FedRAMP

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FEDRAMP AT A GLANCE

The program has been in existence for 6 YEARS.

We currently have 114 Authorized Cloud Service Providers. Of those that are working with FedRAMP, 34% are small businesses.

FEDRAMP HAS ENABLED GOVERNMENT TO AVOID >$183 MILLION IN COSTS.

730+ Agency reuses of FedRAMP authorized services.

142 Agencies authorizing a FedRAMP service.

43 Unique 3rd Party Assessors.
FedRAMP PMO
- Provide a unified process for all Agencies to follow
- Work with the JAB to prioritize vendors to achieve authorizations with an efficient review schedule
- Support CSPs and Agencies through the FedRAMP process
- Maintain secure repository of FedRAMP ATOs to enable reuse

AGENCIES
- Conduct quality risk assessments that can be reused
- Integrate the FedRAMP requirements into Agency specific policies/procedures
- Deposit ATO documents in the FedRAMP secure repository

CSPs
- Submit quality documentation and testing in support of their FedRAMP application for the Cloud Service Offering (CSO)
- Encourage customers to reuse existing ATOs for their CSO

3PAOs
- Maintain independence as part of the quality assurance process
- Provide quality assessments
There are two paths to an authorization, through the JAB or Agency

Joint Authorization Board Provisional Authority to Operate (P-ATO)
- The primary governance and decision making body for the FedRAMP program
- CIOs of DoD, DHS, and GSA strictly review CSP packages for an acceptable risk posture using a standard baseline approach
- The JAB issues provisional authorizations (P-ATO); this is not a risk acceptance, but an assurance to Agencies that the risk posture of the system has been reviewed by DoD, DHS, and GSA, and approved. Each Agency must review and issue their own ATO that covers their Agency’s use of the cloud service

Agency Authority to Operate (ATO)
- Agency initial (Sponsored) ATO: Initial Agency reviews CSP FedRAMP security package; Agency/CSP submits the security package and Agency ATO to the FedRAMP PMO. FedRAMP confirms package meets FedRAMP requirements and makes security package available for Agencies to reuse
- Agency Leveraged ATO: Agency reviews JAB or Initial Agency FedRAMP ATO security packages and issues Agency ATO. Agency sends a copy of ATO letter to FedRAMP PMO for record keeping
FedRAMP standardizes the way the government does security authorizations for cloud products and services.

**Do Once, Use Many Times**
Doing security authorizations right the first time allows agencies to re-use work and eliminate duplicative efforts.

**Transparency**
Increased collaboration creates a community among the USG and industry that did not exist before, establishing the FIRST government-wide FISMA program.

**Validated Work**
FedRAMP validates security authorizations to ensure that there is uniformity among security packages.

**Central Sharing**
FedRAMP provides a centralized repository where agencies can request access to security packages for expedient authorizations.
The FedRAMP PMO is the only entity that can classify CSOs according to three titles:

- **20** Ready
- **67** In Process
- **113** Authorized

A listing of all CSOs that have achieved FedRAMP status can be found on the [FedRAMP Marketplace](#).
FedRAMP has several resources for agencies and CSPs on our website

OVERARCHING

- **Accelerated White Paper**: Captures FedRAMP’s experience with redesigning its JAB Authorization process based on stakeholder feedback and shares its insights on creating change within the Government.

- **Agency Authorization: Roles and Responsibilities for FedRAMP, CSPs, and Agencies**: Provides a summary review of the roles and responsibilities of the Agency, CSP, and FedRAMP PMO during the Agency authorization process.

FOR CSPs

- **CSP Playbook**: Provides an overview of all partners involved in a FedRAMP authorization, things to consider when determining authorization strategy, types of authorizations, and important considerations for your offering when engaging with FedRAMP.

- **Authorization Boundary Guidance**: Provides CSPs guidance for developing the authorization boundary for their offering(s) which is required for their FedRAMP authorization package.

FOR AGENCIES


- **Acquisition FAQs**: FAQ resource - developed in conjunction with OMB - that agencies can reference when developing their solicitations.
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