

# Future of Work (Workplace) - Services

## Employee Experience (EX) Transformation Services

A research report comparing provider strengths,  
challenges and competitive differentiators



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### Services and providers adapt as public-sector workspaces continue to evolve.

Since 2020, the use of digital workplace services by U.S. state and local governments and educational (SLED) agencies has seen significant changes and advancements. This shift, in large part, is due to pandemic-driven impacts in work environments, widespread staff retirements and shortages, and most recently, the availability of substantial funds from the U.S. federal government to upgrade IT and increase the operational efficiency and effectiveness of associated projects.

Key developments driving SLED digital workplace changes and disruptions include the following:

- **Adoption of disparate capabilities growing from remote work enablement:** With remote work evolving from experiment to necessity to part of the norm, agencies have embraced a widening array of digital services and tools

to enable collaboration, communication and information sharing among employees.

- **Cloud as *de facto* infrastructure:** Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, IT infrastructure challenges, application software costs, and staffing issues were slowly moving agencies away from traditional on-premise infrastructure toward cloud-based platforms and services. The COVID-catalyzed combination of digital citizen demands and remote and hybrid work environments accelerated and expanded this to the point where cloud IT became the norm for new capabilities while legacy IT still requires attention and skills.
- **Mobile enablement and expectation:** Most SLED agencies have embraced mobile applications and related web interfaces that allow employees to access workplace services via smartphones and tablets. However, rapidly achieved and loosely controlled implementations have plagued many agencies with IT security nightmares.

SLED digital  
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frequently extend  
directly into  
citizens' lives.



- **Data security and privacy:** The above changes brought a heightened focus on data security and privacy, resulting in more agencies struggling to implement effective, robust security measures in increasingly complex, hybrid IT and work environments.
- **Automation and AI:** An offshoot of the SLED staffing challenge has been increased interest in using automation and AI to augment and occasionally replace workers, especially within IT and related support organizations. Agencies are experimenting with AI-powered chatbots to automate employee and constituent support, data analytics to aid decision-making, and process automation to streamline repetitive tasks.
- **Virtual training and learning:** Virtual and remote employee training experiments have led to an influx of learning management systems, webinars and online training platforms in SLED agencies, enabling a continuous learning culture in environments formerly built on skill-plus-seniority hierarchies.

- **Digital changes altering citizen service expectations and delivery:** As with most recent digital changes, SLED constituents' digital preferences were growing prior to COVID. Months-long inability to physically interact with many agencies heightened this to a point where online is now the default mode for most citizen-facing SLED interactions and transactions. Agencies still struggle with enabling acceptable levels of interaction, information and transaction, while constituents demand an increase in consistency of interface and service delivery.

SLED IT organizations, already under-resourced and short-staffed, thus struggle to enable adequate digital workplace environments in the face of overwhelming change.

In this ISG Provider Lens™ study, we look at three important sets of capabilities that help overburdened SLED IT teams enable and support digital workplaces – many of which are still evolving. They also facilitate improved worker and constituent capabilities and satisfaction while reducing support costs.

### Critical capabilities

Digital workplace advancements in SLED organizations must rapidly and cost-effectively enable and support the digital service expectations of staff and constituents. Critical capabilities enabling this, and which must be delivered by service providers, include the following:

- **Workflow automation:** Routine tasks such as approvals, document processing and data entry should be streamlined and automated using tools such as RPA and workflow management systems.
- **Collaboration and communication tools:** Implementing adequate, adaptable communications and collaboration applications and solutions is critical, but the ability to unify these into a service or set of services (i.e., unified communications as a service (UCaaS)) will greatly improve the ability to use and manage such capabilities while reducing their cost of operation and use.
- **Data analytics and reporting:** The use of advanced analytics tools in every process is a core need. Leading-edge providers use advanced AI (e.g., large language models (LLMs)) to automate, augment and extend analytics and reporting relevancy.
- **Cybersecurity:** Cybersecurity remains a major challenge for SLED organizations. Integrated and readily used security within solutions, especially as part of managed services, enables much broader and more adaptable security capability.
- **Mobile and remote productivity:** Mobile practices and policies should be integrated with remote work solutions and policies. Providers and SLED agencies alike should be able to readily adapt to mobile and remote behavior changes and conditions.
- **Training and change management:** Digital work includes, and differs from, traditional work. Changes in policy, behavior, oversight, interaction and organizational structure and culture must be resolved for digital workplace efficiency and effectiveness.



