Drivers for hybrid cloud

- Performance efficiencies and reduced costs are big motivators in driving hybrid cloud adoption, especially as companies look to improve overall business agility and operational performance.

- While performance efficiencies and reduced costs are big motivators in driving hybrid cloud adoption, elements of both can be barriers. Network performance can be a particular issue, for example, when the network has not been properly architected to support a hybrid IT environment, impacting organizational performance.

Barriers to hybrid cloud adoption

1. Managing data security
2. Network performance or availability
3. Organizational silos and outdated work practices
4. Lack of talent / skilled workers
5. Managing cost across multiple cloud environments

Six steps to success

1. Modernize your applications
2. Optimize next-gen infrastructure operations for cloud success
3. Optimize cloud networking
4. Establish security as an enabler
5. Transform WAN and connectivity for greater agility
6. Partner for private cloud and platform requirements

Sustainability's role in efficiency and technology strategy

- 85.7% agree that environmental stewardship is at the heart of their agenda.
- 93.4% agree that energy efficiency is important in cloud purchasing decisions.
- 96.4% say building sustainable cities is important to supporting employees and society.

Partnering for a successful hybrid cloud

- 43.8% use partners to manage between a quarter and a half of their IT – the most common scenario.
- 57.5% currently rely on two or more vendors for their public cloud requirements.
- 44.4% prefer a fixed price contract model and 42.2% prefer an on-demand consumption-based pricing model.

Many IT leaders are being asked to deliver higher quality services with reduced resources, while coming in on budget. Using a partner means tapping into external, expert resources to bolster or complement existing skill sets. It helps improve the predictability of IT spend and makes budget planning easier.