

## Certified 3PAO Services for Fast, Fair and Efficient Authorization

### The Government Move to the Cloud

Six years on, the federal government is fully embracing the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Cloud First Policy, requiring implementation of secure and reliable cloud-based solutions. Year 2016 was a tipping point, as federal agencies' adoption of cloud technologies outpaced that of private sector organizations.

This growth is fueled in part by the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) which provides a government-wide approach to security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring for cloud products and services. FedRAMP helps agencies address the unique complexities of cloud systems while meeting Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) requirements.

Today's federal market enthusiastically welcomes Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) with solutions to offer the U.S. government. For certain, it is a challenge to tackle the complex and often confusing process required to attain FedRAMP authorization and to gain traction in the FedRAMP marketplace. Accredited Third-Party Authorization (3PAO) firms exist to help you navigate FedRAMP. 3PAOs provide advisory services to help CSPs prepare documentation for the process and assessment services to perform initial and periodic assessments per FedRAMP requirements.

### Streamlined FedRAMP Authorization with ECMS

Achieving FedRAMP certification takes more than solid technology and good documentation. A deep knowledge of the FedRAMP process and the FISMA and NIST 800-53 controls that underlie the program is essential to effectively complete the process. That knowledge must be supported by solid processes and supporting technology to ensure you achieve authorization efficiently and maintain that authorization over time through periodic assessments.

TalaTek ECMS is a FedRAMP authorized, cloud-managed service that delivers the people, processes and technology needed to accelerate your FedRAMP authorization process and maintain your Authorization to Operate (ATO). Our seasoned industry experts understand the FedRAMP regulations, frameworks and controls. They leverage our proven assessment methodologies and innovative technology, refined by years of assisting federal agencies. Our expertise with the rigorous and unique requirements of the FedRAMP assessment process means that as an accredited 3PAO assessor we can provide a thorough, timely assessment that will identify all residual risk within an information system.

### Benefits

- Streamline the preparation process
- Reduce time and labor for documentation and deliverables
- Simplify ongoing assessments
- Limit risk of delays and increased operating costs
- Ensure application of PMO assessment guidelines

### Advisory Services

TalaTek FedRAMP Advisory Services guide you through the Readiness Assessment Report (RAR) and Security Assessment preparation process, starting with a gap analysis to determine areas requiring remediation. We review your information security policy and procedures and associated documentation and then gather the required materials to complete the preparation of the RAR and your submission to the PMO for your FedRAMP Readiness Assessment.

Once you earn FedRAMP Ready Status, the next step in achieving your ATO, regardless of path – JAB Provisional ATO (P-ATO) or Agency ATO – is the development of the package for your Security Assessment. We'll prepare all the necessary documentation, including the System Security Plan (SSP), Security Assessment Plan (SAP), Security Assessment Report (SAR) and Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M).

Additionally, we can provide ongoing service by leveraging ECMS during and after this preparation process to store all artifacts and findings as well as action plans and remediation requirements centrally. This single system of record ensures consistent implementation of your FedRAMP authorization process and continuous monitoring to streamline the work required for periodic assessments required to maintain your ATO.



ECMS provides at-a-glance status of all actions required for FedRAMP and underlying controls.

## Assessment Services

TalaTek is an independent FedRAMP assessor accredited by American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) and approved by FedRAMP to perform initial and periodic assessments of CSP systems per FedRAMP requirements. Our goal is to deliver a fast and fair assessment of your solution.

Our decades of partnering with federal agencies, as well as our experience securing FedRAMP authorization ourselves, have yielded deep expertise applying the regulations and controls that support FedRAMP and align with FISMA and NIST. Our solution includes detailed test cases to ensure consistent assessments based on PMO guidelines. We thoroughly understand the process for achieving authorization and can help you streamline your FedRAMP Assessment Process.

## About TalaTek

TalaTek, LLC, is a woman-owned business delivering truly integrated risk management services. With deep expertise working with federal agencies and other public-sector clients, TalaTek has delivered consistent excellence by leveraging a unique combination of methodologies, processes and technology. Each member of TalaTek is an IT professional with industry specific certifications and experience. This quality and expertise, combined with innovative technology, ensures the successful outcomes your organization requires.

## Services

- Advisory
  - Gap analysis
  - Readiness Assessment Report (RAR) preparation
  - Security Assessment preparation
  - Ongoing assessment support
- Assessment
  - Readiness Assessment Report (RAR) assessment
  - Security assessment
  - Ongoing assessment & authorization

To learn more about TalaTek, our Enterprise Compliance Management Solution (ECMS) and our FedRAMP 3PAO services, visit [www.talatek.com](http://www.talatek.com).

