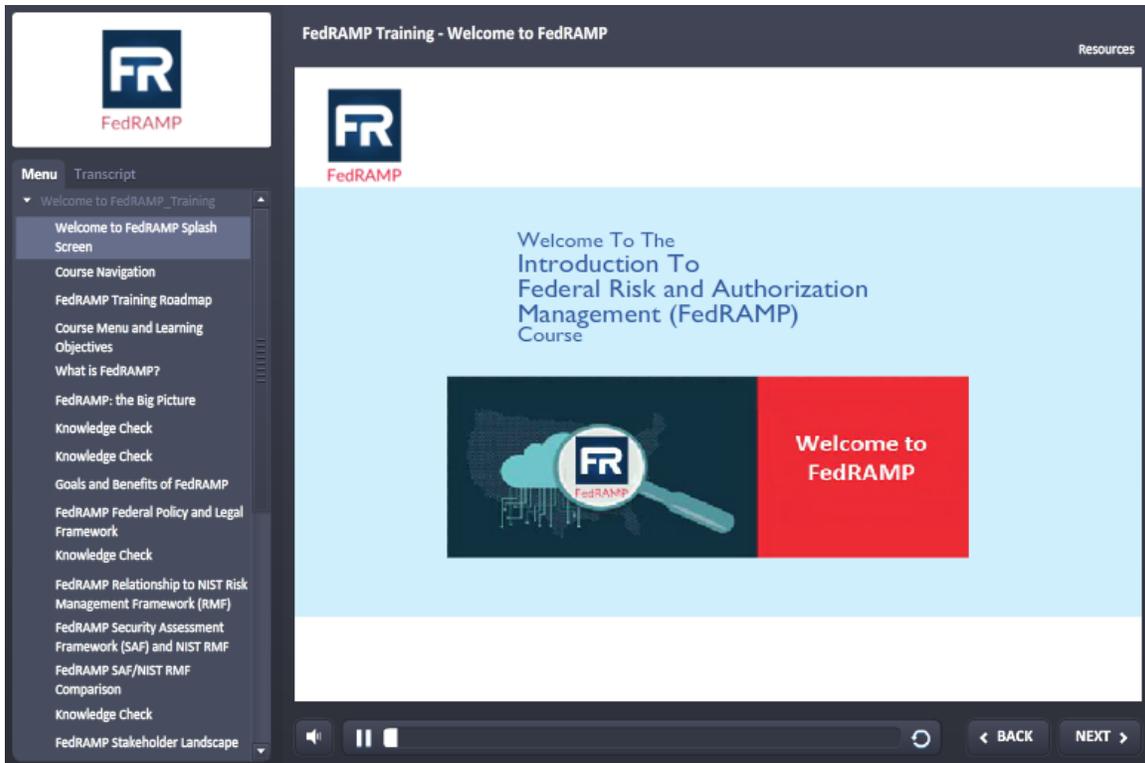




# FedRAMP Training - Welcome to FedRAMP

## 1. Welcome to FedRAMP\_Training

### 1.1 Welcome to FedRAMP Splash Screen



#### Notes:

##### Transcript

##### Title

Welcome to the Introduction to the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) Course

##### Text

Introduction to the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP). Presented by: GSA FedRAMP Program Management Office (PMO). Select the Next button to begin.

##### Image

Image of FedRAMP logo.



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## Audio

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## 1.2 Course Navigation



## Notes:

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Course Features and Functions

#### Text

Select each icon to view the topics and learning objectives

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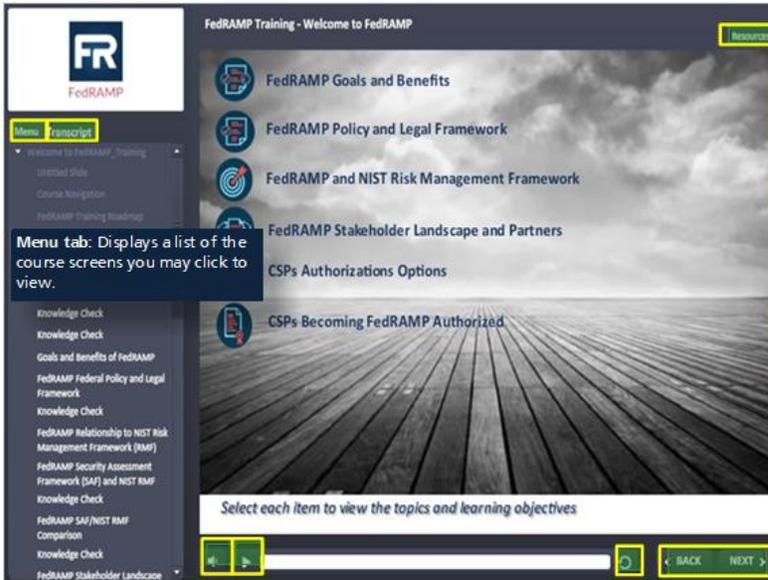
Screen capture of the course including the FedRAMP logo, Transcript and Menu tabs, Navigation buttons, and Resources button.

## Audio

Let's take a moment to familiarize ourselves with the features and functions of this course. To navigate the course, you may select the Back and Next buttons located at the bottom of the screen, or you may use the Menu tab located on the left side of the screen to select the screen you'd like to view. Use the Play and Pause buttons located at the bottom of the screen to start and stop the screen content. You may also select the Replay button to view the content again. Use the Transcript tab on the left side of the screen to read a detailed description of the screen elements including the image descriptions, screen text, and audio script. You may also access the Resources button at the top right corner of the screen to open additional course resources.

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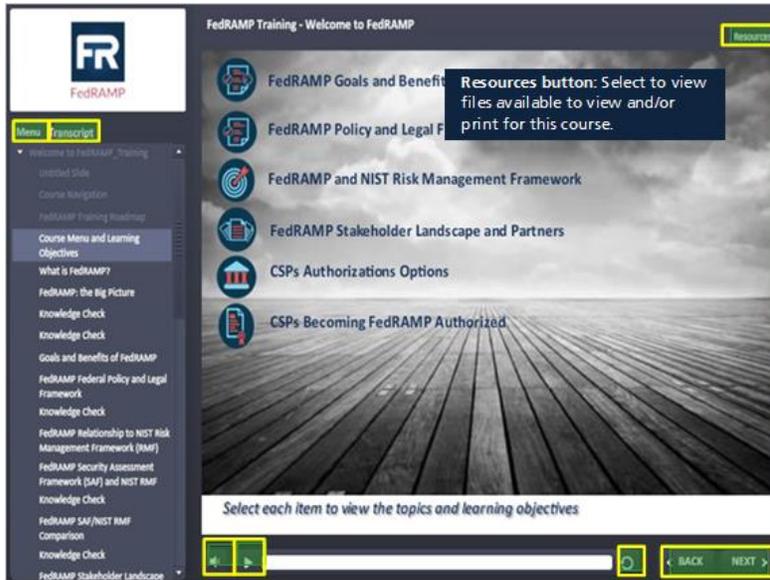
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## Resources (Slide Layer)



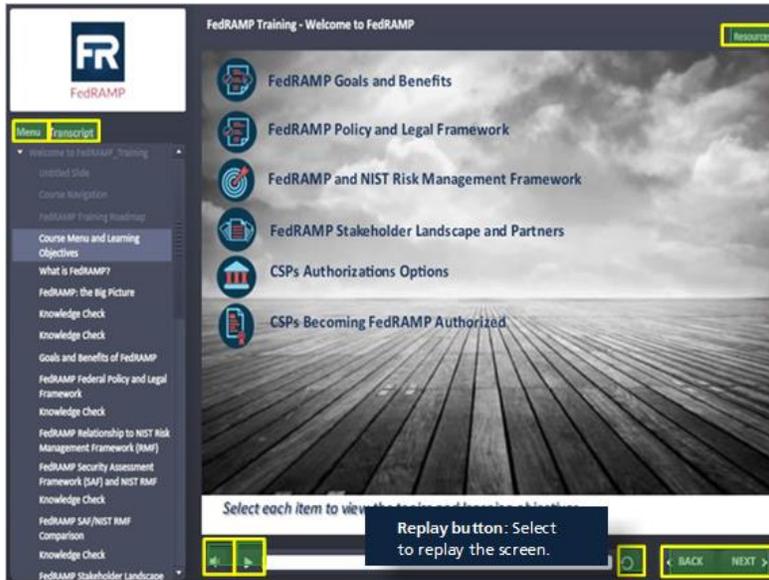
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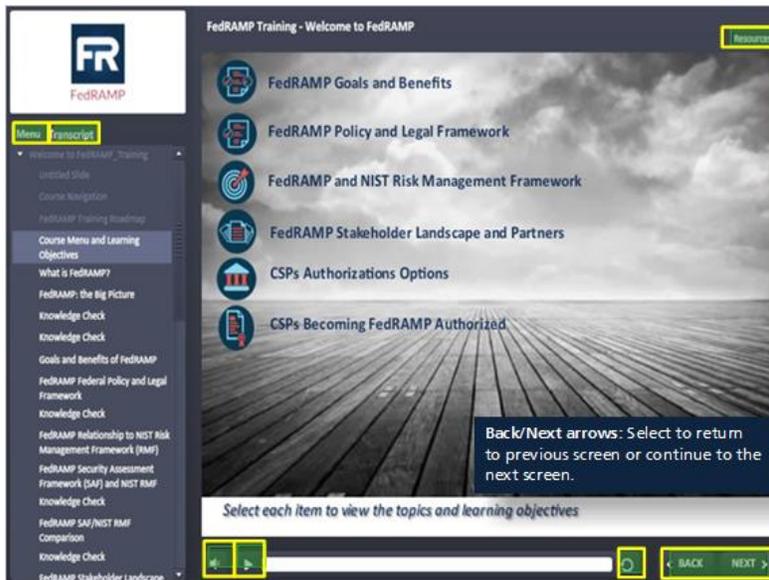


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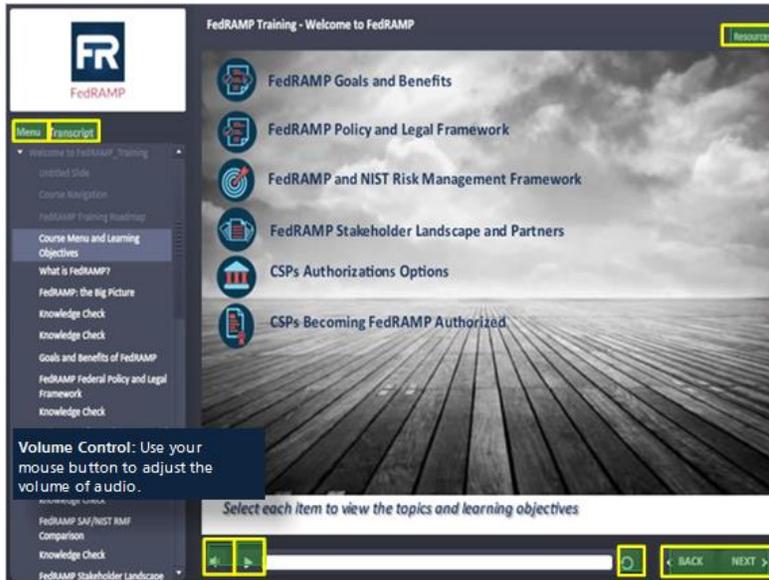
## Back/Next (Slide Layer)





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## Volume Control (Slide Layer)



## 1.3 FedRAMP Training Roadmap



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FedRAMP Training Roadmap

## Text

Here is where you are in your training. Select any of the map points to see where you've been and where you're going.

Course 100-A button, Welcome to FedRAMP. This course (being completed now) provides an overview of the FedRAMP program and how it works.

Course 200-A button, FedRAMP System Security Plan (SSP) Required Documents. You will learn how to populate the SSP.

Course 200-B button, How to Write a Control. You will learn to write a security control implementation description.

Course 200-C button, Continuous Monitoring (or ConMon) Overview. You will learn the CSP role and responsibilities for Continuous Monitoring.

Course 300 Series:

- Course 300-A: 3PAO FedRAMP 17020 Requirements: Understanding and Bridging the Gap
- Course 300-B: 3PAO FedRAMP Security Assessment Plan (SAP) Guidance
- Course 300-C: 3PAO FedRAMP Security Assessment Report (SAR) Guidance
- Course 300-D: 3PAO FedRAMP Assessment: Documenting Evidence Procedures
- Course 300-E: 3PAO Understanding and Documenting FedRAMP Vulnerability Scanning Requirements
- Course 300-F: 3PAO Review of FedRAMP Security Assessment Report (SAR) Tables
- Course 300-G: 3PAO Readiness Assessment Report (RAR) Preparation

Course 400-A button, Inclusion of FedRAMP in the Procurement Process, whereby Contracting Officers (COs) can get a clearer understanding of FedRAMP in the acquisition and procurement lifecycle.

Monthly Webinars (via Adobe Connect) button, an opportunity to participate in monthly webinars that cover a vast array of topics for the CSP community.

## Image

Screen capture of a roadmap of all course offerings

## Audio

This is the introductory course in the FedRAMP training series. Here is where you are in your training. Select any of the map points to see where you've been and where you're going.

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- Course 300-D: 3PAO FedRAMP Assessment: Documenting Evidence Procedures
- Course 300-E: 3PAO Understanding and Documenting FedRAMP Vulnerability Scanning Requirements
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### 100-A Being Completed (Slide Layer)





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### 200-A (Slide Layer)



### 200-B (Slide Layer)





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## 200-C (Slide Layer)

**FedRAMP Training**

**Course 200-C**  
Continuous Monitoring (or ConMon) Overview. You will learn the CSP role and responsibilities for Continuous Monitoring.

Start 100-A 200-A 200-B 200-C 300 Series 400-A Webinars And Beyond

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## 300 Series (Slide Layer)

**FedRAMP Training**

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### 400-A (Slide Layer)

**FedRAMP Training**

**Course 400-A**  
Inclusion of FedRAMP in the Procurement Process, whereby Contracting Officers (COs) can get a clearer understanding of FedRAMP in the acquisition and procurement lifecycle.

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### Webinars (Slide Layer)

**FedRAMP Training**

**Monthly Webinars (via Adobe Connect)**  
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Start 100-A 200-A 200-B 200-C 400 Series 400-A Webinars And Beyond

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## 100-A (Slide Layer)



## 1.4 Course Menu and Learning Objectives



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Course Menu and Learning Objectives

## Text

Select each item to view the topics and learning objectives

- FedRAMP Goals and Benefits
- FedRAMP Policy and Legal Framework
- FedRAMP and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Risk Management Framework (RMF)
- FedRAMP Stakeholder Landscape and Partners
- CSPs Authorizations Options
- CSPs Becoming FedRAMP Authorized

## Image

Black and white picture overlooking the sky

## Audio

Today's training will provide an overview of the FedRAMP program and how it works. Select each item to view the topics and learning objectives.

