

## ENTERPRISE STORAGE:

# The forces of change

### CHANGE AGENT

### STORAGE IMPACT

### ACTION PLAN

#### Regulatory/legal compliance

**High**  
Places large demands on labor-intensive processes associated with electronic records discovery and retrieval.

Identify an electronic records point person; establish policies; test and evaluate new automation systems.

#### Server virtualization

**High**  
Affects backup routines and procedures such as capacity planning and coordination among server and storage administrators.

Inventory the organization's applications and determine resource requirements; consider backup and recovery strategy; train administrators on managing storage in a virtualized environment.

#### Green IT

**Varies**  
A shift away from stand-alone storage devices to shared storage on a network will require new equipment investments for those who have not started that switch.

Broaden energy conservation focus to include storage.

#### Cloud computing

**Medium**  
Most agencies have yet to tap commercial services, but some develop in-house storage-as-a-service programs as a way to better allocate IT costs.

Keep an eye on commercial developments; evaluate potential of acting as an internal storage-as-a-service provider.