### Unique SLED provider and solution requirements

State and municipal government agencies and educational institutions have several sector-unique needs when contracting digital workplace services. Service providers and their offerings must meet and exceed these to minimize potential disruptions and maximize the agencies' ability to procure services and solutions. These include the following:

- **HR-centric vs. IT-centric approaches.** Digital workplace providers tend to follow one of two approaches when developing and delivering services: HR-centric and IT-centric. HR-centric approaches emphasize client HR/HCM organizations as most responsible for digital workplace strategy and management, using a strategic approach aligned with established and expected workplace strategy and management. IT-centric approaches, also called tech-plus-tools, tend to emphasize the capabilities of solutions and services, including performance and cost improvements. In our experience, both approaches are significant to SLED agencies, but HR organizations are most likely to
- dominate digital workplace requirements and provider/solution qualification.
- **Workforce extension into constituencies.** Many agency groups and functions extend well beyond the internal environment into citizen and constituent environments (e.g., taxation, licensing, health and human services). Ideally, digital workplace solutions address and improve the experience of both.
- **Regulatory compliance, including worker roles and data security.** Agencies must comply with the expanding scope of regulations and standards related to data security, privacy, accessibility and transparency, along with function-, departmental- and agency-specific worker roles and rules.
- **Integration with legacy systems.** Even the most advanced SLED digital workplaces will rely on mainframes and other legacy IT types for years to come. When procuring digital workplace services, agencies must consider the compatibility and integration capabilities of the service provider's solution with their incumbent systems and data.
- **Scalability and flexibility.** Contracted digital workplace services should be able to accommodate increasing and decreasing workloads, data requirements and system usage over time. Flexibility is important to adapt to changing requirements and evolving technologies.
- **Accessibility, inclusivity and sustainability.** Government agencies must ensure accessibility and inclusivity for all workers and citizens when workplaces extend into constituent domains (e.g., licensing, revenue and/or taxes). An increasing number of SLED agencies also require commitment to and measurable evidence of ESG improvement.
- **Procurement regulations and processes.** Government procurement processes may involve competitive bidding, evaluation criteria, documentation and contract management. Government agencies may have additional criteria when evaluating potential providers, including transparency and public accountability requirements. Providers with established and extensive SLED procurement and contracting

expertise can help reduce the time consumed and challenges faced during the selection and contracting processes.

- **SLAs and contract terms.** Given the criticality of digital workplace services, government agencies are working to establish clear SLAs that define performance expectations, response times, support availability and penalties for non-compliance. Contract terms should also address issues such as termination, data ownership, liability and dispute resolution.

### Planning for future disruption and advancement

Which developments in SLED digital work environments will likely be the most disruptive through 2025?

While it is challenging to predict the future with absolute certainty, based on current trends and emerging technologies, several developments will likely disrupt digital workplaces through 2025. Here are some of the most prominent ones that should be enabled by current digital workplace services and must be included in future offerings:



- **AI advancements.** AI technologies and applications will continue to evolve and transform digital workplaces. ML and LLMs will advance intelligent automation, predictive analytics, NLP and computer vision. Properly implemented and managed through provider services, each should enhance productivity, automate repetitive tasks and provide intelligent insights for decision-making.
- **Remote and hybrid workforce models.** Remote and hybrid workforce models will persist and expand to include more contract workers and freelancers or gig workers in many areas previously considered off-limits to such.
- **Augmented and virtual reality (AR and VR).** AR and VR technologies will enable remote training, virtual meetings, immersive simulations and enhanced collaboration. These technologies can reduce geographical barriers and provide engaging and interactive remote and temporary work environments.

- **Internet of Things (IoT).** IoT will continue connecting devices, sensors and objects, creating smarter workplaces. IoT data should improve operational efficiency, enable better resource management and enhance employee experiences (EX). For example, smart offices can adjust lighting, temperature and other environmental factors based on occupancy or individual preferences.
- **Blockchain for trust and security.** Blockchain technology will be crucial in enhancing trust, security and transparency in SLED roles and associated digital workplaces. Blockchain-based solutions will provide greater data integrity across and within increasingly complex workplaces, reduce fraud and streamline complex processes.
- **Human-machine collaboration.** As AI and automation evolve, these technologies will augment human capabilities, allowing SLED employees to focus on complex, creative and strategic tasks. Collaboration between humans and intelligent systems will become more seamless and intuitive.