At the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Describe FedRAMP goals and recognize its benefits
- Describe FedRAMP U.S. Federal Government policy and legal framework
- Identify FedRAMP Stakeholder Landscape and list FedRAMP partners
- Describe the relationship between FedRAMP and the NIST RMF
- List options available for a CSP to achieve authorization
- Describe how a CSP can become FedRAMP authorized



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## Goals and Benefits (Slide Layer)



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- FedRAMP Goals and Benefits
- FedRAMP Policy and Legal Framework
- FedRAMP and NIST Risk Management Framework
- FedRAMP Stakeholder Landscape and Part
- CSPs Authorizations Options
- CSPs Becoming FedRAMP Authorized

You'll be able to:  
Describe FedRAMP goals and recognize its benefits

Select each item to view the topics and learning objectives

## FedRAMP U.S. Federal Government Policy and Legal Framework (Slide Layer)



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Describe FedRAMP U.S. Federal Government policy and legal framework

Select each item to view the topics and learning objectives



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## FedRAMP and NIST RMF Framework (Slide Layer)

FedRAMP Goals and Benefits

FedRAMP Policy and Legal Framework

FedRAMP and NIST Risk Management Framework

FedRAMP Stakeholder Landscape and Partners

CSPs Authorizations Options

CSPs Becoming FedRAMP Authorized

You'll be able to:  
Describe the relationship between FedRAMP and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Risk Management Framework (RMF)

Select each item to view the topics and learning objectives

## FedRAMP Stakeholder Landscape and Partners (Slide Layer)

FedRAMP Goals and Benefits

FedRAMP Policy and Legal Framework

FedRAMP and NIST Risk Management Framework

FedRAMP Stakeholder Landscape and Partners

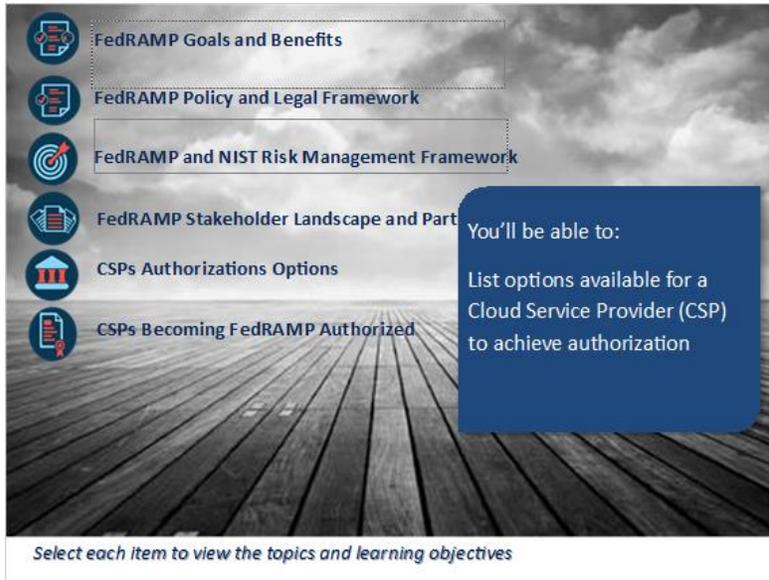
CSPs Authorizations Options

CSPs Becoming FedRAMP Authorized

You'll be able to:  
Identify FedRAMP stakeholder landscape and list FedRAMP partners

Select each item to view the topics and learning objectives

## CSPs Authorization Options (Slide Layer)



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- FedRAMP Stakeholder Landscape and Part
- CSPs Authorizations Options**
- CSPs Becoming FedRAMP Authorized

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You'll be able to:  
List options available for a Cloud Service Provider (CSP) to achieve authorization

At the bottom of the slide, there is a white box with the text: *Select each item to view the topics and learning objectives*

## CSPs becoming FedRAMP Authorized (Slide Layer)



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You'll be able to:  
Describe how a CSP can become FedRAMP authorized

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## 1.5 What is FedRAMP?



### Notes:

#### Transcript

#### Title

FedRAMP Overview

#### Text

- Memorandum for Chief Information Officers, dated 12/8/2011, Subject: Security Authorization of Information Systems in Cloud Computing Environments established the need for FedRAMP
- Establishes FedRAMP as federal policy for the protection of federal information in cloud services
- Defines executive department and agency responsibilities in developing, implementing, operating, and maintaining FedRAMP. FedRAMP focuses on ensuring that the rigorous security standards of Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (or FISMA) are applied while introducing efficiencies to the process for cloud systems (key of which is re-use)
- Defines the requirements for executive departments and agencies using FedRAMP in the acquisition of cloud services as "Executive departments and agencies procuring commercial and non-commercial cloud services that are provided by information systems that support the operations and assets of the departments and agencies, including systems provided or managed by other departments or agencies, contractors, or other sources".

**Before FedRAMP icon (user selects):** Did you know that the federal government spends hundreds of millions of dollars a year securing its IT Systems and on cybersecurity efforts? The problem is complex: 1. NIST requirements are interpreted differently from agency-to-agency; 2. Agencies did not adequately implement FISMA due to resource constraints; and 3. Agencies did not trust security authorizations from other agencies due to the differing interpretations and incomplete packages. Cloud service offerings were non-standardized and non-comparable when determining security capabilities; and not assessed in a comparable manner by independent third party assessors.



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**With FedRAMP icon (user selects):** FedRAMP standardizes the way the government does security authorizations for cloud products and services in four essential ways: 1. Doing security authorizations once and re-using them may reduce or minimize duplication; 2. Increasing collaboration and creation of a community across the U.S. Government and vendors that did not exist before - FIRST government-wide FISMA program; 3. FedRAMP validating security authorizations to ensure that there is uniformity among security packages; and 4. Enabling a centralized repository where Agencies can request access to security packages for expedient authorizations. With FedRAMP, there is a uniform risk management approach with a standard set of approved minimum security controls (Low, Moderate, High Impact), a consistent assessment process, and a Provisional Authorization To Operate (P-ATO) or an Agency Authorization.

### Image

Image of "Before FedRAMP" logo and "With FedRAMP" logo; image of the Executive Office of the President of the United States emblem

### Audio

- A little history first. FedRAMP was created out of the Federal Cloud Computing Initiative to remove the barriers to the adoption of the cloud.
- Cloud computing offers a unique opportunity for the federal government to take advantage of cutting edge information technologies to dramatically reduce procurement and operating costs and greatly increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided to its citizens.
- FedRAMP provides a cost-effective, risk-based approach for the adoption and use of cloud services. Established in December 2011, FedRAMP is the first government-wide security authorization program for FISMA which requires each Federal Agency to develop, document, and implement programmatic information security for systems that support the operations and assets of the agency. This also includes systems and services provided or managed by another agency, contractor, or other source. FedRAMP processes are designed to assist agencies in meeting FISMA requirements for cloud systems and addresses complexities of cloud systems that create unique challenges for complying with FISMA.
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## Prior to FedRAMP (Slide Layer)

**Before FedRAMP, there were (select the i button):**

1. Differing Interpretations i
2. Incomplete Work i
3. Lack of Trust i

Memorandum for Chief Information Officers, dated 12/8/2011, Subject: Security Authorization of Information Systems in Cloud Computing Environments established the need for FedRAMP

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Establishes FedRAMP as federal policy for the protection of federal information in cloud services

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*Select each icon for more information*

## With FedRAMP (Slide Layer)

**With FedRAMP, it's a government-wide program that standardizes how the federal government ensures the security of cloud services by (select the i button):**

1. Do Once, Use Many Times i
2. Transparency i
3. Validated Work i
4. Central Sharing i

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## 1.6 FedRAMP: the Big Picture



**FR** FedRAMP: the Big Picture ...

You should know that FedRAMP was created out of the Federal Cloud Computing Initiative. The initiative was designed to remove key barriers to adoption of cloud computing. Agencies expressed that security was the first concern, leading to the development of FedRAMP. Through the adoption of FedRAMP across the US Federal Government, all stakeholders (Cloud Service Providers, Agencies, Third Party Assessment Organizations) are becoming increasingly "cloud-savvy." It is important that you understand the FedRAMP Story.

Select each image below to learn more. When you are done, select Close to move on to the next topic.

Cloud Computing and FedRAMP    Cloud Security    Legal Framework    NIST    Stakeholder Landscape

You have viewed all the tabs. Nice work! Select the Next button to continue.

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### Notes:

#### Transcript

#### Title

FedRAMP: the Big Picture ...

#### Text

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- Select each image below to learn more. When you are done, select Close to move on to the next topic.
- Button 1: Cloud Computing and FedRAMP
  - FedRAMP was created out of the Cloud Computing initiative in order to remove the barriers for the adoption of cloud computing; in response to Agencies' first concern for Security, and in order to reduce our number 1 barrier: Security.
  - We'll discuss FedRAMP Goals shortly in this course.
  - Close button.
- Button 2: Why Must Cloud Service Providers and Agencies perform Security Authorizations?
  - In the Commercial Environment for CSPs, the goal is to securely compete on contracts with the federal government, and simultaneously protect intellectual property.

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- In the Government Environment, it is required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) based upon the United States legislation, FISMA, to “define a comprehensive framework” to protect government information, operations and assets against natural or man-made threats. FISMA was signed into law as part of the Electronic Government Act of 2002. FISMA and the Electronic Government Act of 2002 are designed to protect the created, transmitted, and stored data and information that supports the operations of our Federal Government.”
- Close button.
- Button 3: The Legal Framework
  - Let’s focus on the Legal Framework within our Government which consists of the following: 1. Law = FISMA or Federal Information Security Management Act; 2. OMB Circular A130 Revised 7/28/2016; 3. NIST Guidance and 800 Series Special Publications.
  - Select this link to learn more.
  - Close button.

### The Legal Perspective link

#### *FedRAMP is required for Federal Agencies*



#### Notes:

#### Transcript

#### Title

FedRAMP is required for Federal Agencies

#### Text



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FedRAMP is required for Federal Agencies. The law states that each Agency must grant security authorizations.

LAW = FISMA - Federal Information Security Management Act REQUIRES Agencies to do cybersecurity

MANDATE = WHITE HOUSE - OMB states that when agencies implement FISMA, they must use the NIST framework (Circular A-130)

POLICY = FEDRAMP - FedRAMP says when using cloud, agencies must implement NIST via FedRAMP requirements

AUTHORIZE = AGENCY - each Agency ultimately must individually authorize a system for use

### Image

Images of icons representing LAW, MANDATE, POLICY, AUTHORIZE

### Audio

FedRAMP is required for Federal Agencies. The law states that each Agency must grant security authorizations. FedRAMP fits within the same framework Agencies are using currently to provide security authorizations of IT services.

So, let's breakdown how this work in a simple example:

With LAW = FISMA - Federal Information Security Management Act REQUIRES Agencies to do cybersecurity; in other words, this law (FISMA) mandates that Agencies authorize IT systems that store, process, or transmit Federal information.

With MANDATE = WHITE HOUSE - OMB states that when Agencies implement FISMA, they must use the NIST framework (Circular A-130); OMB dictates to Agencies through Circular A-130 that Agencies use NIST standards when authorizing systems according to FISMA.

With POLICY = FEDRAMP - FedRAMP says when using cloud, Agencies must implement NIST via FedRAMP requirements; OMB also further clarified that Agencies must follow the FedRAMP requirements when granting authorizations for cloud services.

With AUTHORIZE = AGENCY, where each Agency ultimately must individually authorize a system for use.

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- Button 4: NIST SP 800-37 Revision 1 Framework
  - Let's keep going . . . with NIST SP 800-37 Revision 1 Framework, which is comprised of six separate elements: 1. Categorize Information System; 2. Select Security Controls; 3. Implement Security Controls; 4. Assess Security Controls; 5. Authorize Information System; 6. Monitor Security Controls.
  - Select this link to learn more.
  - Close button.

## 800-37-RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK link

### The Six Phases . . .



### Notes:

#### Transcript

#### Title

800-37 RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

#### Text

Process flow of icons:

- CSPs Define Data Type
- CSPs Select Controls
- CSPs Implement and Document
- 3PAOs Assess



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- Agencies Authorize
- CSPs/3PAOs Continuous Monitoring

### Image

Images of icons representing Define Data Type; Select Controls; Implement and Document; Assess (Interview, Examine, and Test); Authorized (System for use; Accept Risk of System); Continuous Monitoring

### Audio

The NIST Risk Management Framework has 6 steps - from defining your data to continuous monitoring. Let's briefly review each step:

1. CSPs Define Data Type: this may be defined by a simple example (such as email data), which is aligned to a governing standard like Federal Information Processing (FIPS) 199, using a Low, Moderate or High baseline
2. CSPs Select Controls: this refers to the NIST 800-53. In fact, security authorizations require vendors to implement hundreds of security controls (100+ for public data, 300+ for standard systems, and 400+ for high risk systems)
3. CSPs Implement and Document: this refers to the various documents that are required for authorization (such as the System Security Plan or SSP). Vendors must fully document and have an independent auditor validate the security of their system.
4. 3PAOs Assess: this refers to the process of interviewing, examining, and testing of specific controls by an independent assessor like the 3PAO or Third Party Assessment Organization; this takes thousands of pieces of evidence and also has a high cost to government and industry - in order to validate a vendors and thousands of pieces of evidence that take months to complete.
5. Agencies Authorize, whereby the system is ready for use through the use of an Authorization to Operate (ATO) Letter. While FISMA dictates that Federal agencies make individual decisions for security authorizations, FedRAMP's goal is to enable re-use.
6. CSPs/3PAOs conduct Continuous Monitoring, at monthly or yearly intervals.



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- Button 5: Federal Stakeholder Landscape

- There are six areas of FedRAMP Stakeholder Landscape, which include: 1. Joint Authorization Board (JAB) Charter V2.0 dated 1/26/2016, whereby the Federal Chief Information Officer (CIO) and directed CIOs of the Department of Defense (DoD), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the General Services Administration (GSA) make up the JAB; 2. GSA FedRAMP PMO; 3. DHS, by monitoring and reporting on security incidents and by providing monitoring; 4. OMB; 5. Federal CIO Council; and 6. NIST.
- Close button.

### Image

Image of five big picture steps: Cloud Computing; Cloud Security; Legal Framework; NIST; Stakeholder Landscape

### Audio

- You should know that FedRAMP was created from the Federal Cloud Computing Initiative, consistent with the President's International Strategy for Cyberspace and Cloud First policy, which was designed to remove barriers to the adoption of cloud computing. The number 1 barrier was/is Cloud security! Through the adoption of FedRAMP across the U.S. Federal Government, all stakeholders (Cloud Service Providers, Agencies, Third Party Assessment Organizations) are becoming increasingly "cloud-savvy". It is important that you understand the FedRAMP Story. After you select and read the text for each image below, you'll be able to advance to the next page by selecting the 'Close' button at the bottom right of each text box.

## Layer 1 (Slide Layer)



### FedRAMP: the Big Picture . . .

FedRAMP was created

- out of the Federal Cloud Computing initiative in order to remove the barriers for the adoption of cloud computing;
- in response to agencies' first concern for Security, and
- in order to reduce our number 1 barrier: Security.

We'll discuss FedRAMP Goals shortly in this course.

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## Layer 2 (Slide Layer)

### FedRAMP: the Big Picture . . .

Why Must Cloud Service Providers and Agencies perform Security Authorizations?

- In the Commercial Environment for CSPs, the goal is to securely compete on contracts with the federal government, and simultaneously protect intellectual property.
- In the Government Environment, it is required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) based upon the United States legislation, FISMA, to "define a comprehensive framework" to protect government information, operations and assets against natural or man-made threats. FISMA was signed into law as part of the Electronic Government Act of 2002. FISMA and the Electronic Government Act of 2002 are designed to protect the created, transmitted, and stored data and information that supports the operations of our Federal Government."

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## Layer 3 (Slide Layer)

### FedRAMP: the Big Picture . . .

Let's focus on the Legal Framework within our Government, which consists of the following: 1. Law = FISMA or Federal Information Security Management Act; 2. OMB Circular A130 Revised 7/28/2016; 3. NIST Guidance and 800 Series Special Publications

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## Layer 4 (Slide Layer)

### FedRAMP: the Big Picture . . .

Let's keep going . . . with NIST SP 800-37 Revision 1 Framework, which is comprised of six separate elements: 1. Categorize Information System 2. Select Security Controls 3. Implement Security Controls 4. Assess Security Controls 5. Authorize Information System 6. Monitor Security Controls. Select this [link](#) to learn more . . .

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## Layer 5 (Slide Layer)

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5. Federal CIO Council
6. NIST

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## 1.7 Knowledge Check

*(Multiple Choice, 10 points, unlimited attempts permitted)*

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### Knowledge Check QUESTION

What is the fundamental legal source for FedRAMP? Select the Submit button to check your answer.

- OMB A-130
- FISMA
- NIST Risk Management Framework
- Cloud First Policy

Correct	Choice
	OMB A-130
X	FISMA
	NIST Risk Management Framework
	Cloud First Policy

**Feedback when correct:**

That's right! You selected the correct response. FISMA requires each federal agency to develop, document, and implement programmatic information security for systems that support the operations and assets of the agency.

