FedRAMP

Did you know?

√ FedRAMP started as a government program but has since shown applicability in the private sector

√ Businesses considering FedRAMP authorization should review the FedRAMP CSP Playbook to understand the different paths to FedRAMP authorization.

√ Check out the FedRAMP Marketplace to find an authorized CSP.

√ If your small business provides Software as a Service, consider selecting a FedRAMP Authorized Public Cloud

What is FedRAMP and will it affect my business?

FedRAMP or Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program is a government-wide program that provides a standardized approach to the assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring of cloud services for the U.S. government. FedRAMP security baselines are based upon the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and aligns to the federal information impact levels (e.g., Low, Moderate, High).

FedRAMP authorization is generally required for all Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) providing cloud services that handle federal information for the USG. The purpose of this fact sheet is to introduce FedRAMP and how FedRAMP authorized services can be leveraged by small businesses.

FACT 1: FedRAMP Authorization

FedRAMP authorization ensures the security of a cloud service has been documented, independently assessed, authorized and validated by the FedRAMP Program Management Office. FedRAMP *Authorized* designation acts as an indicator that a CSP has demonstrated operational maturity and implemented a level of technical and programmatic security that is commensurate with the sensitivity of the data that their cloud service handles.

FedRAMP publishes its security baselines on its website and advertises all cloud services that have been achieved or are being pursued in its Marketplace.

FACT 2: FedRAMP Authorized Public Clouds

Public clouds are multi-tenant cloud environments able to host private sector and government customers. The NCSS recommends that small businesses who want to store data and applications in the cloud, should select a FedRAMP Authorized CSP.

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