Key considerations for cloud-hosted workstations:

✓ Geography

- Is your workforce spread across different locations?

- How frequently do you or will you require off-shore temporary work?

- How much or often do you or plan to bring consultants or contractors into and out of workflow?

✓ Watch for where ISVs are headed

- How are they evolving their application for cloud vs. desktop?

- Where will support be?

- How will cost structure evolve for cloud vs desktop?

✓ Co-locate data and computation

- The middle ground - cloud data and deskside computation - can be the most painful on performance

✓ Optimize network performance required for cloud

- Bandwidth, varies by resolution, frame rate, video codec and number of users

- Don't forget latency ... as critical if not more than bandwidth. 100 ms or less preferred, definitely less than 200 ms

✓ Dataset characteristics and where they're going

- Delay to download and upload?

- What is the trajectory in size?

- Version control manageable?