- **Ethical and responsible technology adoption.** Though we have seen early advancement toward this, by 2026, there will be widespread and increased emphasis on ethical and responsible technology adoption. Organizations will prioritize data privacy, fairness in AI algorithms, diversity and inclusion, and responsible AI use. This will lead to the advancement of policies, regulations and guidelines that must be integrated into digital workplace solutions and services.

### What makes a leader?

The providers positioned as Leaders in this study are those that demonstrate portfolio and competitive strengths most suitable to ISG client requirements.


Scope of portfolio, company size and market presence all shape perception of provider leadership. But the size, number, range and complexity of technology and services included in provider portfolios are usually secondary to whether and how the provider enables and delivers business value to client organizations in the manner(s) that they require. The number

of resources, revenue amounts and number of locations also shape provider positioning. However, these must be weighed against how and how much these capabilities deliver measurable improvement to clients.

Ideally, Leaders combine key aspects of the above while positioning themselves to compete effectively in satisfying client needs that have yet to develop fully. Those emphasizing innovation in adopting technologies into more effective ways of working, or delivering value through new ways of working, are more likely to be recognized as Leaders.

The most effective service providers enable and improve SLED agency digital workplaces that extend beyond the traditional workplace to include external users citizens, constituents, regulators and more.



 Provider Positioning

	Employee Experience (EX) Transformation Services	Managed Workplace Services – End-user Technology	Digital Service Desk and Workplace Support Services
Accenture	Leader	Leader	Leader
Atos	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Contender
BCG	Contender	Not In	Not In
Bell Techlogix	Not In	Not In	Contender
Capgemini	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Product Challenger
CGI	Leader	Not In	Leader
Cognizant	Not In	Not In	Contender
Computacenter	Contender	Contender	Contender
Deloitte	Leader	Not In	Not In
Digital Workplace Group	Contender	Not In	Not In






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	Employee Experience (EX) Transformation Services	Managed Workplace Services – End-user Technology	Digital Service Desk and Workplace Support Services
DXC Technology	Contender	Rising Star ★	Product Challenger
Fujitsu	Product Challenger	Not In	Contender
HCLTech	Market Challenger	Rising Star ★	Rising Star ★
Hexaware	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Product Challenger
HPE	Product Challenger	Market Challenger	Product Challenger
Infosys	Leader	Leader	Leader
KPMG	Leader	Not In	Not In
Kyndryl	Leader	Leader	Leader
Leidos	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In
Movate	Contender	Contender	Contender





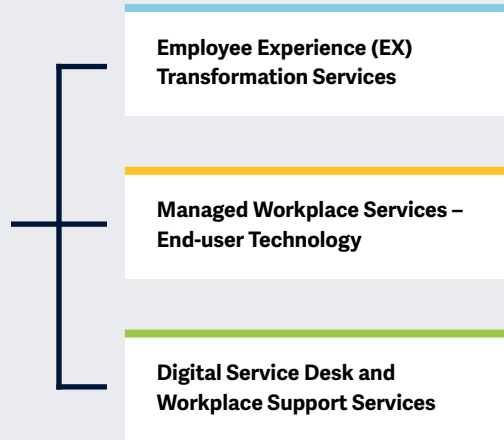
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Mphasis	Product Challenger	Contender	Product Challenger
NTT DATA	Market Challenger	Leader	Market Challenger
PwC	Contender	Not In	Not In
TCS	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Product Challenger
Tech Mahindra	Leader	Product Challenger	Product Challenger
Unisys	Leader	Leader	Leader
UST	Contender	Not In	Not In
Wipro	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Product Challenger
Zensar Technologies	Product Challenger	Contender	Product Challenger
Zones	Rising Star ★	Not In	Market Challenger



This study evaluates **service providers capabilities** around the key **Future of Work services** across different regions.

Simplified Illustration; Source: ISG 2023



### Definition

As new digital business realities emerge that are increasingly disruptive, public sector entities, especially state, local and educational (SLED) organizations, face tremendous pressure to improve the way they operate and modernize their whole environment to reduce costs and staff. Their IT needs and challenges are similar to those of complex commercial enterprises, but typically with more restrictions on acquisition, staffing, management, reporting and operations. SLED organizations need objective insights, assessments and guidance more than ever.