**Feedback when incorrect:**

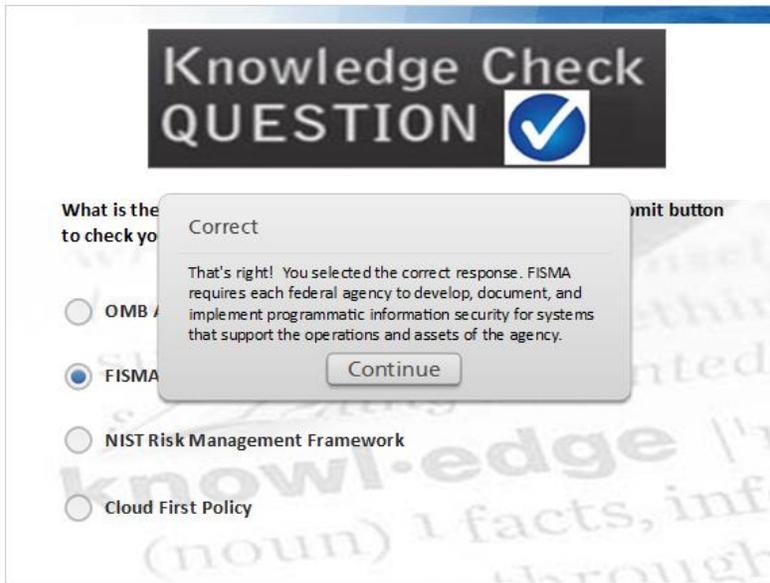
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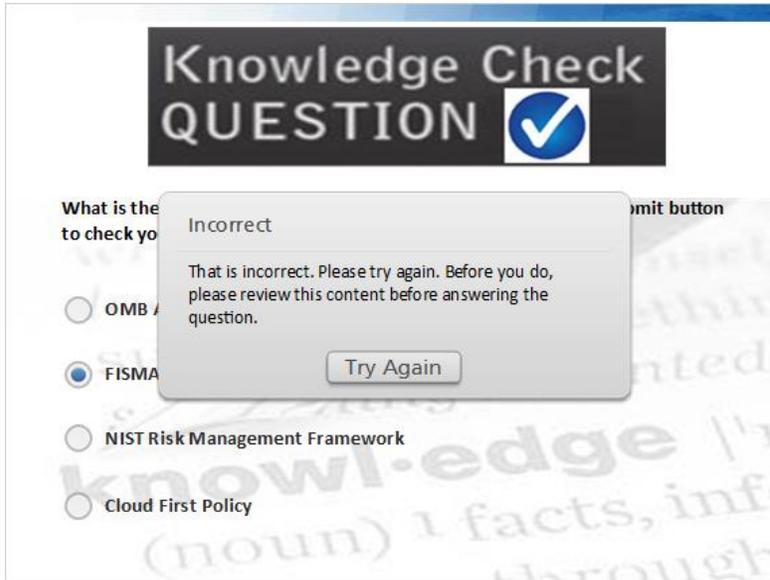
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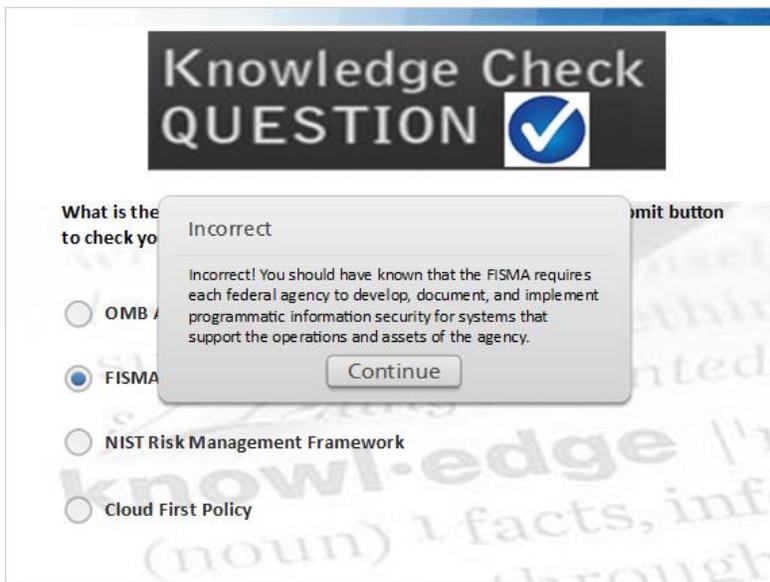
### Correct (Slide Layer)



## Try Again (Slide Layer)



## Incorrect (Slide Layer)



## 1.8 Knowledge Check

*(Multiple Choice, 10 points, unlimited attempts permitted)*

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### Knowledge Check QUESTION

Which of the following is NOT an example of FedRAMP's Stakeholder Landscape? Select the Submit button to check your answer.

- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Joint Authorization Board (JAB)
- Federal CIO Council
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Correct	Choice
X	U.S. Chamber of Commerce
	Joint Authorization Board (JAB)
	Federal CIO Council
	Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

**Feedback when correct:**

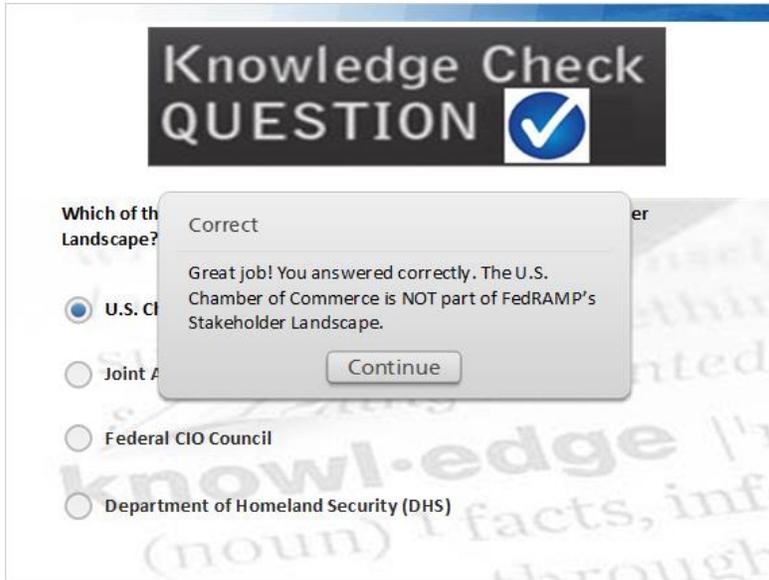
Great job! You answered correctly. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is NOT part of FedRAMP's Stakeholder Landscape.

**Feedback when incorrect:**

Incorrect! You should have known that the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is NOT part of FedRAMP's Stakeholder Landscape.

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### Correct (Slide Layer)



**Knowledge Check QUESTION** 

Which of the following is part of the Stakeholder Landscape?

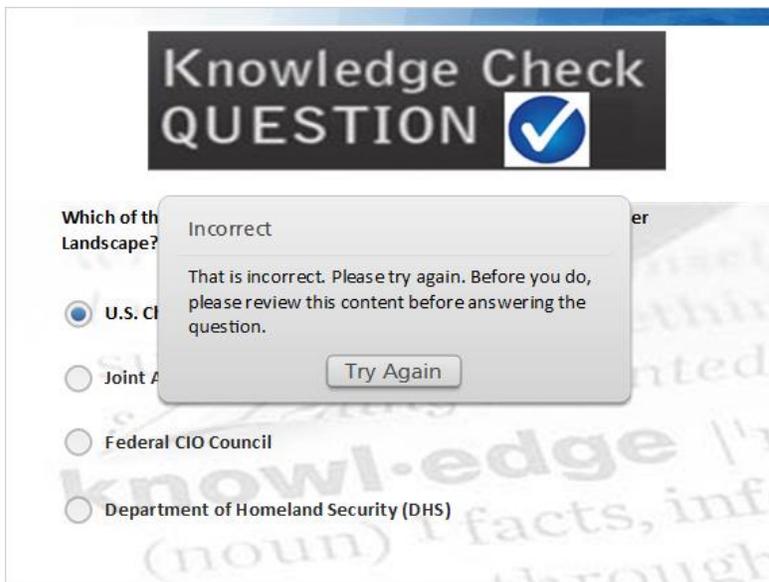
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Joint A
- Federal CIO Council
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

**Correct**

Great job! You answered correctly. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is NOT part of FedRAMP's Stakeholder Landscape.

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### Try Again (Slide Layer)



**Knowledge Check QUESTION** 

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- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

**Incorrect**

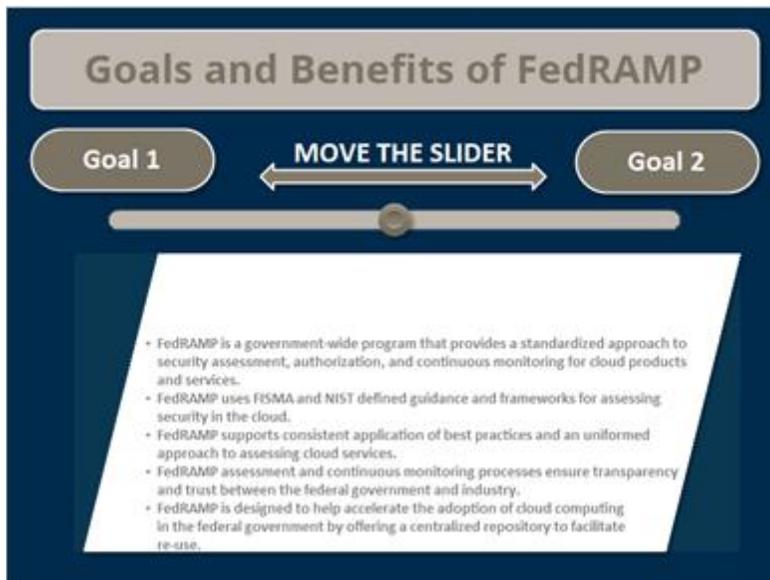
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## Incorrect (Slide Layer)



## 1.9 Goals and Benefits of FedRAMP



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## Goals and Benefits of FedRAMP

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The Goals of FedRAMP are to

1. Ensure use of cloud services adequately protects and secures federal information
2. Enable cloud services' reuse across the federal government wherever possible to save money and time

Sliding text:

- FedRAMP is a government-wide program that provides a standardized approach to security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring for cloud products and services.
- FedRAMP uses FISMA and NIST defined guidance and frameworks for assessing security in the cloud.
- FedRAMP supports consistent application of best practices and an uniformed approach to assessing cloud services.
- FedRAMP assessment and continuous monitoring processes ensure transparency and trust between the federal government and industry.
- FedRAMP is designed to help accelerate the adoption of cloud computing in the federal government by offering a centralized repository to facilitate re-use.

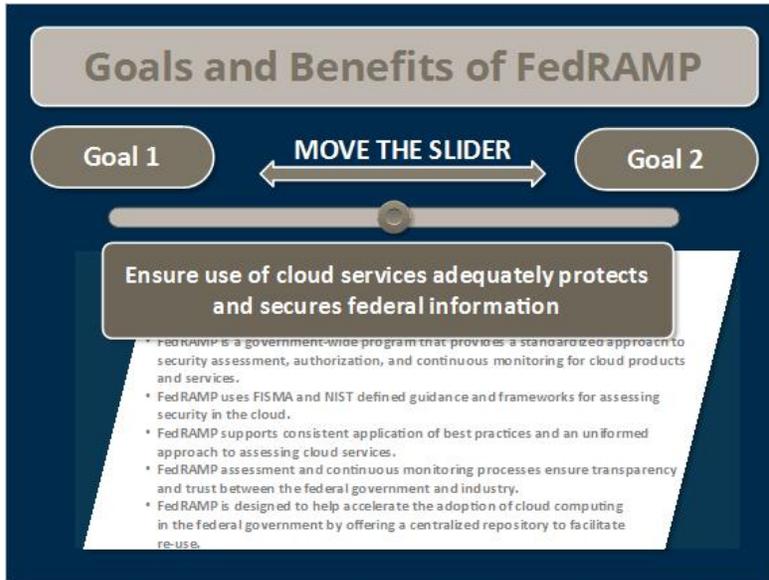
### Image

Image of FedRAMP Goals displayed in a circular format

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## Goal 1 (Slide Layer)



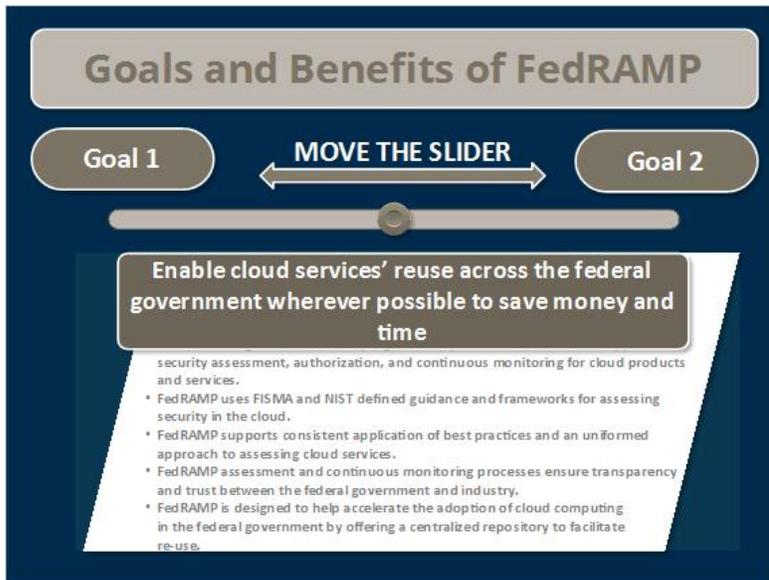
**Goals and Benefits of FedRAMP**

Goal 1 ← MOVE THE SLIDER → Goal 2

**Ensure use of cloud services adequately protects and secures federal information**

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## Goal 2 (Slide Layer)



**Goals and Benefits of FedRAMP**

Goal 1 ← MOVE THE SLIDER → Goal 2

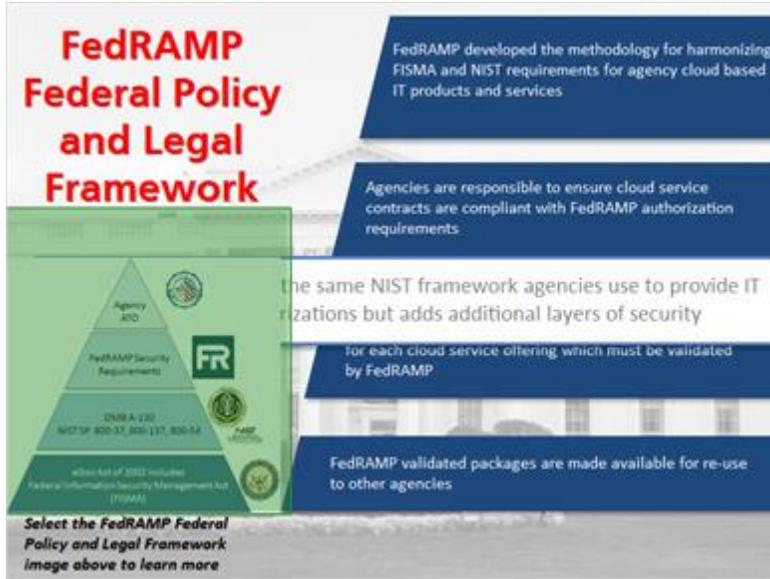
**Enable cloud services' reuse across the federal government wherever possible to save money and time**

- security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring for cloud products and services.
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## 1.10 FedRAMP Federal Policy and Legal Framework



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FedRAMP Federal Policy and Legal Framework

#### Text

Main slide text: FedRAMP fits within the same NIST framework agencies use to provide IT security authorizations but adds additional layers of security.

Slide text 1: FedRAMP developed the methodology for harmonizing FISMA and NIST requirements for agency cloud based IT products and services.

Slide text 2: Agencies are responsible to ensure cloud service contracts are compliant with FedRAMP authorization requirements.

Slide text 3: Agencies are required to grant individual authorizations for each cloud service offering which must be validated by FedRAMP.

Slide text 4: FedRAMP validated packages are made available for re-use to other agencies.

Image text: Select the FedRAMP Federal Policy and Legal Framework image above to learn more.



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## Image

Pyramid showing agency ATO; FedRAMP Security Requirements; OMB A-130 (including NIST SP 800-37; 800-137; 800-53; and eGov Act of 2002 which includes FISMA)

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- FedRAMP fits within the same NIST framework agencies had been using to provide security authorizations of IT services but adds additional layers of security.
- FedRAMP does not replace FISMA - FedRAMP builds upon FISMA.
- FedRAMP developed the methodology for harmonizing FISMA and NIST for FedRAMP security authorization requirements for use with cloud based service offerings
- Agencies are required to use FedRAMP when conducting security authorizations and granting ATOs for all executive department or agency use of cloud services.
- Agencies must ensure cloud IT service contracts comply with FedRAMP security authorization requirements.
- Agencies are responsible to grant individual authorizations.
- FedRAMP validated packages are made available for re-use to other agencies.

## The FedRAMP Legal Framework link

### *The FedRAMP Federal Policy and Legal Framework*



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The FedRAMP Legal Framework

## Text

In the hierarchy:

- FISMA is the law
- OMB A-130 is the mandate establishing the NIST framework for agencies to implement FISMA
- FedRAMP is the policy based upon OMB A-130 and builds upon NIST security guidance specifically for cloud solutions
- Agencies use FedRAMP requirements to authorize a system for use

FedRAMP fits within the same NIST framework agencies use to provide IT security authorizations but adds additional layers of security.

## Image

Image of Court

## Audio

With the FedRAMP Legal Framework, you will notice the following:

- FISMA is the law
  - OMB A-130 is the mandate establishing the NIST framework for agencies to implement FISMA
  - FedRAMP is the policy based upon OMB A-130 and builds upon NIST security guidance specifically for cloud solutions
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## 1.11 Knowledge Check

*(Multiple Choice, 10 points, unlimited attempts permitted)*

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### Knowledge Check QUESTION

Under the FedRAMP Policy and Legal Framework, are federal agencies required to conduct security authorizations for their cloud systems? Select the Submit button to check your answer.

