



Sponsor Requirements for StateRAMP Authorization

For a vendor's offering to be listed as StateRAMP Authorized on StateRAMP's Authorized Vendor List (AVL), a government sponsor is required. The sponsoring government agency will be listed on the AVL.

Eligible Government Sponsors include:

- Any SLED (state, local, education, tribal/territorial) government official or employee who serves in the role of Chief Information Security Officer or designee; and
- StateRAMP Member (Individual or Certified) <https://stateramp.org/members/governments/>

Government Sponsors Agree to the Following:

- The Government Sponsor will designate an Information Security Authorizing Official, who will be provided access to the secure portal.
- The Authorizing Official will review PMO recommendations and associated artifacts.
- The Authorizing Official will accept, reject, or make suggestions for modification to the PMO's recommendations regarding Authorizations, continuous monitoring, and annual renewal.
- While all activity between the Authorizing Official and PMO may occur electronically in the secure portal, the PMO is available for virtual meetings with the Authorizing Official as desired.
- Any disagreement between the Authorizing Official and PMO will be determined by the Appeals Committee.
- To be listed as Authorized, an offering must always have an active sponsor.
- If the Authorized Official/Sponsoring Government discontinues their sponsorship of the provider's offering, it is the provider's responsibility to secure a new sponsor.
- An offering can have more than one sponsor.

How it Works:

1. Initial Authorization Review:

- Within the secure portal, StateRAMP PMO will provide the designated Authorizing Official with a summary and recommendation of the service provider's request for authorization.
- The Authorizing Official shall accept, reject, or suggest modification to the PMO's recommendation.
- If no response is provided by the Authorizing Official within 30 days, the Authorization is denied.

2. Ongoing Continuous Monitoring:

- The Authorized Official may view continuous monitoring reporting in the secure portal at any time.
- If a problem arises, StateRAMP PMO will notify the Authorizing Official of the issue and remediation plan.
- No action is necessary by the Authorizing Official unless the Authorizing Official disagrees with the remediation plan, in which case the Authorizing Official shall contact the PMO immediately to schedule a meeting to discuss next steps.

3. Annual Review:

- StateRAMP PMO will provide the designated Authorizing Official with a summary and recommendation of the service provider's annual audit and continued Authorization status.
- The Authorizing Official shall accept, reject, or recommend modification to the PMO's recommendation.
- If no response is provided by the Authorizing Official within 30 days, the Authorization is denied.

Note on Continuous Monitoring Notifications for StateRAMP Certified Members:

- States and local government agencies may join StateRAMP as a Certified Member at the organizational level.
- Certified Membership provides states/agencies the ability to designate a security official to receive continuous monitoring notifications from the PMO for the government's contracted suppliers.
- More information can be found at: <https://stateramp.org/members/governments/>