Microsoft Azure Cost Optimization Assessment Methodology

1. Standardization & Introduction
Review architecture and standards applied to the Azure environment.

2. Azure Well-architected Framework Review
Review implementation standards, configuration, performance, and update process.

3. Resource Sizing
Understand and identify resource sizing misalignment: virtual machines - non-session & session hosts; storage and speed.

4. Backup & Disaster Recovery
Review current backup strategy, testing, and disaster recovery implementation.

5. Data Movement / Hybrid Implementation
Review and understand business use of data across the organization.

6. Security Overview
Review Azure security related configurations: security center, VPN gateways, and firewalls.

7. Azure Advisor
Review existing Azure Advisor recommendations related to reliability, security, operational excellence, performance, and cost.

8. Governance & Change Management
Review management of the Azure estate, purchasing access, and change management and control.

9. Cost Savings Identified
Identify cost savings opportunities related to purchasing options and autoscaling.

10. Wrap Up
Develop summary showcasing project work: work papers of assessment; cost optimization plan; policy recommendations; present finding and solutions.

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