



**Accela powered  
by Microsoft Azure**

## Empowering governments to deliver agile cloud-based solutions

### Legacy IT can't keep up with citizen expectations

The spread of modern, frictionless applications has changed the public's expectation for seamless digital experiences. In the same vein, businesses and citizens expect government to respond quickly as laws change and markets open. Despite these expectations, public sector agencies are often held back by legacy IT environments and manual processes that create complex digital experiences and slow down compliance with emerging regulations in areas such as ride-sharing, short-term rentals, and cannabis/hemp.

### Accela powered by Microsoft Azure: The agility modern government needs

Accela solutions on Microsoft Azure empower public sector agencies to modernize processes and operations, while delivering the agility to stay ahead of evolving citizen needs. A portfolio of ready-to-implement solutions are purpose-built to run on top of the Accela platform, allowing for easy expansion into new markets as legislation and the public's needs change.

Because Accela is delivered as Software-as-a-Service (SaaS), IT teams are no longer bogged down with the heavy lifting related to maintaining IT infrastructure. Instead, they can dedicate their time to innovation and delivering services more efficiently. Running on Azure gives agencies a global cloud footprint, boosting the reliability and performance of their IT systems. At the same time, Azure provides strong access control and certifications to help agencies protect sensitive data and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

### How does Accela on Azure help your agency?

With a government technology (GovTech) platform in use by more than 80% of the top 50 U.S. cities, Accela empowers agencies to realize the promise of digital transformation and migration built on the trusted cloud. Accela solutions on Azure deliver and support governments to become future-ready and better equipped to meet the evolving needs of the citizens and businesses they serve.



#### Modernize IT to Meet Ever-Evolving Needs

Gain the agility to meet growing demand, while also realizing greater security, cost effectiveness, reliability, and scalability with SaaS and cloud solutions.



#### Deliver Greater Value and Accelerate Processes

Leverage rapid implementation of solutions for digitizing processes. Eliminate manual steps that slow regulation to free IT resources to focus on innovation.



#### Enable New Opportunities for Expansion

Empower agencies to adopt a government-specific cloud platform with modular civic solutions to enable expansion into new departmental areas and navigate new regulations.



## Added value for every adoption path

The combination of Accela's SaaS-based solutions and Azure's reliable cloud infrastructure deliver value to agencies coming from various legacy environments:



**Agencies migrating from on-premises environments** can realize the advantage of SaaS. This means lower overhead and constraints on IT thanks to seamless implementation and updates, as well as lower costs with flexible pricing and no upfront capital expenditures.



**Agencies migrating from a hosted facility** can strengthen access control, enhance their reporting database, and more easily take advantage of Azure-native capabilities, such as analytics and machine learning.



**Cloud journey with Accela on Azure environments** deliver a robust, government-specific platform that enables ample opportunity to grow into new markets as legislation changes and the public's needs evolve.

## Key benefits of Accela on Azure

### Streamline operations with a SaaS-based, cloud environment.

Accelerate planning, building, licensing, code enforcement, and service request processes by digitizing workflows and automating tasks to eliminate laborious manual processes.

### Contain costs with simple management and subscription-based pricing.

Lower the costs and accelerate the time to implement government-ready applications with Accela's pre-built, SaaS-based Civic Applications suite. Decrease infrastructure costs associated with retaining on-premises services.

### Strengthen the security and control of critical data.

Maintain higher levels of data protection with 99.99% uptime and Accela's support for standards such as NIST 800-53 and FISMA compliance, PCI DSS, SOC 2, and SSAE 16. Layer this protection with Azure's security capabilities and 90+ compliance certifications.

### Deliver the performance and availability citizens expect.

Ensure greater business continuity by running Accela on Azure. Azure operates in 54 global regions, totaling over 100 data centers and growing. This global presence creates greater fault tolerance, lower latency, and allows you to strengthen your disaster recovery strategy.



## Begin planning your agency's transformation

Accela powered by Microsoft Azure gives agencies the agility they need to keep up with evolving public needs. To begin building your roadmap for migration to Azure-enabled, built-for-government SaaS solutions, visit [www.accela.com](http://www.accela.com).