This ISG Provider Lens™ Future of Work 2023 study offers IT buyers and decision-makers objective guidance on providers identified as Leaders, Rising Stars, Market Challengers, Product Challengers, and Contenders, with experience in developing, selling and supporting digital workplace services for public sector entities in the U.S. Their services include managed workplace services to enable and support end users' digital environments, digital

service desk and workplace support services for workers and constituents being served, and employee experience transformation services. ISG clients use these reports to gain market insights and understand provider intelligence that help expand their views about markets, providers and solutions. ISG U.S. public sector advisory and consulting teams use these reports to help clients understand provider types, capabilities and offerings suitable for their requirements. This study also provides competitive enablement and support for vendor and provider positioning, key relationships and go-to-market considerations.



### Scope of the Report

This ISG Provider Lens™ quadrant report covers the following three services quadrants: Managed Workplace Services – End-user Technology, Digital Service Desk and Workplace Support Services and Employee Experience (EX) Transformation Services.

This ISG Provider Lens™ study offers IT and business decision-makers with:

- Transparency on the strengths and weaknesses of relevant providers
- A differentiated positioning of providers by segments (quadrants)
- Focus on the U.S. public sector

Our study serves as the basis for important decision-making by covering providers' positioning, key relationships and go-to-market considerations. ISG advisors and enterprise clients also use information from these reports to evaluate their existing vendor relationships and potential engagements.

### Provider Classifications

The provider position reflects the suitability of IT providers for a defined market segment (quadrant). Without further additions, the position always applies to all company sizes classes and industries. In case the IT service requirements from enterprise customers differ and the spectrum of IT providers operating in the local market is sufficiently wide, a further differentiation of the IT providers by performance is made according to the target group for products and services. In doing so, ISG either considers the industry requirements or the number of employees, as well as the corporate structures of customers and positions IT providers according to their focus area. As a result, ISG differentiates them, if necessary, into two client target groups that are defined as follows:

- **Midmarket:** Companies with 100 to 4,999 employees or revenues between \$20 million and \$999 million with central headquarters in the respective country, usually privately owned.

- **Large Accounts:** Multinational companies with more than 5,000 employees or revenue above \$1 billion, with activities worldwide and globally distributed decision-making structures.

The ISG Provider Lens™ quadrants are created using an evaluation matrix containing four segments (Leader, Product Challenger, Market Challenger and Contender), and the providers are positioned accordingly. Each ISG Provider Lens™ quadrant may include service providers that ISG believes have strong potential to move into the Leader quadrant. This type of provider can be classified as a Rising Star.

- **Number of providers in each quadrant:** ISG rates and positions the most relevant providers according to the scope of the report for each quadrant and limits the maximum of providers per quadrant to 25 (exceptions are possible).





### Provider Classifications: Quadrant Key

**Product Challengers** offer a product and service portfolio that reflect excellent service and technology stacks. These providers and vendors deliver an unmatched broad and deep range of capabilities. They show evidence of investing to enhance their market presence and competitive strengths.

**Contenders** offer services and products meeting the evaluation criteria that qualifies them to be included in the IPL quadrant. These promising service providers or vendors show evidence of rapidly investing in products/ services and a follow sensible market approach with a goal of becoming a Product or Market Challenger within 12 to 18 months.

**Leaders** have a comprehensive product and service offering, a strong market presence and established competitive position. The product portfolios and competitive strategies of Leaders are strongly positioned to win business in the markets covered by the study. The Leaders also represent innovative strength and competitive stability.

**Market Challengers** have a strong presence in the market and offer a significant edge over other vendors and providers based on competitive strength. Often, Market Challengers are the established and well-known vendors in the regions or vertical markets covered in the study.

★ **Rising Stars** have promising portfolios or the market experience to become a Leader, including the required roadmap and adequate focus on key market trends and customer requirements. Rising Stars also have excellent management and understanding of the local market in the studied region. These vendors and service providers give evidence of significant progress toward their goals in the last 12 months. ISG expects Rising Stars to reach the Leader quadrant within the next 12 to 24 months if they continue their delivery of above-average market impact and strength of innovation.

