Datacenter Services

PVPC is partnered through a competitive bid process with Novus Insight, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT). The goal of this arrangement is to offer municipalities an independent perspective of their IT operations and to jointly develop solutions that cities and towns tell us they need. One area of focus is hosting and datacenter services.

Key factors influencing the use of cloud computing are reducing operational cost and risk, minimizing hardware refresh costs, and making your organization more agile. Although the potential benefits are substantial, cloud adoption isn’t always an easy decision to justify, and the migration path can sometimes be less than straightforward.

Working in concert with a town, Novus can help determine which systems and applications are ready for cloud migration and which should continue to be maintained on premise.

Novus owns and operates a private cloud on behalf of our clients. In addition, Novus manages hybrid cloud environments for towns in which a public cloud like Amazon Web Services effectively becomes an extension of the town’s private cloud.

Assistance Includes

Cloud migration consulting
- Review municipality’s short and long-term goals
- Assess financial and functional value of existing infrastructure
- Develop pros & cons of cloud suitability for each system and key application

Variety of hosting options
- Private cloud with a Layer 2 connection to the CT Education Network (CEN)
- Co-location of a municipality’s physical servers in one of 3 datacenters

Backup and disaster recovery
- All hosting plans include backup services
- Standalone backup and disaster recovery services also available
- Veeam Cloud Connect options available for Veeam customers, allowing for simple setup and management

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