Yes  
 No  
 Maybe  
 Not required

Correct	Choice
X	Yes
	No
	Maybe
	Not required

**Feedback when correct:**

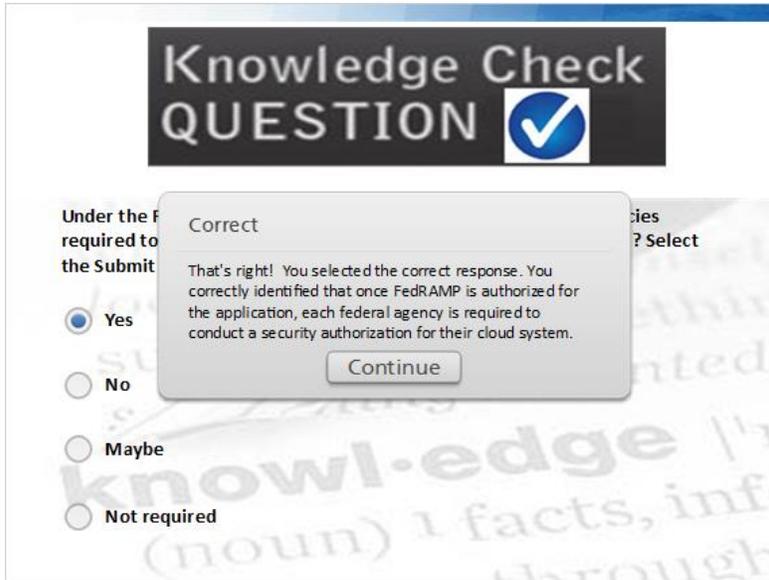
That's right! You selected the correct response. You correctly identified that once FedRAMP is authorized for the application, each federal agency is required to conduct a security authorization for their cloud system.

**Feedback when incorrect:**

Sorry! You should have known that once FedRAMP is authorized for the application, each federal agency is required to conduct a security authorization for their cloud system.

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### Correct (Slide Layer)



**Knowledge Check QUESTION** 

Under the FedRAMP requirements, what is required to be submitted to the Submit button?

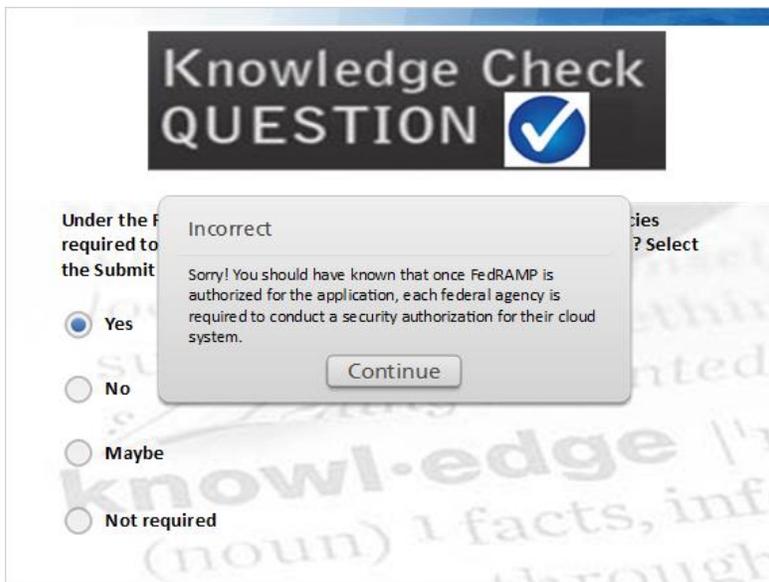
- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not required

**Correct**

That's right! You selected the correct response. You correctly identified that once FedRAMP is authorized for the application, each federal agency is required to conduct a security authorization for their cloud system.

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### Incorrect (Slide Layer)



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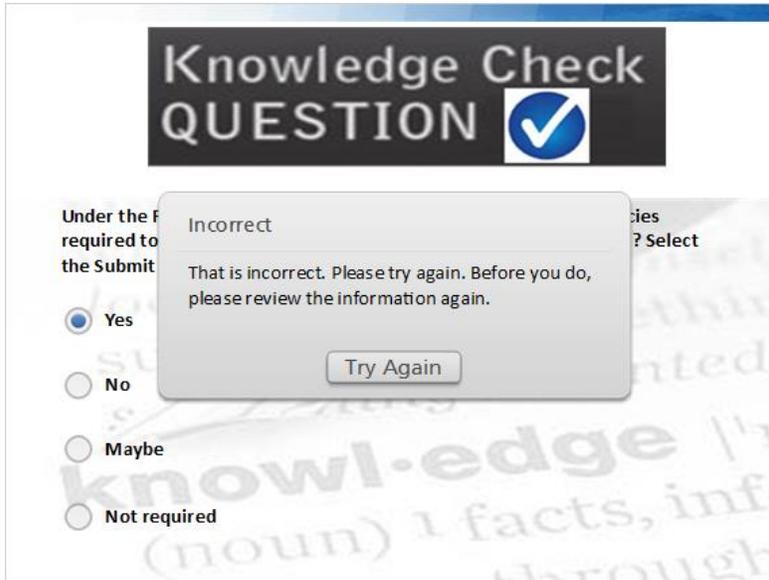
- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not required

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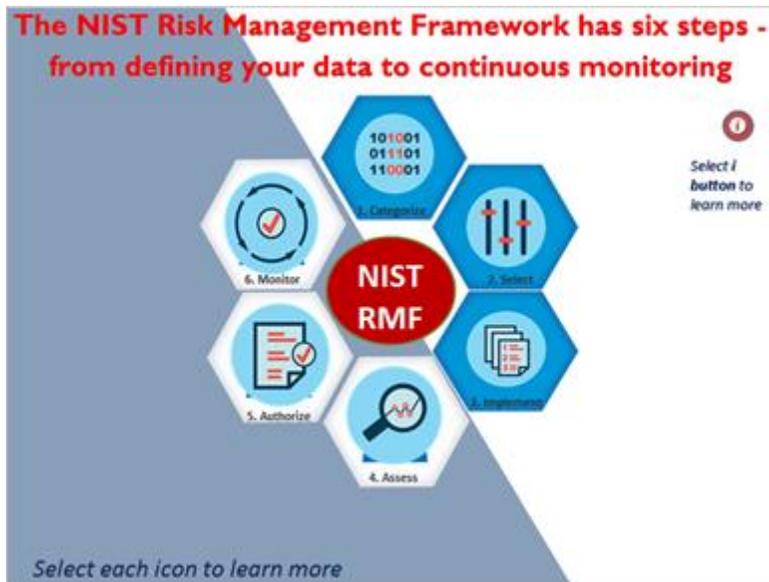
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## Try Again (Slide Layer)



## 1.12 FedRAMP Relationship to NIST Risk Management Framework (RMF)



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FedRAMP Relationship to NIST RMF

## Text

The NIST Risk Management Framework has six steps - from defining your data to continuous monitoring. Select i button to learn more: Did you know that FedRAMP was built on the NIST Risk Management Framework? The NIST Risk Management Framework (RMF) is known as Special Publication (SP) 800-37 (as revised) and is available through the NIST website, which you can find by selecting the Resources tab at the top right portion of this training course.

The purpose of the Risk Management Framework is:

- To ensure that managing risk from the operation and use of federal systems is consistent with the organization's mission, business objectives and overall risk strategy;
- To ensure that information security requirements are integrated into the enterprise architecture;
- To support consistent, well informed, and ongoing security authorization decisions; and
- To achieve more secure information and systems.

## Image

Image of NIST RMF surrounded 1. Categorize the Information System; 2. Select the Controls; 3. Implement Security Controls; 4. Assess the Security Controls; 5. Authorize Information System; 6. Monitor Security Controls

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These are the 6 steps in NIST's Risk Management Framework. Select each step to learn more:

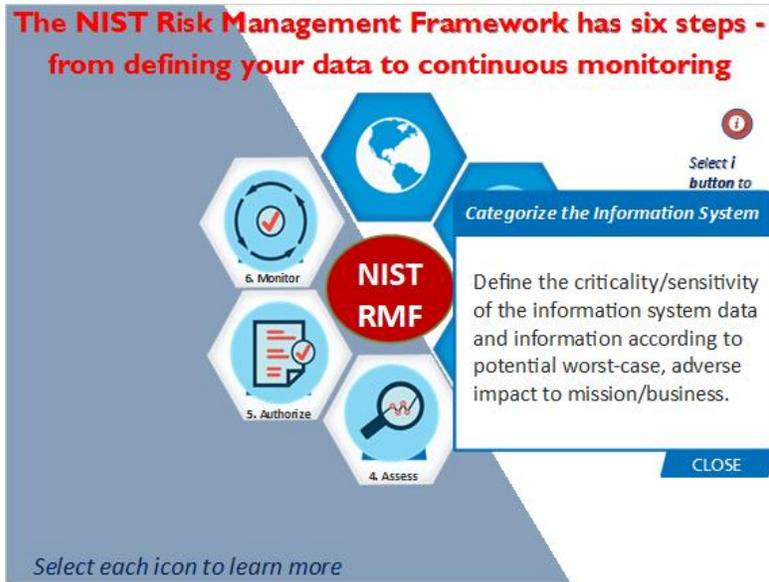
1. Categorize the Information System - CSPs define the criticality/sensitivity of the information system data and information according to potential worst-case, adverse impact to mission/business. In order to accurately define the criticality/sensitivity of the system, the system data types must be defined and understood. Many government systems are intended to provide administrative or business services to support mission accomplishment. Each data type stored, processed, and transmitted must be cross-referenced to the "Recommended Provisional Impact Levels for Management and Support Information Types" in NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-60 Volumes 1 and 2. The provisional levels for Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability (CIA) are listed for each data type. The provisional levels may be adjusted based upon the specific system requirements. All security categorizations and related adjustments are recorded in the FIPS 199 document for the system. The High water mark for CIA is the highest level attained by the aggregation of levels applied to data types, either Low, Moderate, or High.
2. Select Security Controls - CSPs select baseline security controls; apply tailoring guidance and supplement controls as needed based on risk assessment. Once the System Owner and the Authorizing Official have agreed upon the security categorization of the data and information as captured in the FIPS 199, then the security control baseline can be determined. The FedRAMP set of Low, Moderate, and High baselines are rooted in NIST SP 800-53 (as revised) and further enhanced for use by FedRAMP.
3. Implement Security Controls - CSPs implement security controls consistent with the organization's enterprise architecture and information security architecture using sound systems engineering practices to ensure minimum information assurance methodologies; apply security configuration settings; document the implementation details. The objective is to ensure that the security controls are implemented correctly, so they operate as intended, and meet the organization's security requirements.
4. Assess Security Controls - Third Party Assessment Organizations (3PAOs) determine security control effectiveness (i.e., controls implemented correctly, operating as intended, and meeting security requirements for information system). Ensure that the Assessor chosen has the required amount of technical expertise and independence to conduct an effective assessment. Ensure that the results of the assessment are captured in the security assessment report. This document provides the Authorizing Official with the determination of risk posed by the system.
5. Authorize Information System - Agencies determine risk to organizational operations and assets, individuals, other organizations, and the Nation; if acceptable, authorize operation. The Plan of Actions and Milestones (POA&M) identifies tasks planned to remediate and/or mitigate weaknesses and deficiencies identified during the security assessment. If the risk determination based upon the residual risks is beyond the threshold acceptable to the Authorizing Official, the Authorizing Official may not authorize the operation of the system.

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6. Monitor Security Controls - Continuously track changes to the information system that may affect security controls and continuously reassess control effectiveness. The ongoing monitoring activities provide near real time risk management. Reports generated are provided to all stakeholders.

### Categorize the Information System (Slide Layer)

**The NIST Risk Management Framework has six steps - from defining your data to continuous monitoring**



**NIST RMF**

**Categorize the Information System**

Define the criticality/sensitivity of the information system data and information according to potential worst-case, adverse impact to mission/business.

Select each icon to learn more

Select i button to

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## Select the Controls . . . (Slide Layer)

**The NIST Risk Management Framework has six steps - from defining your data to continuous monitoring**

**Select the Controls . . .**

Once the System Owner and the Authorizing Official have agreed upon the Security categorization of the data and information (Low, Moderate, High) as captured in the FIPS 199, then the security control baseline can be determined.



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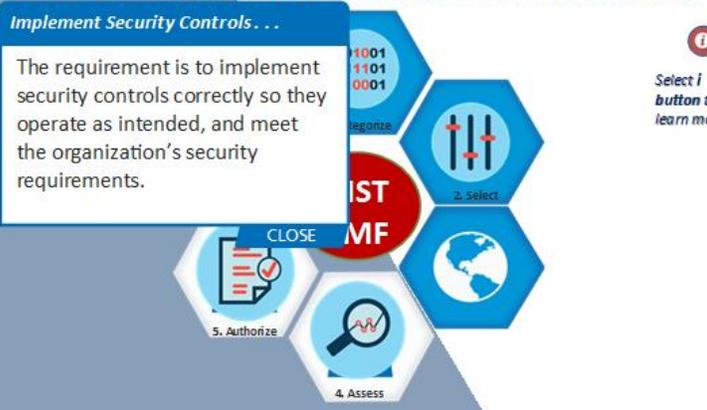
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## Implement Security Controls (Slide Layer)

**The NIST Risk Management Framework has six steps - from defining your data to continuous monitoring**

**Implement Security Controls . . .**

The requirement is to implement security controls correctly so they operate as intended, and meet the organization's security requirements.



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## Assess Security Controls . . . (Slide Layer)

**The NIST Risk Management Framework has six steps - from defining your data to continuous monitoring**

**Assess Security Controls . . .**

The requirement is to perform testing to determine security control effectiveness (i.e., controls implemented correctly, operating as intended, and meeting security requirements for information system).

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1. Categorize

**NIST RMF**

2. Select

3. Implement

5. Authorize

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## Authorize Information System . . . (Slide Layer)

**The NIST Risk Management Framework has six steps - from defining your data to continuous monitoring**

**Authorize Information System . . .**

The requirement is for the authorizing official to determine residual risk to organizational operations, assets, individuals, other organizations, and the Nation. If residual risk is acceptable, then authorize system operation.

6. Monitor

**RMF**

3. Implement

4. Assess

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## Monitor Security Controls . . . (Slide Layer)

**The NIST Risk Management Framework has six steps - from defining your data to continuous monitoring**



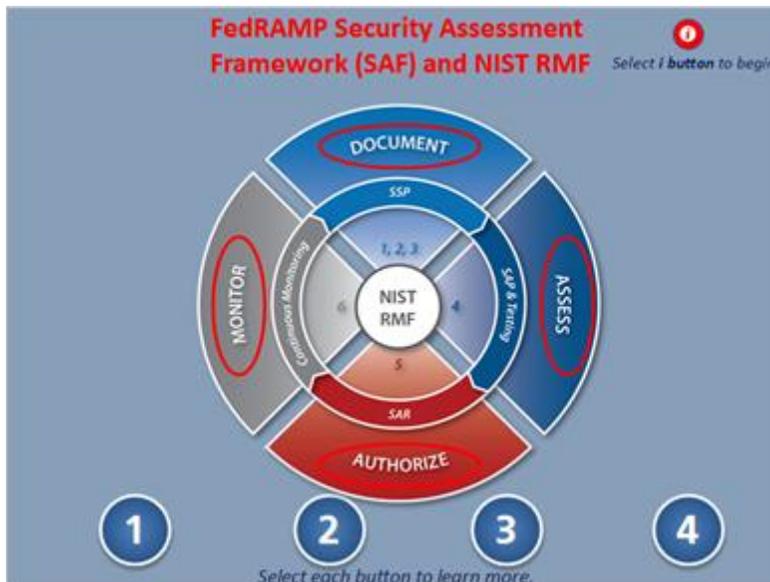
**Monitor Security Controls . . .**  
Facilitate near real time risk management through continuous monitoring.  
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Select each icon to learn more

Select i button to learn more

### 1.13 FedRAMP Security Assessment Framework (SAF) and NIST RMF

**FedRAMP Security Assessment Framework (SAF) and NIST RMF**



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FedRAMP Security Assessment Framework (SAF) and NIST RMF

## Text

NIST RMF surrounded 1. Document (with SSP); 2. Assess (SAP and Testing); 3. Authorize (SAR); 4. Monitor (Continuous Monitoring). Select i button to learn more. Federal Agencies are required to assess and authorize information systems in accordance with FISMA. The FedRAMP Security Assessment Framework (SAF) is compliant with FISMA and is based on the NIST RMF. The FedRAMP SAF methodology utilizes the same processes for creating the documents and deliverables that NIST has always required agencies to use. However, FedRAMP simplifies the NIST RMF by creating four process areas that encompass the 6 steps within 800-37: Document, Assess, Authorize, and Monitor.

