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

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

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Readiness Assessment
   - FedRAMP Ready
   - ~ 1 Month
   - 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

2. Full Security Assessment
   - SSP SAR POA&M
   - Security Authorization Package
   - ~ 1+ Month
   - 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

3. Authorization Process
   - Kick-Off
   - ~ 1 Week
   - 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
   - Review
   - ~ 3-4 Weeks
   - Support JAB Reviewers by addressing questions about full security assessment
   - Participate in regular meetings among CSP, 3PAO, and PMO
   - Remediation
   - ~ 3 Weeks
   - 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
   - Final Review and Approval
   - ~ 4 Weeks
   - Receive ATO decision and formal authorization from FedRAMP PMO