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**FedRAMP 20x Pilot Assessment Approach for Meridian Knowledge Solutions**

Fortreum, LLC—an accredited FedRAMP Third Party Assessment Organization (3PAO)—has been engaged to support Meridian Knowledge Solutions in conducting a FedRAMP 20x Key Security Indicators (KSIs) Assessment. Our assessment will follow a purpose-built methodology designed to meet the objectives of the FedRAMP 20x initiative and provide risk-informed, machine-readable results for review by FedRAMP.

Following the submission of the initial draft deliverable, Fortreum will begin with a thorough system review to define the authorization boundary of the cloud service offering. This effort will include documentation analysis, architecture review, and validation of key components, including deployed cloud-native services, access paths, and inherited controls from FedRAMP-authorized providers.

Once the system context is established, Fortreum will proceed with a hybrid validation of Meridian Knowledge Solutions' implementation of FedRAMP 20x KSIs. Automated evidence—where available—will be collected and reviewed in line with the following audit objectives:

- **Coverage:** Whether the evidence addresses all relevant components.
- **Veracity:** Whether the evidence accurately represents the current system implementation.

For KSIs not suitable for automated validation, Fortreum will perform manual verification using risk-based sampling techniques and expert judgment. As part of our assessment deliverables, Fortreum will collaborate with Meridian Knowledge Solutions to enable 3PAO validation outputs to be integrated into the CSP's compliance dashboard and shared in a machine-readable format. This will streamline evidence collection, reduce efforts during review cycles, and align with FedRAMP's goal of modernizing and accelerating the ATO process. The goal of this effort will be to enable Meridian Knowledge Solutions to pursue FedRAMP 20x Phase One Low authorization with confidence and clarity on next steps.

Should you have any questions regarding this plan or require further information, please contact Fortreum or Meridian Knowledge Solutions at your convenience.