FEDRAMP AGENCY AUTHORIZATION PROCESS



Reusing Authorizations for Cloud Products Quick Guide

FedRAMP enables agencies to leverage security authorizations for cloud products and services on a government-wide scale. This quick guide outlines steps and guidance to help agencies quickly and efficiently reuse authorized cloud products within the FedRAMP Marketplace.

STEP 1

VISIT THE FEDRAMP MARKETPLACE

- Review the FedRAMP Marketplace to determine if a Cloud Service Offering (CSO) is FedRAMP Authorized.
- If the CSO is FedRAMP Authorized, there will be an associated security package that is available for agency review.
- Complete and sign the FedRAMP Package Access Request Form and associated Non-Disclosure Agreement.

HELPFUL HINT: One form may be completed even if you are requesting access to multiple cloud products and associated package IDs.

 Send the completed FedRAMP Package Access Request Form to info@fedramp.gov.

HELPFUL HINT: Access to the security package will be valid for 30 days. Agencies may email the FedRAMP PMO (info@fedramp.gov) and request additional 30-day access increments.

STEP 2

CONDUCT PACKAGE REVIEW AND RISK ANALYSIS

• Review the security materials and continuous monitoring deliverables.

HELPFUL HINT: There is an executive summary within the repository for every Agency Authorized CSO.

HELPFUL HINT: Be sure to review the Customer Implementation Summary (CIS) and Customer Responsibility Matrix (CRM) to understand how to implement customer responsibilities.

 Determine if the CSP needs to meet additional security requirements due to agency data types/mission/business needs.

STEP 3

ISSUE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE (ATO) AND SEND AGENCY ATO LETTERS TO FEDRAMP PMO (INFO@FEDRAMP.GOV)

• Follow your agency-defined process in issuing an Authority to Operate (ATO).

NOTE: OMB Circular A-130 requires agencies to individually authorize operation of an information system and to explicitly accept the risk.

 Submit a copy of the signed ATO letter to the FedRAMP PMO (info@fedramp.gov) to be granted permanent access to the repository.

HELPFUL HINT: Once the agency has sent the signed ATO letter(s) to info@fedramp.gov, agency users will be granted permanent access to the security package for conducting ongoing, continuous monitoring for authorized services.

STEP 4

PERFORM CONTINUOUS MONITORING

 Review monthly continuous monitoring deliverables that are provided by the CSP.

HELPFUL HINT: Establishing multi-agency continuous monitoring collaboration groups is highly recommended and can help agencies distribute the workload. Learn more about this in our Guide for Managing Multi-Agency Continuous Monitoring.

