ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**ROLE:** A trusted third party that provides independent assessments with integrity

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**FEDRAMP IS COMMITTED TO:**
- Creating a collaborative, open environment
- Facilitating a predictable and transparent process
- Providing clear and timely communications
- Clarifying expectations and requirements where needed

**ELEMENTS OF 3PAO SUCCESS:**
- Executive leadership commitment throughout the process
- Transparency about CSP's barriers and risks
- Quality documentation

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**READINESS ASSESSMENT**
- Conduct readiness assessment
- Develop Readiness Assessment Report (RAR)
- Submit RAR to FedRAMP PMO (after notified by CSP)
- Support FedRAMP PMO during RAR review, as necessary

**FULL SECURITY ASSESSMENT**
- Perform in-depth review of the SSP for compliance
- Develop SAP, and schedule and perform assessment activities
- Develop SAR
- Complete full security assessment, including SAP and SAR with matching POA&M and test cases
- Ensure documentation within SSP matches security control implementations (this is a portion of the test cases)
- Support FedRAMP PMO completeness check and kick-off coordination activities

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**KICK-OFF**
- Support JAB reviewers in gaining an in-depth understanding of any risks associated with CSP system, typically through a combination of briefings and informal Q&A
- Ensure representatives who can answer in-depth questions about the full assessment are present

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**REVIEW**
- Support JAB Reviewers by addressing questions about full security assessment
- Participate in regular meetings among CSP, 3PAO, and PMO

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**REMEDICATION**
- Perform any retesting required by JAB Reviewers
- Update and resubmit full security documentation based on retesting
- Ensure all comments from JAB Reviewers are appropriately addressed

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**FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**
- Receive ATO decision and formal authorization from FedRAMP PMO