How To Become a StateRAMP Sponsoring Government

Eligibility, Sponsorship Requirements, and Ongoing Involvement.

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WHAT IS A SPONSORING GOVERNMENT?

A sponsoring government is the individual or agency responsible for reviewing a product's security package and approving the corresponding StateRAMP Authorized status recommended by the PMO.

Multiple governments can sponsor the same product or request provider approval to view the product's documentation in the secure portal.
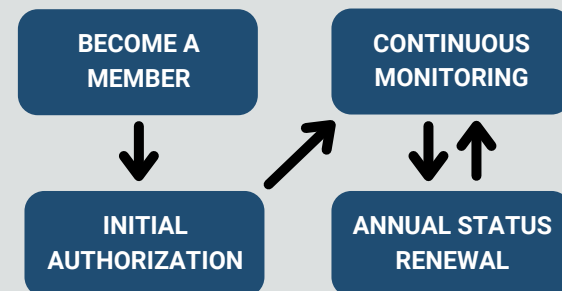
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligible sponsors include any government official or employee who serves in the role of Chief Information Officer, or their designee, who represents state, local, tribal, or territorial government or public higher education institutions (SLED).

Interested sponsors must first become a StateRAMP member by submitting the free, fast, and easy Government Membership application on the StateRAMP website.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Visit the StateRAMP website and complete the free StateRAMP Government Member application.

2. The sponsor will be notified when the StateRAMP PMO has completed the product's security review.

3. The sponsor will review the product's security package and approve, reject, or provide an amendment to the PMO's authorization recommendation.

4. If the status is approved, the sponsor will be granted access into the secure StateRAMP document repository to view monthly product summaries provided by the PMO.

BECOME A MEMBER → INITIAL AUTHORIZATION → CONTINUOUS MONITORING ⇅ ANNUAL STATUS RENEWAL

WHAT ARE THE COMMITMENTS?

☑ The sponsor will designate an Information Security Authorizing Official (AO), who will be provided access to the secure portal.

☑ The AO will review PMO's status recommendations and the product's security package.

☑ The AO will approve, reject, or make suggestions for modification to the product's Authorized Status recommended by the PMO.

☑ The AO will receive reminders to log in to the secure document repository to view monthly product security reports.

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WORKING WITH THE PMO

StateRAMP was intentionally designed to alleviate the burden of verifying cloud cybersecurity from state and local governments. The PMO serves as the primary reviewer of product security packages and acts as the first point of contact for both the sponsoring government and service providers.

As your cybersecurity partner, the PMO is responsible for recommending security statuses, reviewing all ongoing continuous monitoring documentation, providing monthly product updates, and alerting the sponsoring government of any critical changes to their risk posture.

ABOUT US

StateRAMP helps state and local governments reduce their cyber risk from unsecure cloud solutions by providing a standardized approach for protecting their data in the cloud using a security framework built on the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-53 rev. 4.

> "The **continuous monitoring** function of StateRAMP is the real difference maker for state and local governments seeking to **trust but verify** their providers have security controls and processes in place to ensure the data we are placing with them is protected."
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> *J.R. Sloan*
> *Chief Information Officer*
> *State of Arizona*