

# **DoD Cloud Assessment Process**

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## PA & ATO Terminology

- A FedRAMP Provisional Authorization (PA)
  - Issued by the Joint Authorization Board (JAB)
  - To a Cloud Service Provider (CSP) for their Cloud Service Offering (CSO)
- A DoD PA Will typically leverage a CSP's JAB PA (or Agency ATO)
  - Issued by the DISA Authorizing Official (AO)
  - To a CSP for their CSO, based on a FedRAMP JAB PA or FedRAMP compliant Agency ATO (Level 2)
  - To a CSP for their CSO, based on additional DoD security requirements (Levels 4/5/6)
- A DoD Authority to Operate (ATO) Will leverage a CSP's DoD PA
  - Issued by a DoD Component AO
  - To a Mission Owner for their system that makes use of the CSP's CSO

PA – Focuses on CSO Risk

**Granted by: The FedRAMP JAB and the DISA AO** 

To: A CSP for their CSO

ATO – Focuses on Mission Risk

Granted by: A DoD Component's AO

To: A DoD Mission Owner for their system



## **Assessment Applicability**



\* If the Cloud Service Offering (CSO) has a FedRAMP JAB PA or Agency ATO

NOTE: The decision to leverage the JAB PA or Agency ATO is at the discretion of the DoD Mission Owner and the responsible Authorizing Official (AO). Further assessment may be needed in order to grant an ATO.

#### Impact Level 4/5/6 – DoD PA assessments are required

 Based on security controls/enhancements in the FedRAMP Moderate baseline coupled with DoD specific controls and other requirements (referred to as FedRAMP+)

Level 4
+35 DoD
Controls/Enhancements
Plus Privacy Overlay if Required

Level 5
+44 DoD
Controls/Enhancements
Plus Privacy Overlay if Required

Level 6
+44 DoD
Controls/Enhancements
Plus 98 from Classified Overlay



# **Assessment Synergies**





Assess Authorize Monitor DoD Mission Owner

A parallel vs. serial assessment approach is used as much as possible to shorten timelines



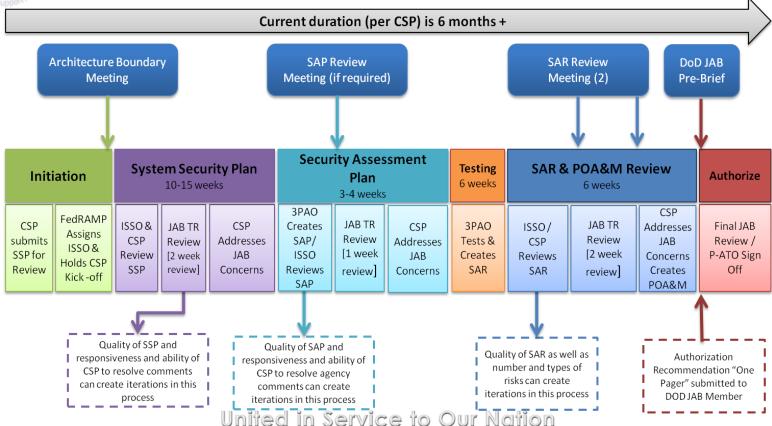
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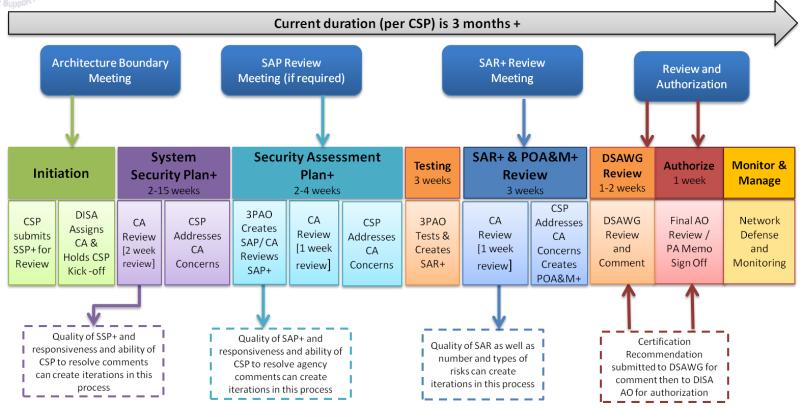


### FedRAMP Process





### **DoD FedRAMP+ Process**



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### CSM v2.1 $\rightarrow$ SRG v1r1

#### **Transition Plan for Assessments:**

- New assessments will use the requirements in SRG v1r1
- Assessments in process according to CSM v2.1 will continue on that track
  - Must transition to compliance with SRG v1r1 with their next FedRAMP annual assessment
- CSPs that have already received a DoD PA under CSM v2.1
  - Must transition to compliance with SRG v1r1 with their next FedRAMP annual assessment



# **Mission Owner Considerations**

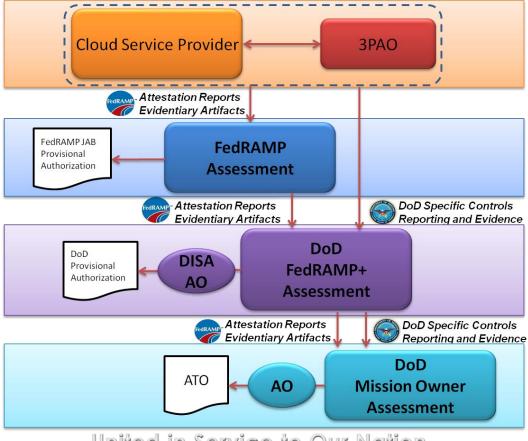
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### **Cloud Inheritance Model**



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### Mission Owner Considerations ///

- Determination of Impact Level
- Infrastructure sharing with other systems
- Trust between systems (e.g. Active Directory trust relationships)
- Location Considerations
- Availability Requirements
  - Must be determined and included in the contract or Service Level Agreement (SLA)
- Disaster Recovery Requirements/Options
  - Methods available for data/system backup
- Contract Termination Considerations (e.g. return/wipe of data)
- Personnel Investigation Requirements
  - Appropriate investigations based on OPM and DOD requirements (e.g. Insider Threat requirements)



## Mission Owner Considerations ///

- Mission-focused Computer Network Defense (MCND)
  - Engaging a MCND and establishing role/responsibilities between MCND and supporting systems administration team
- System Administration / Patching / Scanning
- Review of Authorization Package and supporting artifacts being leveraged (e.g. Provisional Authorization documentation or Agency ATO documentation)
  - May drive additional control requirements or specific value requirements

#### **Opportunities**

- Cost savings
- Agility
- Innovation



#### **DoD Imperatives**

- Security
- Command and Control
- Situational Awareness



## **Challenges on the Horizon**

- Establishing a base of knowledge and training for Security Control Assessors (SCAs) and Authorizing Officials (AOs) in leveraging CSP documentation
- Integrating CSP Cloud Service Offering information into tools such as eMASS to support RMF package inheritance
- Enabling the sharing and use of CSP Continuous Monitoring information by AOs and Mission Owners

Understanding the architecture of a system is key to managing it's risk and is critical in preventing risk to others systems!

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