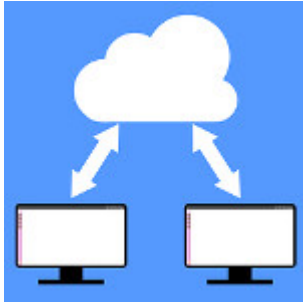


The Top Priority for Negotiating Cloud Services



A survey report released by Baker McKenzie reveals it is critical to understand what parts of the cloud contract are negotiable and what is not, particularly in newer portions of the marketplace that have greater variance in solutions and contracting terms, **the firm reports** on its website.

“The survey report, now in its third year, highlights the top objectives, hesitations, and criteria that buyer respondents factored into their cloud procurement determinations,” the firm says. “These factors are almost identical to the responses from cloud providers, potentially indicating further convergence in the marketplace.”

“Our survey results indicate that there may be convergence in the more established parts of the cloud marketplace, such as Software-as-a-Service, but less so in others, such as Infrastructure-as-a-Service and integration with machine-to-machine/Internet of Things solutions,” said Peter R. George, a Partner in Baker McKenzie’s TMT Group.

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