## Image

Image of NIST RMF surrounded 1. Document; 2. Assess; 3. Authorize; 4. Monitor.

## Audio

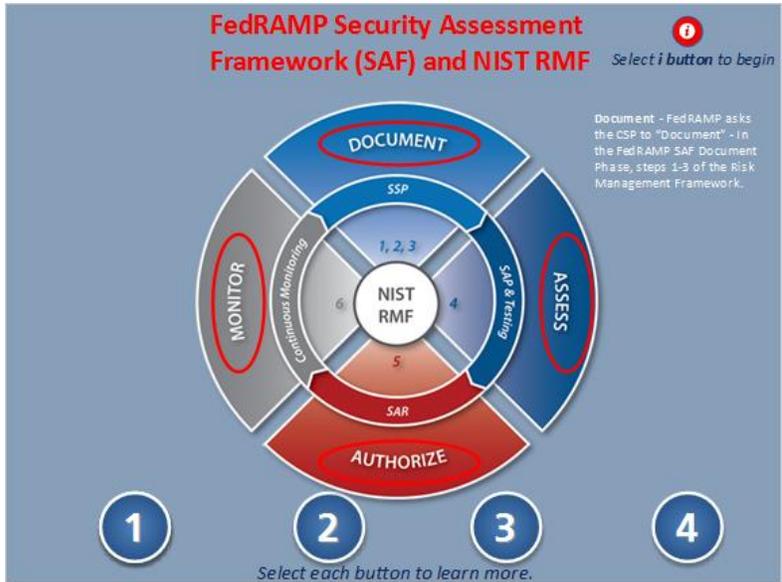
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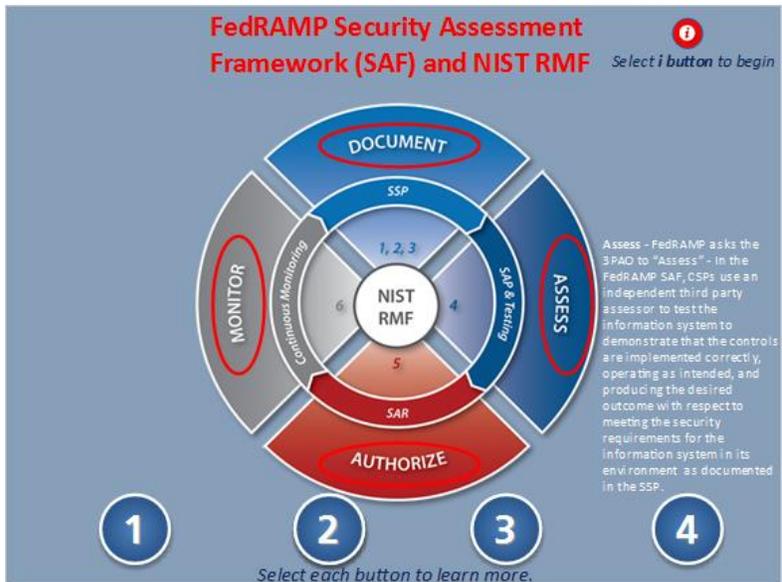
- FedRAMP asks the CSP to “Document” - In the FedRAMP SAF Document Phase, steps 1-3 of the Risk Management Framework, (i) Categorize, (ii) Select, (iii) Implement are covered by categorizing the information system, selecting the security controls, and implementing and documenting the security controls and implementations in the SSP and supporting documents.
- FedRAMP asks the 3PAO to “Assess” - In the FedRAMP SAF, CSPs use an independent third party assessor to test the information system to demonstrate that the controls are implemented correctly, operating as intended, and producing the desired outcome with respect to meeting the security requirements for the information system in its operational environment as documented in the SSP. The assessment starts with documenting the security assessment testing methodology and processes for testing the system environment in the Security Assessment Plan (SAP).
- FedRAMP asks the Authorizing Official to “Authorize” - In the FedRAMP SAF, once testing is completed, the authorizing official(s) make a system authorization decision based on the security system package of documents and the residual risk identified in the Security Assessment Report (SAR).
- FedRAMP asks the CSP and the 3PAO to “Monitor” - In the FedRAMP SAF, ongoing authorization is based upon continuous monitoring of the system environment. Once an information system is authorized, continuous monitoring is the most important safeguard against threats and vulnerabilities and prevents greater than acceptable residual risk within the environment. Ideally, the CSP works to reduce residual risk in an ongoing manner. Continuous Monitoring, when done effectively, determines whether the set of deployed security controls in an information system remain effective in light of planned and unplanned changes that occur in the system and its environment, over time. Continuous monitoring results in greater transparency of the security posture of the CSP cloud service offering and enables timely risk-management decisions.

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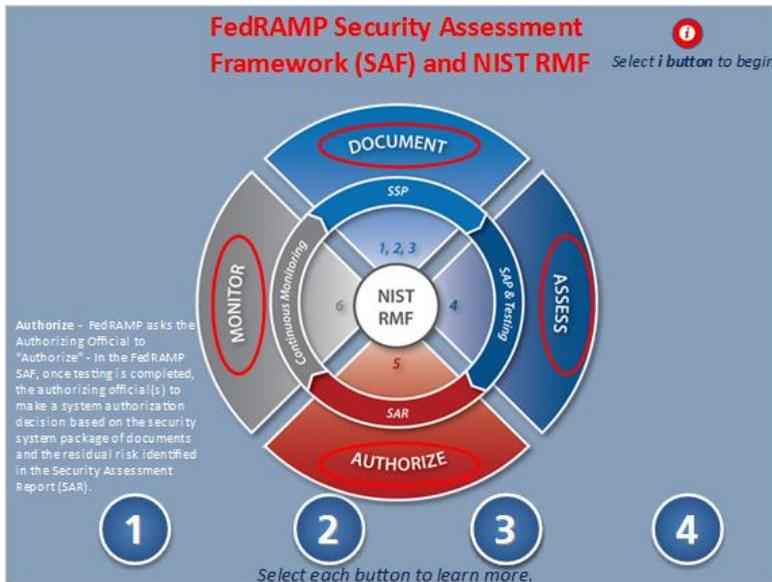
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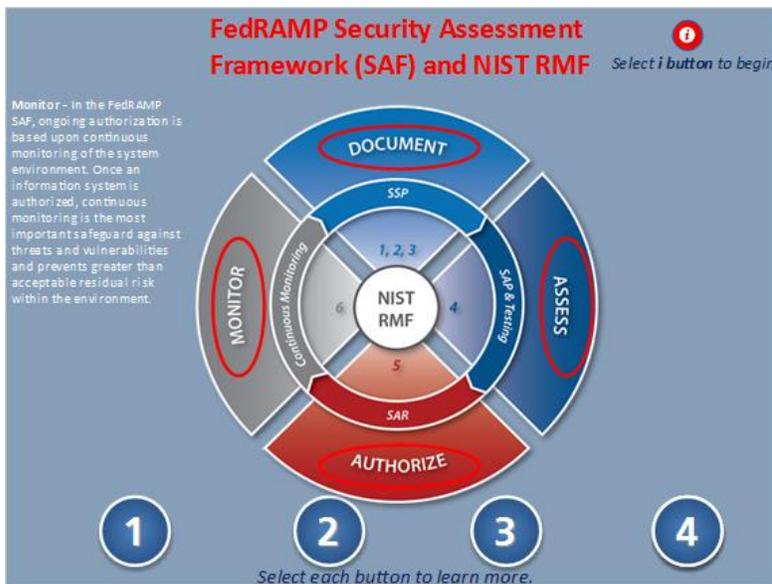
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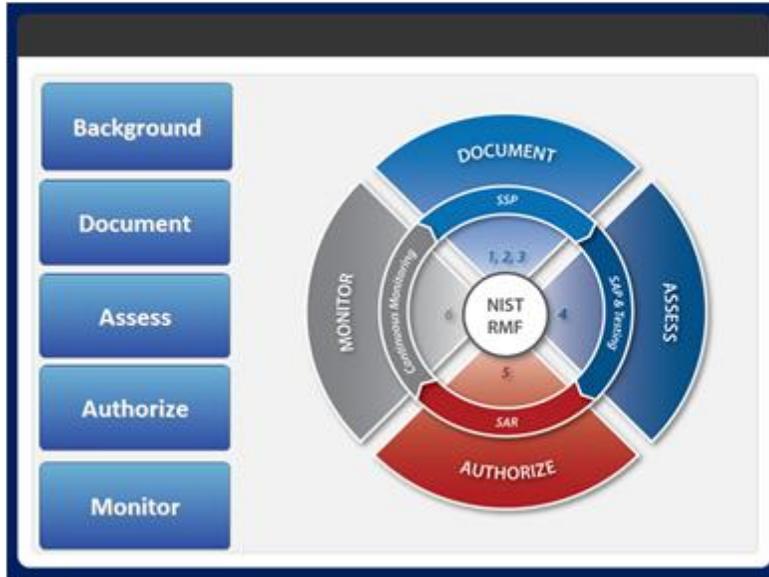
## Authorize (Slide Layer)



## Monitor (Slide Layer)



## 1.14 FedRAMP SAF/NIST RMF Comparison



### Notes:

#### Transcript

##### Title

FedRAMP SAF/NIST RMF Comparison

##### Text

Buttons listing Background, Document, Assess, Authorize, Monitor

##### Image

FedRAMP SAF Process aligned to Background, Document, Assess, Authorize, Monitor

#### Audio

For Risk Management to succeed at all levels of the organization, the organization must have a consistent and effective approach to risk management that is applied to all risk management process and procedures. In comparing the SAF and RMF, we see how the FedRAMP methodologies are integrated and aligned to NIST. FedRAMP provides a standardized approach to a security authorization by applying the SAF across authorizations and continuous monitoring of cloud based services.

Specifically, FedRAMP looks for:

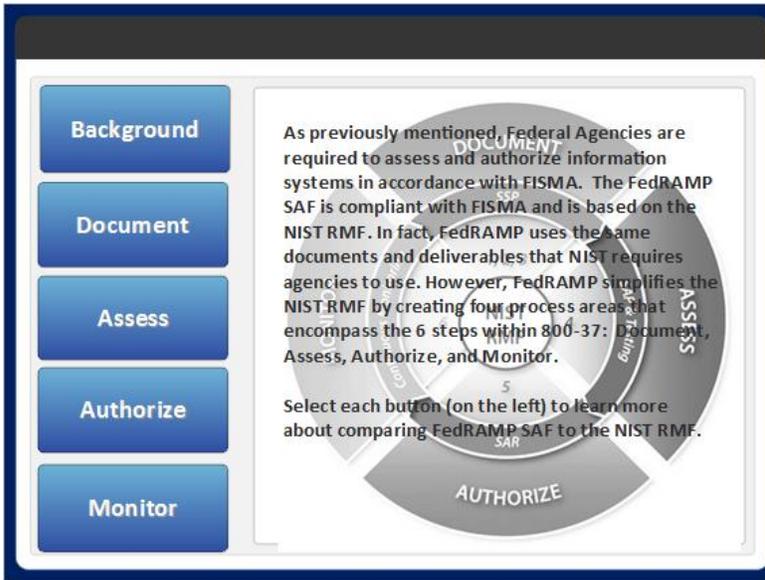
- System Categorization aligned with appropriate control baselines and impact levels
- High quality documentation of how security controls are implemented across the organization
- Assessment of security controls, by a 3PAO, to ensure that the controls are implemented correctly, operating as intended, and providing the desired outcomes
- Coordinated authorizations with either the JAB or Authorizing Agency to determine the acceptable risk levels for cloud systems

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- Assurances captured in the ongoing Continuous Monitoring Strategy to improve or maintain the approved risk posture.

Select each button on the left to learn more.

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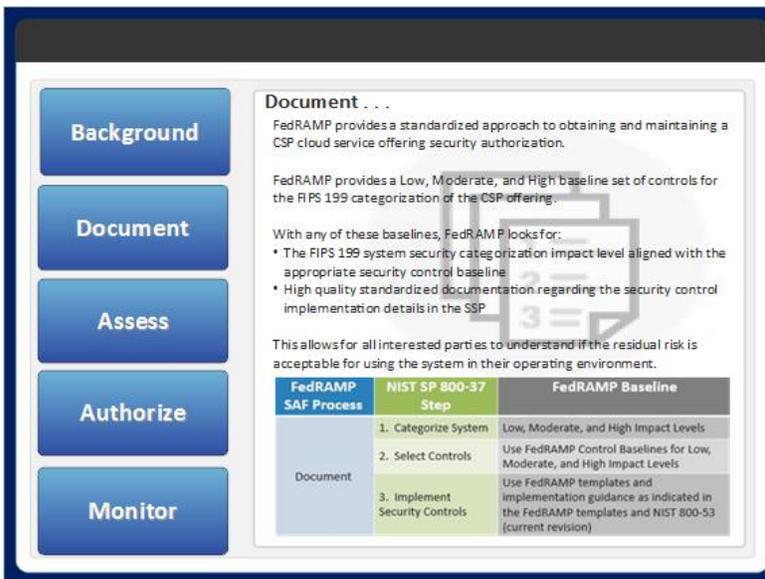


**Background**

As previously mentioned, Federal Agencies are required to assess and authorize information systems in accordance with FISMA. The FedRAMP SAF is compliant with FISMA and is based on the NIST RMF. In fact, FedRAMP uses the same documents and deliverables that NIST requires agencies to use. However, FedRAMP simplifies the NIST RMF by creating four process areas that encompass the 6 steps within 800-37: Document, Assess, Authorize, and Monitor.

Select each button (on the left) to learn more about comparing FedRAMP SAF to the NIST RMF.

## Document (Slide Layer)



**Document . . .**

FedRAMP provides a standardized approach to obtaining and maintaining a CSP cloud service offering security authorization.

FedRAMP provides a Low, Moderate, and High baseline set of controls for the FIPS 199 categorization of the CSP offering.

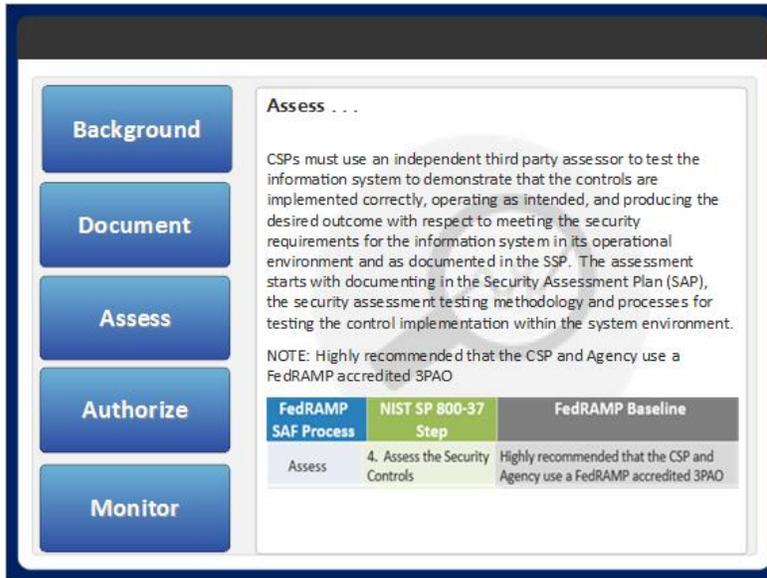
With any of these baselines, FedRAMP looks for:

- The FIPS 199 system security categorization impact level aligned with the appropriate security control baseline
- High quality standardized documentation regarding the security control implementation details in the SSP

This allows for all interested parties to understand if the residual risk is acceptable for using the system in their operating environment.

