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| ASSESSMENT – Base Control, Part 1 of 1 | | |
| Assessment Information from Special Publication 800-53A Rev. 1 (June 2010) | | |
| **AT-5** | CONTACTS WITH SECURITY GROUPS AND ASSOCIATION | |
| **AT-5.1**  **AT-5.1.1**  **AT-5.1.1a**  **AT-5.1.1b**  **AT-5.1.1c** | **ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE:**  *Determine if the organization establishes and institutionalizes contact with selected groups and associations within the security community:*   * *to facilitate ongoing security education and training for organizational personnel;* * *to stay up to date with the latest recommended security practices, techniques, and technologies; and* * *to share current security-related information including threats, vulnerabilities, and incidents.*   **POTENTIAL ASSESSMENT METHODS AND OBJECTS:**  **Examine**: [*select from:* Security awareness and training policy; procedures addressing contacts with security groups and associations; list of organization-defined key contacts to obtain ongoing information system security knowledge, expertise, and general information; other relevant documents or records].  **Interview**: [*select from:* Organizational personnel with security responsibilities (e.g., individuals that have contacts with selected groups and associations within the security community)]. | |
| **Additional Assessment Case Information** | | |
|  | | **POTENTIAL ASSESSMENT SEQUENCING:**  precursor controls: None  concurrent controls: None  successor controls: None |
| **Action Step** | | **Potential Assessor Evidence Gathering Actions**  **See “**[**Assessment Case Overview**](http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/SMA/fisma/assessment-cases-overview.html)**” for selecting, tailoring and executing action steps\*\*** |
|  | | *\*\*Assessment Case Assessor Note:* More convincing evidence (i.e., greater assurance) of correct implementation and operating as intended can be obtained through the assessment case actions by:   1. **Replacing bracketed values in action gathering statements to apply greater rigor in the assessment** (e.g, . replacing [“*reviewing*”] with “*studying*” or “*analyzing*”; replacing [“*observing*”] with “*inspecting*” or “*analyzing*”; replacing [“*basic*”] with “*focused*” or “*comprehensive*”); 2. **Replacing bracketed values in action gathering statements to apply greater sample coverage in the assessment** (e.g, . replacing [“*basic”*] sample with “*focused*” or “*sufficiently large”* sample); 3. **Defining additional action steps to the list of action steps suggested herein that exercise additional test methods** (i.e., Examine, Interview or Test) on additional assessment objects. |
| **AT-5.1.1.1**  **AT-5.1.1.1.a**  **AT-5.1.1.1.b  AT-5.1.1.1.c** | | **Examine** security awareness and training policy, procedures addressing contacts with security groups and associations, list of organizational personnel responsible for establishing and institutionalizing contacts with security groups and associations, or other relevant documents; [*reviewing*] for measures to be employed to establish and institutionalize contact with selected groups and associations within the security community:   * to facilitate ongoing security education and training for organizational personnel; * to stay up to date with the latest recommended security practices, techniques, and technologies; and * to share current security-related information including threats, vulnerabilities, and incidents. |
| **AT-5.1.1.2** | | **Interview** an agreed-upon [*basic*] sample of organizational personnel identified in AT-5.1.1.1; conducting [*basic*] discussions for evidence that the measures identified in AT-5.1.1.1 are being applied. |
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