
Sponsor Requirements for GovRAMP Authorization

For a vendor's offering to be listed as GovRAMP Authorized on GovRAMP's Authorized Product List (APL), a government sponsor is required. The sponsoring government agency will be listed on the APL.

Eligible Government Sponsors include:

- Any SLED (state, local, education, tribal/territorial) government official or employee who serves in the role of Chief Information Security Officer or designee; and
- GovRAMP Member (Individual or Certified) <https://govramp.org/participating-governments/>

Government Sponsors Agree to the Following:

- The Government Sponsor will designate an Information Security Authorizing Official, who will be provided with access to the secure portal.
- The Authorizing Official will review GovRAMP PMO recommendations and associated artifacts.
- The Authorizing Official will accept, reject, or make suggestions for modification to the GovRAMP PMO's recommendations regarding Authorizations, continuous monitoring, and annual renewal.
- While all activity between the Authorizing Official and GovRAMP PMO may occur electronically in the secure portal, the GovRAMP PMO is available for virtual meetings with the Authorizing Official as desired.
- Any disagreement between the Authorizing Official and GovRAMP PMO will be determined by the Appeals Committee.
- To be listed as Authorized, an offering must always have an active sponsor.
- If the Authorized Official / Sponsoring Government discontinues their sponsorship of the provider's offering, it is the provider's responsibility to secure a new sponsor.
- An offering can have more than one sponsor.

How it Works:

1. Initial Authorization Review:

-
- Within the secure portal, GovRAMP PMO will provide the designated Authorizing Official with a summary and recommendation of the service provider's request for authorization.
 - The Authorizing Official shall accept, reject, or suggest modification to the GovRAMP PMO's recommendation.
 - If no response is provided by the Authorizing Official within 30 days, the Authorization is denied.
- 2. Ongoing Continuous Monitoring:**
- The Authorized Official may view continuous monitoring reporting in the secure portal at any time.
 - If a problem arises, GovRAMP PMO will notify the Authorizing Official of the issue and remediation plan.
 - No action is necessary by the Authorizing Official unless the Authorizing Official disagrees with the remediation plan, in which case the Authorizing Official shall contact the GovRAMP PMO immediately to schedule a meeting to discuss next steps.
- 3. Annual Review:**
- GovRAMP PMO will provide the designated Authorizing Official with a summary and recommendation of the service provider's annual audit and continued Authorization status.
 - The Authorizing Official shall accept, reject, or recommend modification to the GovRAMP PMO's recommendation.
 - If no response is provided by the Authorizing Official within 30 days, the Authorization is denied.

Note on Continuous Monitoring Notifications for GovRAMP Certified Members:

- States and local government agencies may join GovRAMP as a Certified Member at the organizational level.
- Certified Membership provides states/agencies with the ability to designate a security official to receive continuous monitoring notifications from the GovRAMP PMO for the government's contracted suppliers.
- For more information, please visit: <https://GovRAMP.org/members/governments/>