FedRAMP SAF Process	NIST SP 800-37 Step	FedRAMP Baseline
Document	1. Categorize System	Low, Moderate, and High Impact Levels
	2. Select Controls	Use FedRAMP Control Baselines for Low, Moderate, and High Impact Levels
	3. Implement Security Controls	Use FedRAMP templates and implementation guidance as indicated in the FedRAMP templates and NIST 800-53 (current revision)

## Assess (Slide Layer)



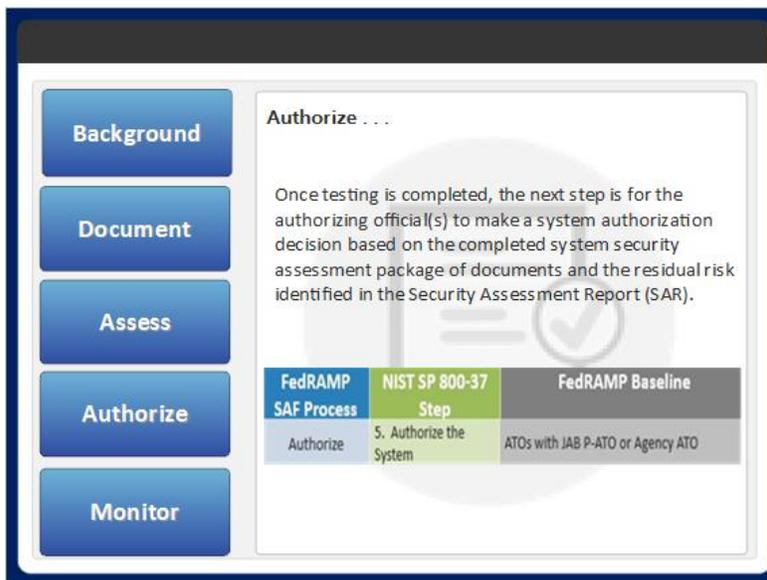
**Assess . . .**

CSPs must use an independent third party assessor to test the information system to demonstrate that the controls are implemented correctly, operating as intended, and producing the desired outcome with respect to meeting the security requirements for the information system in its operational environment and as documented in the SSP. The assessment starts with documenting in the Security Assessment Plan (SAP), the security assessment testing methodology and processes for testing the control implementation within the system environment.

NOTE: Highly recommended that the CSP and Agency use a FedRAMP accredited 3PAO

FedRAMP SAF Process	NIST SP 800-37 Step	FedRAMP Baseline
Assess	4. Assess the Security Controls	Highly recommended that the CSP and Agency use a FedRAMP accredited 3PAO

## Authorize (Slide Layer)



**Authorize . . .**

Once testing is completed, the next step is for the authorizing official(s) to make a system authorization decision based on the completed system security assessment package of documents and the residual risk identified in the Security Assessment Report (SAR).

FedRAMP SAF Process	NIST SP 800-37 Step	FedRAMP Baseline
Authorize	5. Authorize the System	ATOs with IAB P-ATO or Agency ATO

## Monitor (Slide Layer)

- Background
- Document
- Assess
- Authorize
- Monitor

**Monitor . . .**

Once an information system is authorized, continuous monitoring is the most important safeguard against threats and vulnerabilities, and prevents greater than acceptable residual risk within the environment. Ideally, the CSP works to reduce residual risk in an ongoing manner.

Continuous Monitoring, when done effectively, determines whether the set of deployed security controls in an information system remain effective in light of planned and unplanned changes that occur in the system and its environment, over time.

FedRAMP SAF Process	NIST SP 800-37 Step	FedRAMP Baseline
Monitor	6. Continuous Monitoring	Use Continuous Monitoring Strategy and Guide

### 1.15 Knowledge Check

*(True/False, 10 points, 1 attempt permitted)*

## Knowledge Check

### QUESTION

**True or False. Ongoing assessment and authorization, or continuous monitoring, is the final phase for cloud services to gain and maintain the FedRAMP authorization. Select the Submit button to check your answer.**

True

False



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Correct	Choice
X	True
	False

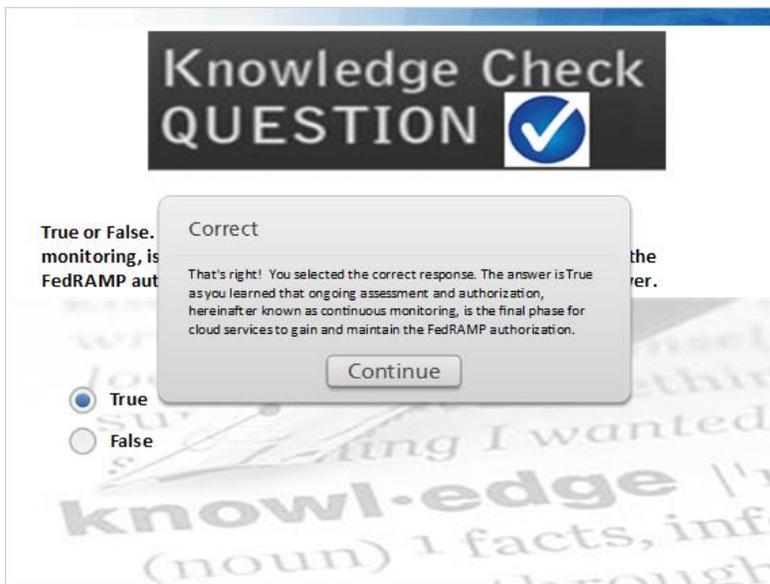
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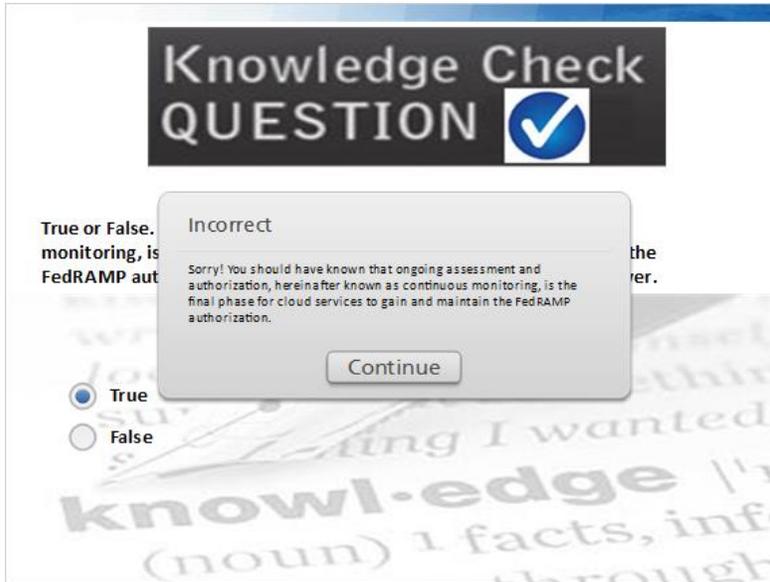
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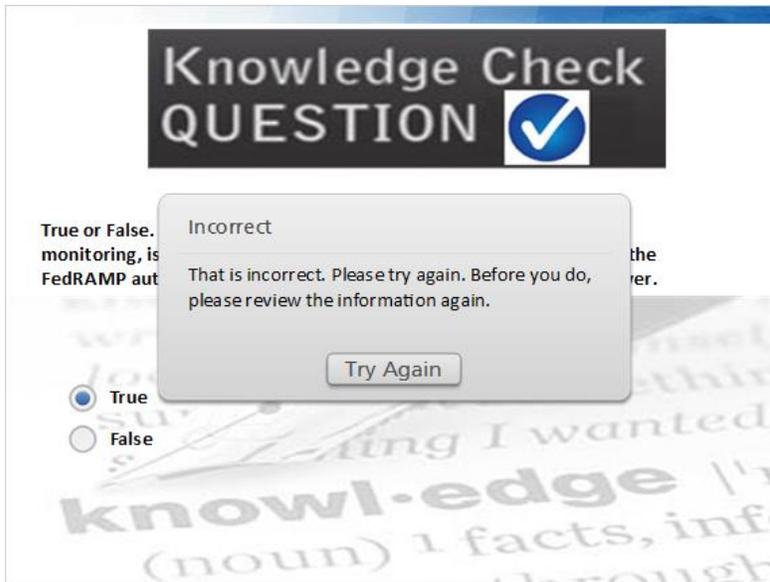
### Correct (Slide Layer)



## Incorrect (Slide Layer)



## Try Again (Slide Layer)





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## 1.16 FedRAMP Stakeholder Landscape



### Notes:

#### Transcript

##### Title

FedRAMP Stakeholder Landscape

##### Text

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Joint Authorization Board (JAB):

- Defines requirements baselines
- Establishes 3PAO standards
- Authorizes a limited number of cloud services

NIST:

- Provides basic technical guidance for 3PAOs
- Establishes basic FISMA technical standards that FedRAMP builds upon



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DHS:

- Monitors and reports on security incidents and provides appropriate assistance
- Updates Federal standards for FISMA reporting
- Develops continuous monitoring standards for ongoing cybersecurity

Federal CIO Council:

- Coordinates cross Agency communications

Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

- Governing body that issued the FedRAMP policy memo which defines the key requirements and capabilities of the program

GSA FedRAMP Program Management Office (PMO):

- Provides a unified process for all agencies to follow
- Works with the JAB to prioritize vendors to achieve authorizations
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### Image

Image of FedRAMP Governance map showing JAB; NIST; Federal CIO Council, GSA FedRAMP Program Management Office, and DHS

### Audio

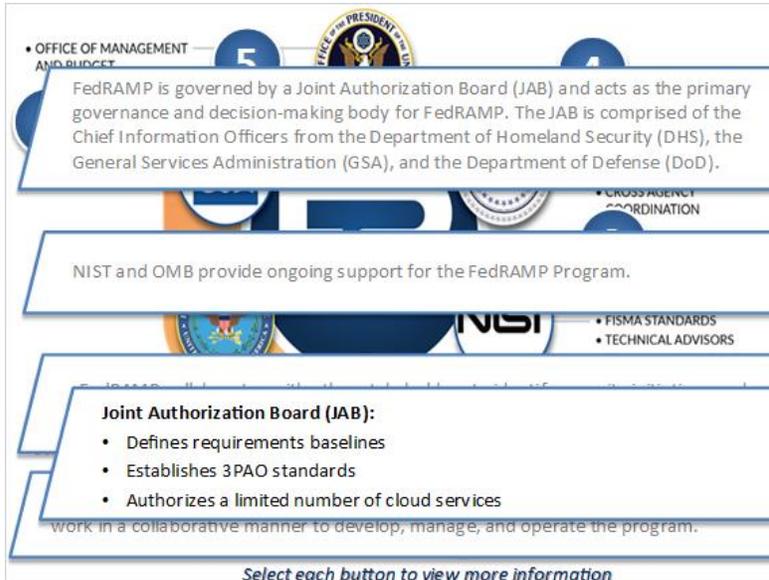
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Other governing bodies of FedRAMP include:

- **National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST):** NIST is the Federal government's leading body for the establishment of standards. As required by FISMA, NIST's security standards (SP 800-53, FIPS-199, FIPS-200, and risk management framework (SP 800-37)) serve as the foundation for FedRAMP. NIST advises FedRAMP on FISMA compliance requirements and also assists in developing standards for the accreditation of independent 3PAOs
- **Federal CIO Council:** Disseminates FedRAMP information to Federal CIOs and other representatives through cross agency communications and events
- **Department of Homeland Security (DHS):** Manages the FedRAMP continuous monitoring strategy including data feed criteria, reporting structure, threat notification coordination, and incident response
- **Office of Management and Budget Policy (OMB):** The governing body that issued the FedRAMP policy memo which defines the key requirements and capabilities of the program
- **FedRAMP Program Management Office:** Established within the GSA and responsible for the development of the FedRAMP program including the management of day-to-day operations

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## Joint Authorization Board (JAB) (Slide Layer)



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• TECHNICAL ADVISORS

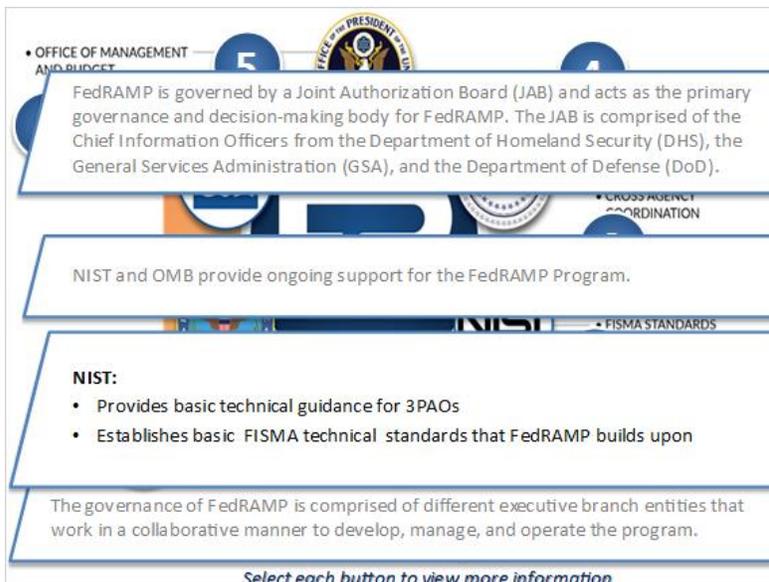
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## NIST (Slide Layer)



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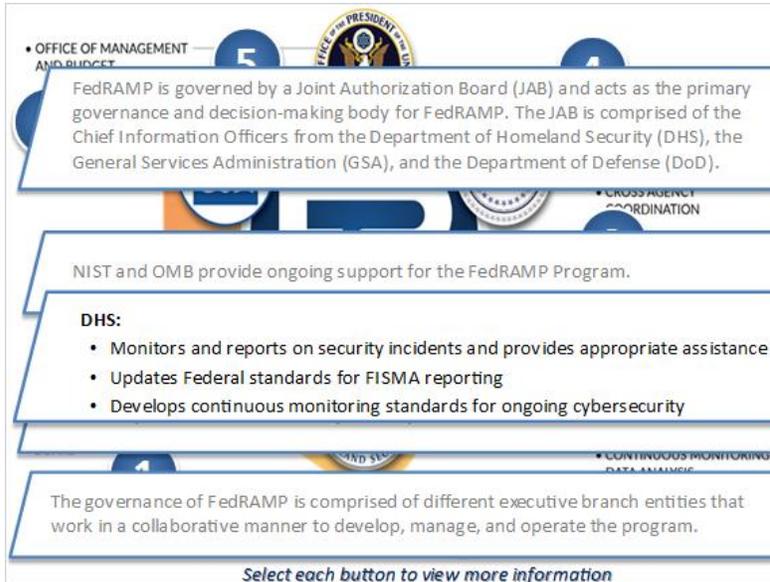
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## Federal CIO Council (Slide Layer)



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## GSA FedRAMP PMO (Slide Layer)



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**GSA FedRAMP Program Management Office (PMO):**

- Provides a unified process for all agencies to follow
- Works with the JAB to prioritize vendors to achieve authorizations
- Supports CSPs and agencies through the FedRAMP process

NIST and OMB provide ongoing support for the FedRAMP Program.

• FISMA STANDARDS  
• TECHNICAL ADVISORS

FedRAMP collaborates with other stakeholders to identify security initiatives and develop recommendations for policies, procedures, and standards.

• CONTINUOUS MONITORING  
• DATA ANALYSIS

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## Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (Slide Layer)



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## 1.17 Partnerships



### Notes:

#### Transcript

#### Title

Success Depends on all Partners

#### Text

##### 1. FedRAMP PMO:

- Provides a standardized process for all agencies to follow
- Works with the JAB for prioritized vendors to achieve authorizations with an efficient review schedule
- Supports CSPs and agencies through the authorization process - regardless of which path they choose
- Maintains a secure repository of FedRAMP ATOs to enable authorization reuse

##### 2. Agencies:

- Integrate the FedRAMP requirements into agency specific policies/procedures
- Contract with CSPs
- Authorize cloud services following FedRAMP requirements

##### 3. CSPs:

- Contract with the 3PAOs to perform consulting and assessment activities
- Provide secure cloud services to the Federal Government
- Maintain a sound security posture in adherence with NIST/FedRAMP requirements

##### 4. 3PAOs:

- Contract in good faith with the CSPs to provide consulting and assessment activities
- Maintain independence from CSPs - in accordance with International Standards Organization (ISO) standards
- Provide consulting and assessment services for CSP environments according the FedRAMP requirements

##### 5. JAB:



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- Defines FedRAMP requirements baselines
- Establishes FedRAMP standards for all stakeholders
- Authorizes a limited number of cloud services

### Image

Image of FedRAMP PMO; Agencies; CSPs; 3PAOs; JAB tabs

### Audio

When we look at the FedRAMP Partnerships with both industry and agencies, we see that the success of this program is dependent on strong relationships.

The day-to-day-operations of FedRAMP is coordinated through the PMO at GSA. The PMO provides a standardized process for all agencies to follow and works closely with the JAB for prioritized vendors to achieve authorizations.

The PMO supports CSPs and agencies through the authorization process - regardless of which path they go, and maintains the secure repository of FedRAMP ATOs to enable authorization reuse.