**Not in** means the service provider or vendor was not included in this quadrant. Among the possible reasons for this designation: ISG could not obtain enough information to position the company; the company does not provide the relevant service or solution as defined for each quadrant of a study; or the company did not meet the eligibility criteria for the study quadrant. Omission from the quadrant does not imply that the service provider or vendor does not offer or plan to offer this service or solution.





# Employee Experience (EX) Transformation Services

## Employee Experience (EX) Transformation Services

### Who Should Read This Section

This report is relevant to public sector organizations in the U.S., including state and local government and education (SLED) organizations, for evaluating employee experience transformation service providers.

In this quadrant, ISG highlights the current market positioning of the providers of employee experience transformation services to the U.S. public sector and how each provider addresses the key market challenges.

The employee experience transformation service market is evolving in the U.S. public sector, where SLED organizations are significantly increasing their investments in transformation services. These organizations seek to engage providers with proven expertise in end-to-end transformation and can empower them to deliver human-centric employee experiences. Public sector organizations in the U.S. also seek service providers that support and strategize effective organizational change management.

The digital natives within U.S. government entities seek to ensure they have the best collaboration tools available, leading public sector organizations to adopt modern digital workplace strategies focusing on user experience to drive higher employee engagement. These organizations also prefer providers that offer outcome-driven approaches and innovative pricing models.



**Digital professionals**, including digital transformation leaders, should read this report to know how employee experience transformation service providers accommodate digital transformation initiatives.



**Public sector professionals** should read this report to understand the relative provider positioning and capabilities that can help them effectively plan and select digital workplace services.



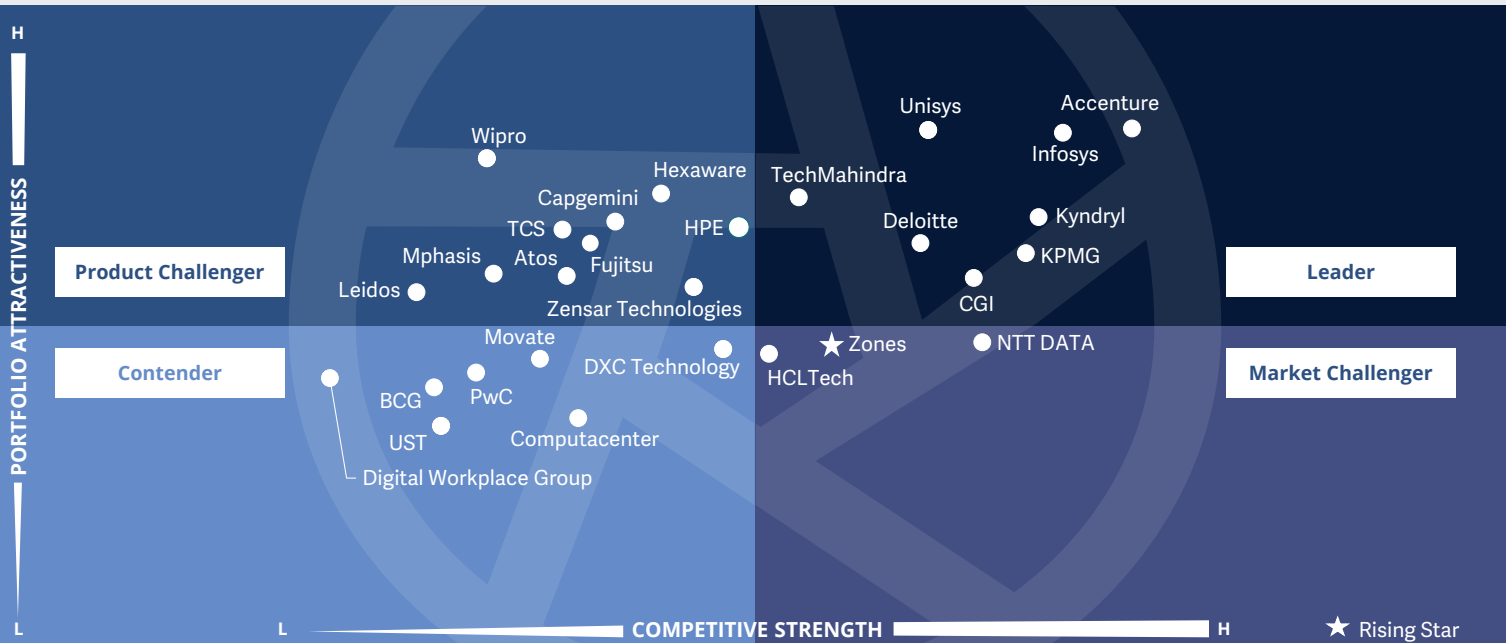
**Cybersecurity professionals** should read this report to see how providers address the significant compliance and security challenges while maintaining a seamless employee experience.

