

**SAM – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(California Department of Technology)**

**INTRODUCTION**  
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Cloud Computing is an effective method for the secure, agile and reliable delivery of government services in the State of California. Cloud computing enables business programs to enhance service delivery while ensuring the underlying technologies are transparent, ubiquitous, and interchangeable. To harness the benefits of cloud computing, the State of California has adopted this Cloud Computing Policy. This policy is intended to accelerate the pace at which Agencies/state entities will realize the benefits of cloud computing while adequately addressing relevant statutory and policy requirements associated with State IT systems, including information security and risk management, privacy, legal issues, and other applicable requirements.