Agencies are responsible for:

- Integrating the FedRAMP requirements into agency specific policies/procedures
- Contracting with CSPs
- Authorizing cloud services following FedRAMP requirements

A CSP can be a commercial or government entity that has a cloud offering or service saleable to the federal government and that will transmit or store federal data and information via the "Cloud". The CSP is responsible for:

- Contracting with the 3PAOs who then perform consulting and assessment activities
- Providing secure cloud services to the federal government
- Maintaining a sound security posture in adherence to NIST/FedRAMP requirements

The CSP is also responsible for:

- Submitting quality documentation in support of their FedRAMP application,
- Implementing FedRAMP security controls,
- Working closely with an independent third party assessor to perform initial and annual assessments, and,
- Maintaining its authorization by complying with continuous monitoring requirements.

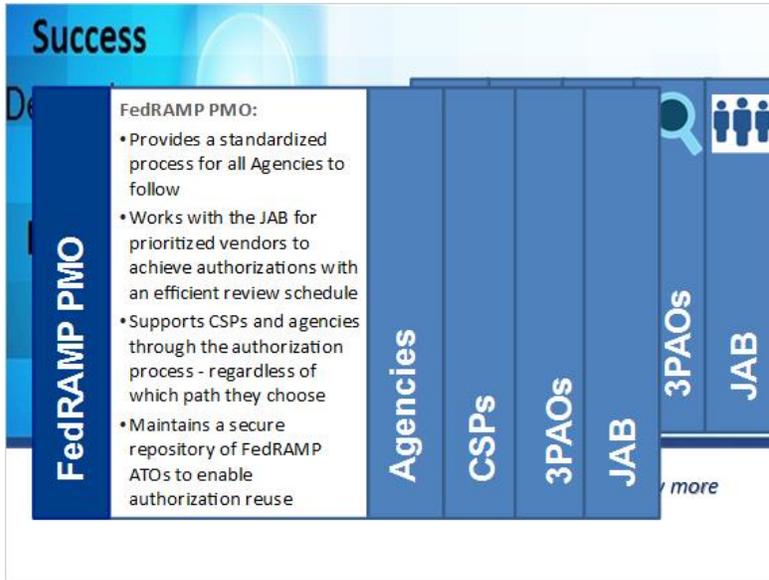
3PAOs are independent entities that perform initial and periodic security assessments of cloud systems.

1. The 3PAOs contract in good faith with the CSPs to provide consulting and assessment activities
2. The 3PAOs assess the CSPs security control implementation, and generate Security Assessment Reports and associated evidence of test results
3. The independence of the 3PAOs plays a critical role in the FedRAMP security assessment process. The independent 3PAOs verify cloud providers' security implementations and provide the overall risk posture of a cloud environment for a security authorization decision. 3PAOs:
  - Must be independent of CSPs - in accordance with ISO standards, and
  - Provide consulting and assessment services of CSP environments according the FedRAMP requirements.

The JAB defines requirements baselines; establishes 3PAO standards for all stakeholders; and authorizes a limited number of cloud services based upon a prioritization process.

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## FedRAMP PMO (Slide Layer)



**Success**

**FedRAMP PMO**

FedRAMP PMO:

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Agencies

CSPs

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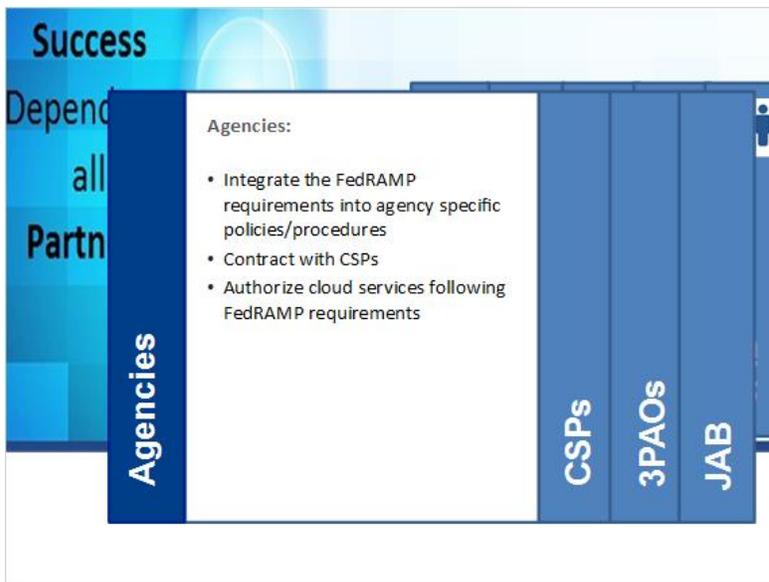
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## Agencies (Slide Layer)



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**Agencies**

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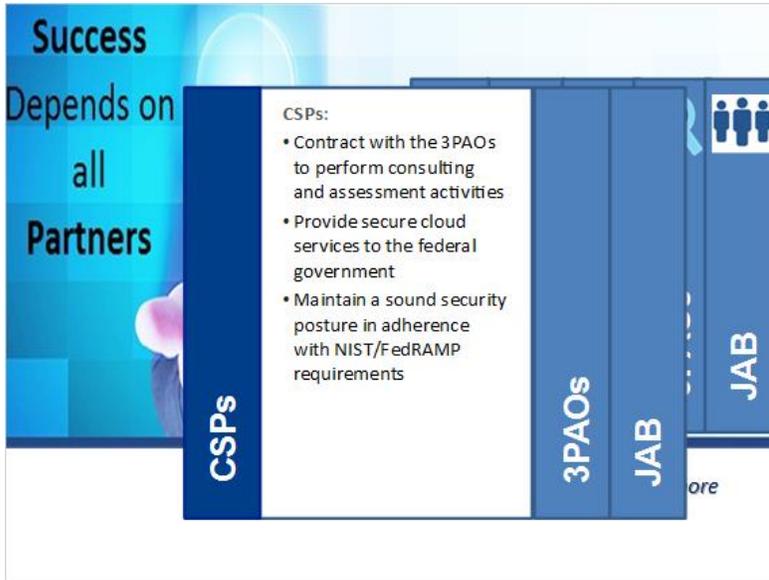
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## CSPs (Slide Layer)



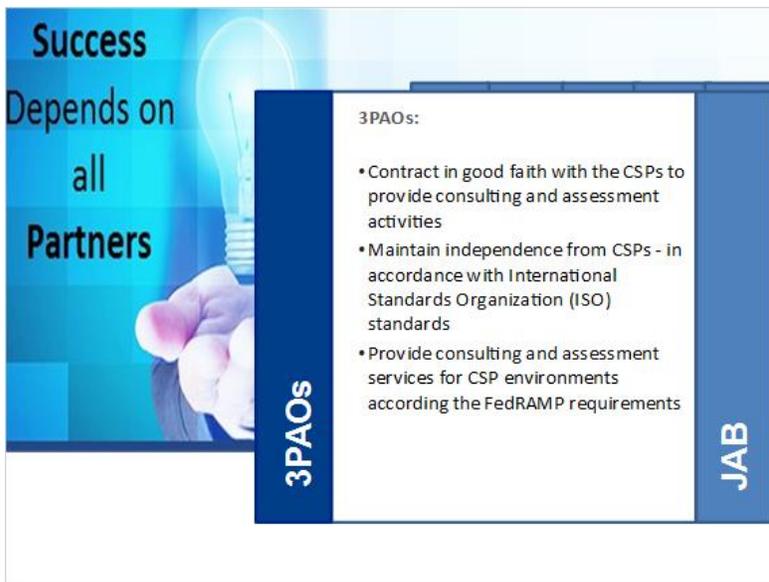
**Success Depends on all Partners**

**CSPs:**

- Contract with the 3PAOs to perform consulting and assessment activities
- Provide secure cloud services to the federal government
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Navigation bar: CSPs, 3PAOs, JAB, JAB

## 3PAOs (Slide Layer)



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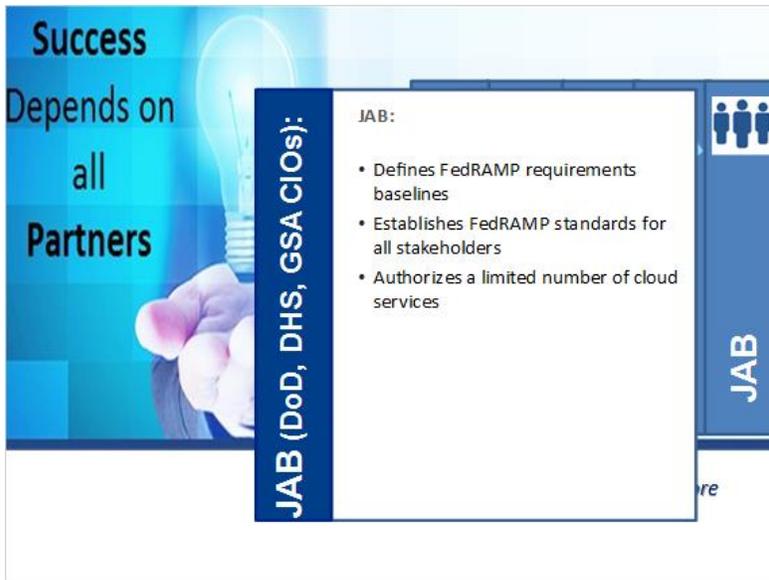
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Navigation bar: 3PAOs, JAB

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### JAB (Slide Layer)



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JAB (DoD, DHS, GSA CIOs):

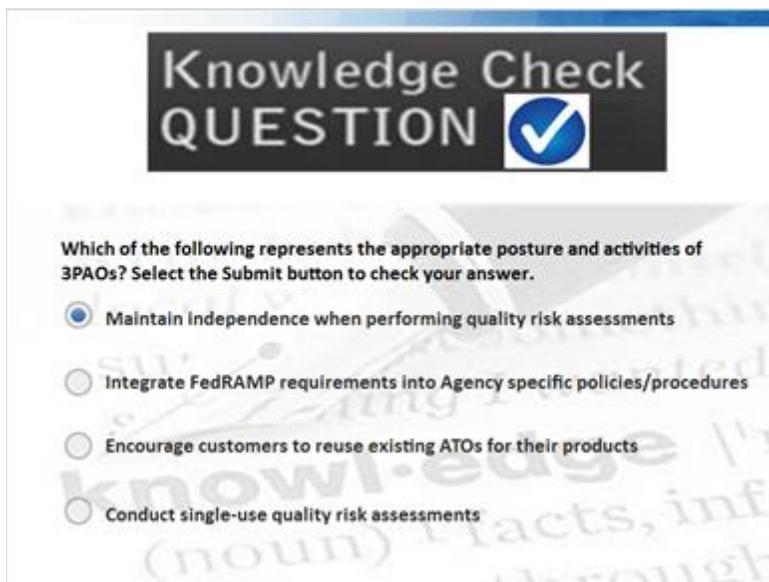
JAB:

- Defines FedRAMP requirements baselines
- Establishes FedRAMP standards for all stakeholders
- Authorizes a limited number of cloud services

JAB

### 1.18 Knowledge Check

(Multiple Choice, 10 points, unlimited attempts permitted)



Knowledge Check QUESTION

Which of the following represents the appropriate posture and activities of 3PAOs? Select the Submit button to check your answer.

- Maintain independence when performing quality risk assessments
- Integrate FedRAMP requirements into Agency specific policies/procedures
- Encourage customers to reuse existing ATOs for their products
- Conduct single-use quality risk assessments



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Correct	Choice
X	Maintain independence when performing quality risk assessments
	Integrate FedRAMP requirements into Agency specific policies/procedures
	Encourage customers to reuse existing ATOs for their products
	Conduct single-use quality risk assessments

**Feedback when correct:**

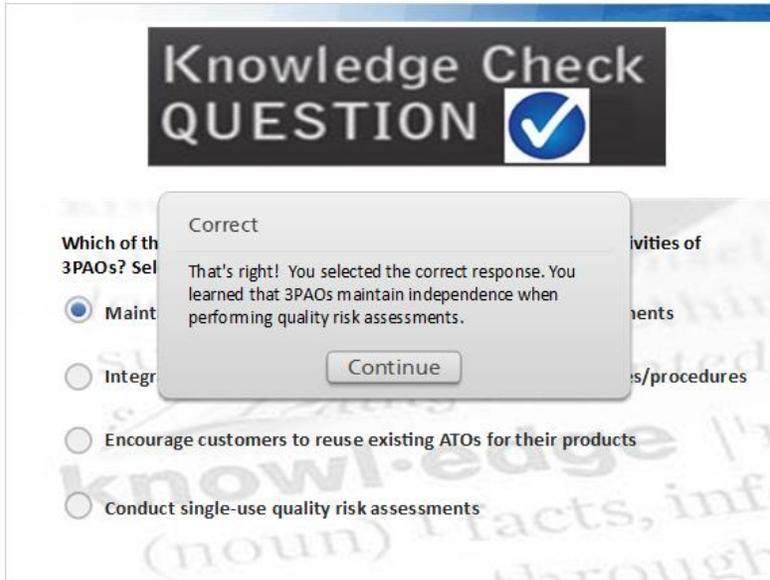
That's right! You selected the correct response. You learned that 3PAOs maintain independence when performing quality risk assessments.

**Feedback when incorrect:**

Incorrect! You should have known that 3PAOs maintain independence when performing quality risk assessments.

**Notes:**

## Correct (Slide Layer)



**Knowledge Check QUESTION** 

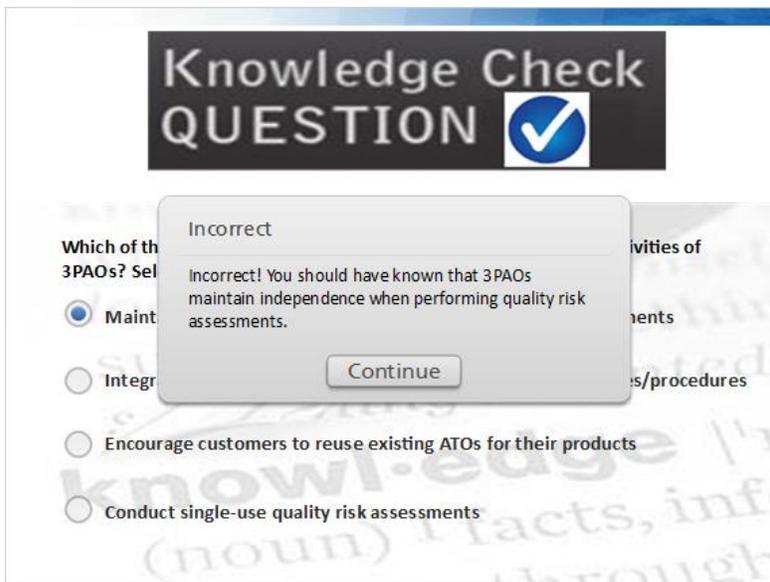
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- Maintain independence when performing quality risk assessments
- Integrate quality risk management into development and testing processes/procedures
- Encourage customers to reuse existing ATOs for their products
- Conduct single-use quality risk assessments

**Correct**  
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**Continue**

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**Knowledge Check QUESTION** 

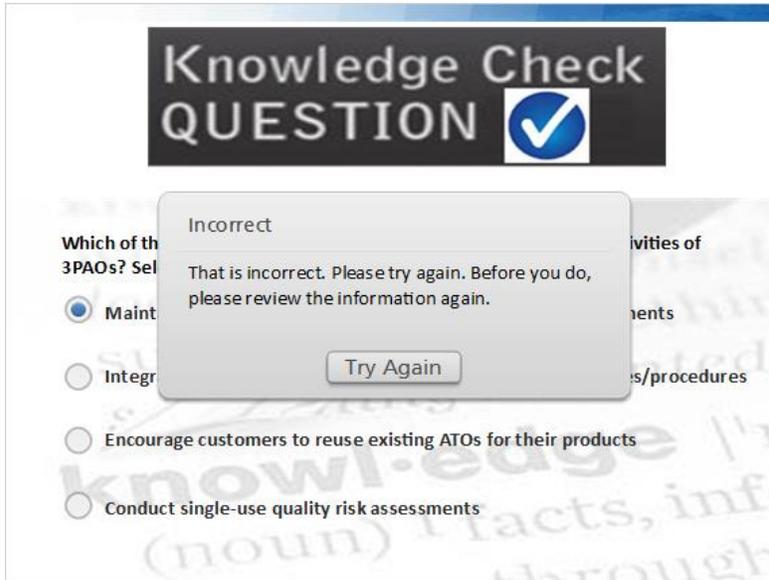
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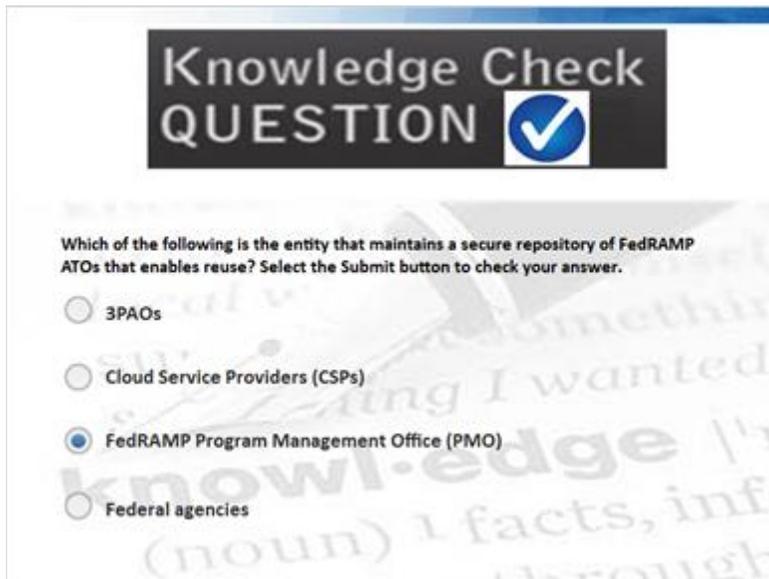
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## Try Again (Slide Layer)