**CXO leaders** should read this report to know the leading providers that can help them better prepare their workforces for the changing business models and dynamics in the post-pandemic world.



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EX transformation includes **business consulting and managed technology services**. This quadrant assesses providers that **align EX with digital and physical facets** of the future workplace and deliver measurable business improvement.

Bruce Guptill



## Employee Experience (EX) Transformation Services

### Definition

This quadrant assesses providers that offer value-added managed services, not only for enabling the workplace technology ecosystem but also for enhancing end-user experience. These providers typically deal with department leaders, agency representatives and CIOs. They offer services that associate employee experience with measurable business results and help align the digital and physical facets of the future workplace with the human aspects.

As global organizations realize the increasing importance of managing and enhancing the employee experience, they partner with service providers that offer EX transformation services leveraging workplace technologies. EX transformation goes beyond technology enablement and includes professional services for promoting and enhancing technology adoption. Service providers providing EX transformation services engage with their clients in an outcome-focused model and follow an XLA approach.

These models leverage the analytics and data from workplace technology usage and technologies such as digital employee experience (DEX) to collect information and focus on actionable insights.

EX transformation is highly influenced by the usage of the collaboration and productivity solution stack. Support services covering modern workplace and team collaboration, audio/video conferencing, unified communication and collaboration (UCC) and productivity applications are key to EX transformation.

EX transformation also extends to services that support return-to-office initiatives with smart campus and intelligent physical workspace while also focusing on ESG initiatives.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. **Established presence and experience** in public sector entities
2. **Ability to visualize and define an EX transformation model** with technology transformation, technology adoption and organizational change management (OCM)/behavior management services, employee engagement, productivity and associating CX with EX
3. **Ability to address employee empathy** and well-being
4. Making clients **leverage XLAs**
5. Supporting the unified communications and collaboration (UCC) and productivity stack and **extending smart workplace services to multiple business functions** such as HRO and operations
6. **Offering smart facilities and physical on-premises services** that support intuitive capabilities such as hot desking, health assessment and customized and contextualized experience with a smart device-supported workplace
7. **Strong local presence and partnerships**





## Employee Experience (EX) Transformation Services

### Observations

This study's Employee Experience (EX) Transformation Services quadrant positions selected service providers that transform EX for workplace performance and broader business and IT improvement. Integrating EX with business and IT operations ensures lower operating costs and an improved ability to adapt to business and technological changes. The transformation or perpetual improvement of UX and EX in digital workplaces is critical to digital business and sustainability. EX transformation services aim to offer easy and intuitive UIs; uniform UX and EX across systems, applications, devices and tasks; and an effectively managed digital employee experience (DEX) that facilitates efficiency, security, reliability and extension into future digital environments.

Meanwhile, increased demand for digital workplace enablement, transformation and managed services is attracting more providers to the market. Our 2022 study found a total of 17 qualified providers, including six considered

to be Leaders and two as Rising Stars. This year, we include 28 qualified providers in total, with eight Leaders and one Rising Star.

Previous ISG U.S. public sector studies noted that rapid growth in the scope and number of providers makes provider differentiation and selection more challenging for clients. Given SLED agencies' ongoing IT staffing and budget trends, these challenges will intensify through at least 2025 as more providers enter the marketplace and attempt to replicate leading providers' portfolios, pricing and contracting.

From the 30 companies assessed for this study, 28 qualified for this quadrant, with eight being recognized as Leaders and one as a Rising Star.

### accenture

**Accenture** approaches EX transformation with a broad experience management organization (XMO) portfolio, advanced analytics and an experience-focused platform. The company is a leader in the AI application and adaptation space for experience management improvement.

### CGI

**CGI** differentiates by approaching EX transformation as it does customer experience (CX) transformation in a consultative manner emphasizing user business context, preferences, and behavior over technological functionality.

