**Launch Instance of Gitlab in AWS**

Gitlab comes in three formats, the first is Gitlab.com that is hosted on the Gitlab cloud, the other two types are Opensource Gitlab Community and Gitlab Enterprise, both of which require you to host them locally on your own server. Fortunately for both of these programs a service exists on the AWS Marketplace to quickly and securely launch a private instance of Gitlab. Simply got to the Gitlab powered by Bitnami page here:

<https://aws.amazon.com/marketplace/pp/B00CFPZ9SG>

Choose the **Continue** icon. This will redirect you so that you can review the configuration of your instance before you launch. Choose the type of instance, any type will work; however, a t1.micro instance will not support much traffic on your instance. Next, confirm that the key pair under the key pair heading belongs to you; if you have multiple key pairs on your account it will display the first one alphabetically. Return to the top of the page and **select Accept Terms & Launch with 1-Click**.

Now your Gitlab instance has launched and can be accessed directly from the instances Public DNS address or configured through the command line using SSH. User information will need to be added through the server as it would on a physical server.