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Subject: RISCPoint Attestation Letter for A-LIGN FedRAMP 20x Phase One Pilot

FedRAMP PMO,

As an accredited FedRAMP Third Party Assessment Organization (3PAO) selected by A-LIGN to perform a FedRAMP 20x Phase One Pilot assessment for the A-SCEND platform, RISCPoint employed a structured and collaborative assessment methodology designed to support the accelerated objectives of the FedRAMP 20x initiative.

RISCPoint evaluated the A-SCEND platform against the 10 Key Security Indicators (KSIs) and validations. We assessed A-LIGN's implementation of the KSIs for completeness (applies to all applicable system components) and accuracy (actual state of the system). RISCPoint fully reviewed the evidence supplied for each validation and determined whether it met the applicable requirements. Each validation was categorized as true, false, or partial, based on the sufficiency and accuracy of the evidence provided.

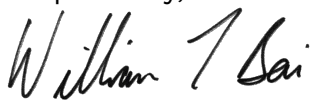
Validations marked as false or partial, indicating either a finding or insufficient assurance, were assigned a corresponding risk rating. These ratings reflected the potential impact and likelihood of the issue within the system's operational context and in relation to the FedRAMP 20x requirements. If a validation is marked as false or partial, the entire KSI is considered false or partial based on the aggregate status of all validations for the KSI. This approach provides authorizing officials and agency reviewers clear, risk-informed insights into each KSI finding at a granular level to enable an effective decision-making process.

Our assessment methodology included a comprehensive analysis of the A-SCEND platform's system architecture and utilized a hybrid validation approach, incorporating automated evidence collection where available through the A-SCEND platform and supplemented by manual verification using risk-based sampling techniques, interviews, and expert judgment when automated validation was not available.

RISCPoint recommends that A-LIGN's A-SCEND platform be granted a FedRAMP 20x Low Authority to Operate (ATO).

Please notify RISCPoint or A-LIGN if you require further information.

Respectfully,



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