### Deloitte.

**Deloitte's** digital workplace development and transformation engagements use its expertise from various public sector business consulting practices, including risk management, cybersecurity, tax and legal and HR/HCM consulting.

### Infosys

**Infosys** offers a strong AI-enabled, comprehensive human experience-focused service portfolio. Its emphasis on experience design, platformized approach and services suited to large enterprise clients position it as a Leader in the quadrant.

### KPMG

**KPMG's** adaptable digital interaction model is a valuable, repeatable framework for designing and optimizing digital workplace services from the employee's perspective. The framework uses data and insights across persona groups, enabling uniformity of analysis, reporting and employee management.

### kyndryl

**Kyndryl** follows a data-based approach for EX measurement and XLA. It also combines CX and EX data to offer a comprehensive experience. Its consulting services focus on co-creation and innovation.

### TECH mahindra

**Tech Mahindra's** FLEX eXM solution captures, measures, analyzes and reports UX data from all digital touchpoints throughout processes and systems, providing real-time visibility into EX.



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**Unisys** innovates with its XLA 2.0 and data-driven approach. Its digital workplace services focus on aligning EX with organizational business goals, including sustainability targets.

### ZONES

**Zones'** (Rising Star) consultative offerings include EX transformation strategy consulting services, employee technology adoption training and management, and organizational change management.



# Zones



“A robust service core, aggressive investment in public sector growth and a unique business model position Zones as a Rising Star in the Employee Experience (EX) Transformation Services quadrant for the U.S. public sector.”

*Bruce Guptill*

## Overview

Zones is a global services and solutions provider founded in 1986 and headquartered in Auburn, WA, U.S. It serves clients in over 100 countries using a services-plus-reseller business model, with retail, healthcare and public sector as its key verticals. The company employs more than 2,700 staff globally. Zones is privately held; ISG estimates its FY23 revenues at around \$2.48 billion. It maintains a dedicated U.S. public sector business unit with more than 40 FTEs globally supporting several hundred client organizations, including municipal, state and federal government agencies.

## Strengths

**Strategic transformation through change management:** Zones’ advisory offerings include EX transformation strategy consulting services, employee technology adoption training and management, and organizational change management.

**Established U.S. public sector business with deep expertise:** Zones has a dedicated U.S. public sector sales and support organization, supporting mostly SLED organizations and several U.S. federal government agencies. Zones is included in several major U.S. state contracts as well as cooperative purchasing agreements such as NASPO Valuepoint, TIPS, Omnia Partners, and ITS.

## Robust core EX enablement services

**portfolio:** Zones offers core EX transformation enablement and improvement services, including Unified Communication and Collaboration (UCC) service design and implementation; mobile device management platforms; and design, implementation and management of VDI environments. The firm offers device optimization and management services tailored to client-specific technology standards, operations and environments. Zones also delivers automated solutions for employee self-help, device self-healing, and proactive and reactive productivity and experience analytics and reporting.

## Caution

A niche player with a unique business model, Zones is well-positioned to support most SLED organizations’ needs in this quadrant. Its core value-added reseller (VAR) business model differs from traditional consulting, systems integration and outsourcing service providers.





# Appendix

The ISG Provider Lens™ 2023 – Future of Work (Workplace) - Services study analyzes the relevant software vendors/service providers in the U.S. Public Sector market, based on a multi-phased research and analysis process, and positions these providers based on the ISG Research™ methodology.

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All revenue references are in U.S. dollars (\$US) unless noted.

The study was divided into the following steps:

1. Definition of Future of Work (Workplace) - Services market
2. Use of questionnaire-based surveys of service providers/ vendor across all trend topics
3. Interactive discussions with service providers/vendors on capabilities & use cases
4. Leverage ISG's internal databases & advisor knowledge & experience (wherever applicable)
5. Use of Star of Excellence CX-Data
6. Detailed analysis & evaluation of services & service documentation based on the facts & figures received from providers & other sources.
7. Use of the following key evaluation criteria:
  - \* Strategy & vision
  - \* Tech Innovation
  - \* Brand awareness and presence in the market
  - \* Sales and partner landscape
  - \* Breadth and depth of portfolio of services offered
  - \* CX and Recommendation



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Now as a research director, principal analyst and global head of ISG Provider Lens™, he is very well positioned to assess and report on the state of the industry and make recommendations for both enterprises and service provider clients.



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