency while reducing the physical footprint of server space.

Redefining how it will modernize to best serve its customers, ITA has emerged as a leader and model agency to follow in meeting the goals set forth by former federal CIO Mr. Vivek Kundra in 2010. By transforming their organization, reducing costs and utilizing cutting edge technology, ITA is delivering on the goals of the consolidation effort and demonstrating the true efficiencies that can be gained.

Prior to 2001, agencies in the NCR operated under isolated pillars of Information Technology (IT). The result was too many server rooms occupying expensive real estate, consuming high levels of power, and duplicating processes and operations maintenance within the Pentagon. Recognizing the redundancies that existed within the Pentagon and throughout the NCR, ITA assumed management of IT resources for a large portion of NCR customers, centralizing and modernizing mainframe and server capabilities.

“Over 30-thousand square feet of data center flooring has been eliminated while existing ITA facilities have been modernized to support over 65-hundred servers,” said ITA Executive Director Mr. Donald Adcock. “Additionally, our improved mainframe efficiencies have enabled ITA to increase processor performance by 40 percent.”

The past five years have demonstrated ITA’s commitment to achieving their mission – to deliver an unparalleled customer experience. Operations across ITA have been drastically streamlined and consolidated in an effort to meet the guidelines of the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative.

ITA has also lowered the cost of data center hardware, software and operations. These cost savings amount to a 40 percent reduction in power consumption. By utilizing cutting edge technology, ITA reduced user-software license costs by 10 percent and increased server virtualization capacity by 30 percent.

The successes ITA has delivered through efficiencies gained have drastically altered the way ITA operates, but ITA doesn’t intend on stopping there. “ITA’s plan is to continue reducing the IT footprint and power consumption within our computing facilities” said Mr. Adcock. In order to meet these goals, ITA plans to continue their aggressive technology initiatives.

ITA views every efficiency gained and cost reduced as a benefit to the customer. “We have taken the lead in this consolidation initiative because we want to better serve our customers,”



said Mr. Adcock. “Ultimately, ITA’s hard work translates directly to efficiencies, transparency and superior service for our customers.”

In order to excel at delivering an unparalleled customer experience, ITA works closely with its customers to better understand their business values, missions, and IT needs. “The goal of ITA is to take care of our customers’ IT needs so they can continue to support their missions and serve our warfighters and the tax payers of America,” said Mr. Adcock.