### 1.19 Knowledge Check

(Multiple Choice, 10 points, unlimited attempts permitted)





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Correct	Choice
	3PAOs
	Cloud Service Providers (CSPs)
X	FedRAMP Program Management Office (PMO)
	Federal agencies

**Feedback when correct:**

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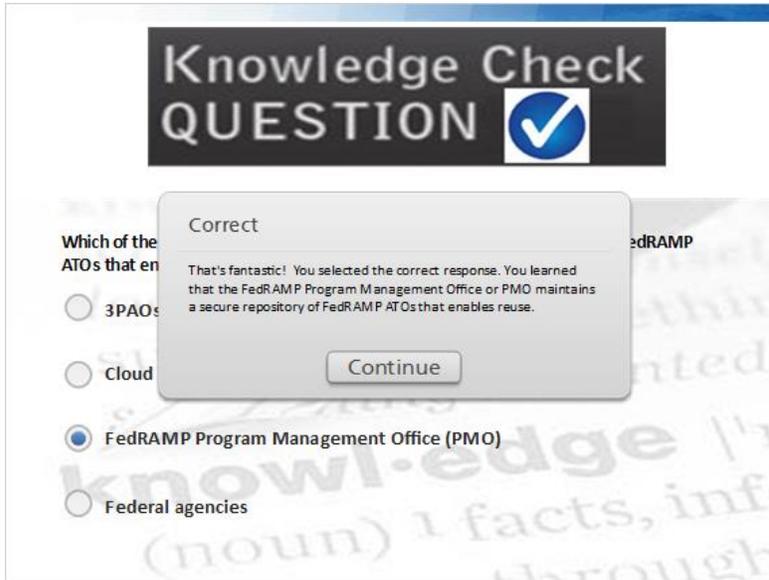
**Feedback when incorrect:**

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**Notes:**

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### Correct (Slide Layer)



**Knowledge Check QUESTION** 

Which of the ATOs that enable reuse?

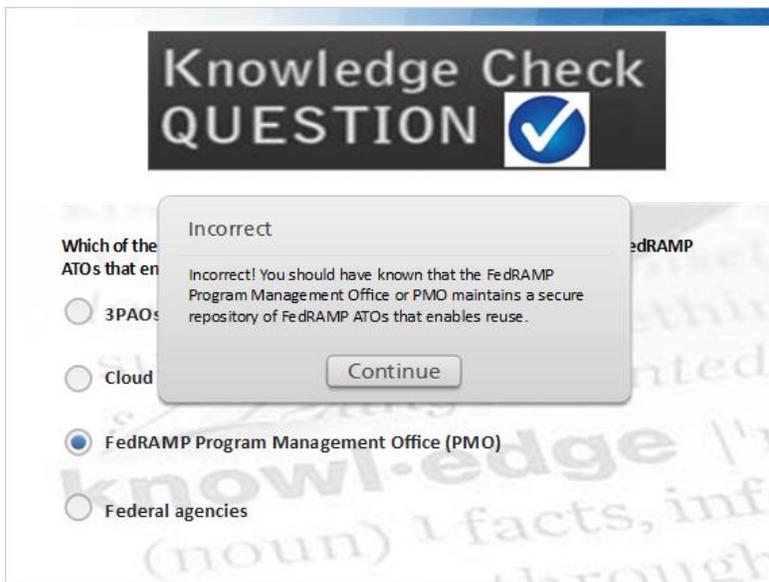
- 3PAOs
- Cloud
- FedRAMP Program Management Office (PMO)
- Federal agencies

**Correct**

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### Incorrect (Slide Layer)



**Knowledge Check QUESTION** 

Which of the ATOs that enable reuse?

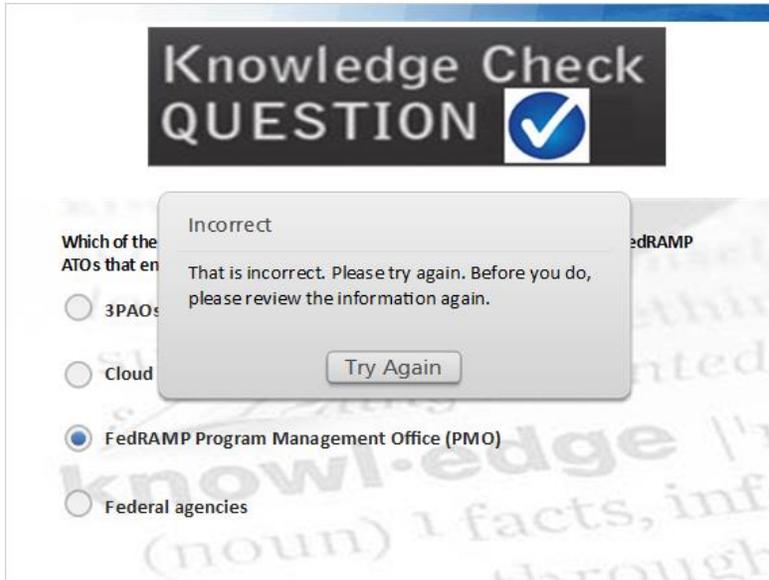
- 3PAOs
- Cloud
- FedRAMP Program Management Office (PMO)
- Federal agencies

**Incorrect**

Incorrect! You should have known that the FedRAMP Program Management Office or PMO maintains a secure repository of FedRAMP ATOs that enables reuse.

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## 1.20 FedRAMP Authorization Paths



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FedRAMP Authorization Paths

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JAB Provisional Authorization to Operate (P-ATO):

- DHS, DoD, and GSA reviewers analyze CSP security assessment packages to determine if the cloud service offering provides an acceptable security posture for system use within the Federal government
- A FedRAMP P-ATO is an initial approval of the CSP authorization package by the JAB that an executive department or agency can leverage to grant a security authorization and an accompanying ATO for the acquisition and use of the cloud service within their agency.

Agency Authorization to Operate (ATO):

1. Initial:

- CSP submits the security assessment package documentation to an agency
- Agency reviews the CSP security assessment package to ensure that the security posture is acceptable for use within the agency
- Agency partners with the CSP and issues the Agency Authorization
- Agency submits the complete package to the FedRAMP PMO so that the package can be reused by other agencies

2. Reuse:

- Agency requests access to secure repository to view package for reuse
- Agency makes an authorization decision
- Agency grants authorization letter and submits letter to be uploaded to secure repository
- All agencies forming a partnership with the CSP should collaborate to manage the CSP continuous monitoring
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## Image

Image showing JAB Provisional Authorization to Operate (P-ATO); Agency Authorization to Operate (ATO)

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Next, we will discuss the two potential paths for a CSP to obtain FedRAMP Authorization. FedRAMP streamlines the federal agencies' ability to make use of cloud services. FedRAMP accomplishes this by providing two paths for a CSP to obtain an authorization. It is important to understand that packages must go through either of these paths to be re-used by a Federal Agency.

The JAB consists of a group of CIOs from the DoD, the DHS, and the GSA and is the primary governance and decision making body for FedRAMP. For the JAB P-ATO, JAB reviewers conduct a rigorous technical review of each CSP package to ensure that the CSP meets all controls, as defined by NIST 800-53 (current revision), and present an acceptable security posture for use across the federal government.

CSPs that opt to apply for a JAB P-ATO are required to go through the FedRAMP review and approval process and submit appropriate documentation, in a timely manner to the FedRAMP PMO. The key benefit for a CSP achieving a JAB P-ATO is that the rigor of the JAB review gives Agencies a very high confidence that the package does not present any unidentified or unanticipated risks.

Currently, FedRAMP has three CSP designations on the FedRAMP Marketplace:

- 1.) "FedRAMP Ready Products" means that a CSP, through the attestation of a FedRAMP certified 3PAO, has submitted a Readiness Assessment Report (RAR) to the FedRAMP PMO. If the package is within the acceptable FedRAMP compliance limits, the CSP package is posted to the FedRAMP secure repository and the CSP is listed on the Marketplace as being "FedRAMP Ready".



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- 2.) "FedRAMP In Process Products" are CSP cloud service offerings that have a partnering agency and are proceeding with the agency authorization.
- 3.) "FedRAMP Authorized Products" have received the initial Agency Authorization to Operate and have also been reviewed and deemed compliant by the FedRAMP PMO.

Once a CSP cloud service offering is "FedRAMP Authorized", the offering is ready to be re-used by other agencies. First, the agencies will need to conduct a review process of the CSP package located in the FedRAMP secure repository to determine whether the package presents an acceptable level of risk to the agency. In accordance with FISMA, only the head of an agency or his appointed designee, the Authorizing Official, can make a risk-based determination to use IT systems. All agencies using a cloud offering share responsibility for the continuous monitoring of the system.

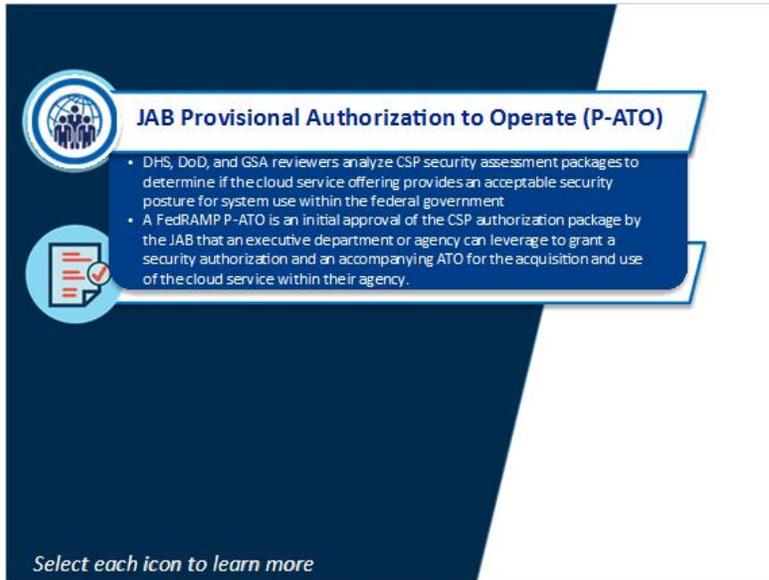
FedRAMP's primary goal is to bring as many secure, multi-tenant, and unique cloud tools to the FedRAMP Marketplace <<https://marketplace.fedramp.gov/index.html>>. Both JAB and initial agency authorizations must pass a security assessment based upon a standardized set of requirements in accordance with FISMA using a baseline set of NIST 800-53 controls. This means JAB and agency authorizations are secure and compliant for use with federal data and information. Currently, FedRAMP classifies authorizations based on "necessary" and "unique".

A "necessary" cloud system that is multi-tenant in nature and has a broad use case of capabilities is exactly the kind of cloud that should pursue JAB authorization. The JAB reviews clouds that can and are being used government-wide. So, if a CSP is considering JAB authorization, they should definitely take into consideration the amount of federal interest in their service and the depth of use cases across the government.

If only one or two agencies are interested in a CSP's cloud product or the cloud was designed specifically for a particular agency, then a "unique" agency authorization is a better fit. Agency authorizations are targeted for niche cloud services that may only be used by a singular agency. Clouds that are unique to a particular agency provide a great benefit to that agency, but is not a good option for JAB authorization.

The decision to pursue JAB or agency authorization depends on if the cloud is multi-tenant and has broad use across many agencies or if it is unique to a few. While there are two routes to authorization, the end goal of JAB and agency authorizations are the same - increasing the amount of secure and diverse cloud products that are available to the federal government.

## JAB Provisional Authorization to Operate (P-ATO) (Slide Layer)



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## Agency Authorization to Operate (ATO) (Slide Layer)



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**Agency Authorization to Operate (ATO)**

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## 1.21 FedRAMP Authorization Requirements



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FedRAMP Authorization Requirements

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A cloud system is authorized with FedRAMP if it meets the following requirements:

Slide text 1: The system security package has been created using the required FedRAMP templates

Slide text 2: The system meets the FedRAMP security control requirements

Slide text 3: The system has been assessed by an independent assessor (3PAO or Agency designated assessor). The agency package is validated by the PMO. The P-ATO package is reviewed and validated by the JAB.

Slide text 4: A Provisional Authorization, and/or an Agency ATO, has been granted for the system

Slide text 5: An agency authorization letter for the system is on file with the GSA FedRAMP Program Management Office (PMO)

Slide text 6: The CSP and agency maintain the continuous monitoring requirements of FedRAMP

#### Image

A sliding image showing six different requirements:

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2. The system meets the FedRAMP security control requirements
3. The system has been assessed by an independent assessor (3PAO or Agency designated assessor). The agency package is validated by the PMO. The P-ATO package is reviewed and validated by the JAB
4. A Provisional Authorization, and/or an Agency ATO, has been granted for the system
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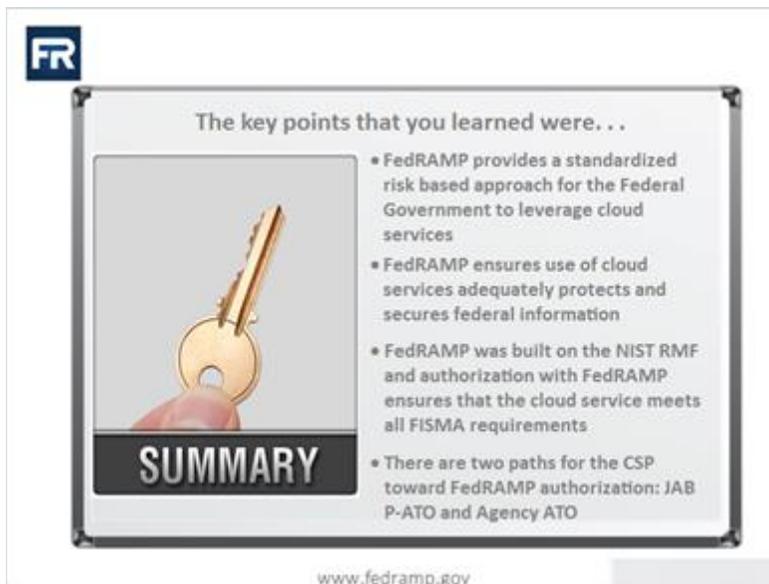
FedRAMP Authorized is a designation for cloud systems that demonstrate the following requirements:

1. The system security package has been created using the required FedRAMP templates;
2. The system meets the FedRAMP security control requirements
3. The system has been assessed by an independent assessor (3PAO or agency designated assessor) and the agency package is validated by the PMO. The P-ATO package is reviewed and validated by the JAB.

A CSP must obtain either:

4. A Provisional Authorization from the JAB;  
An Agency ATO that meets FedRAMP Security Assessment Authorization Package standards;
5. An authorization letter for the system is on file with the GSA FedRAMP Program Management Office (PMO)
6. And, the CSP and agency maintain the continuous monitoring requirements of FedRAMP

## 1.22 Summary



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## Summary

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The key points you learned were . . .

- FedRAMP provides a standardized risk based approach for the Federal Government to leverage cloud services.
- FedRAMP ensures use of cloud services adequately protects and secures federal information.
- FedRAMP is built upon the NIST RMF and authorization with FedRAMP ensures that the cloud service meets all FISMA



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requirements

- There are two paths for the CSP towards FedRAMP authorization: JAB P-ATO and Agency ATO

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We have come to the conclusion of this course. The key points that you learned were. . .

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- FedRAMP accelerates the adoption of secure cloud solutions through reuse of assessments and authorizations
- FedRAMP was built on the NIST RMF and authorization with FedRAMP ensures that the cloud service meets all FISMA requirements
- There are two paths for the CSP toward FedRAMP authorization: JAB P-ATO and Agency ATO

### 1.23 What's Next?



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