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1. **3PAO:** Third party assessment organization
2. **AO:** Authorizing Official
3. **Approved Assessor:** Third party assessment organizations who are A2LA-certified and FedRAMP-approved are listed on the StateRAMP website
4. **ATO:** An Authorization to Operate is a formal letter given to service providers whose product meets StateRAMP's security standards for Authorized
5. **AVL:** Authorized Vendor List
6. **CSP:** Cloud Service Provider; alternatively, service provider or provider
7. **FedRAMP:** [Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program](#)
8. **Government Member:** Individuals or organizations representing state or local governments, tribal agencies, or public higher education institutes who are StateRAMP members
9. **IaaS:** Internet as a Service
10. **JAB:** The Joint Authorization Board is a FedRAMP body who grants ATO's to providers without a federal government sponsor
11. **NIST 800-53 Rev. 4:** Cybersecurity framework
12. **PaaS:** Platform as a service
13. **P-ATO:** A Provisional Authorization to Operate is a formal letter given to service providers whose product meets some, but not all, of StateRAMP's security standards for Authorized
14. **PMO:** Project Management Office
15. **Provider Member:** Individuals or organizations who provide and/or use an IaaS, PaaS, and/or SaaS solution to process, store, and/or transmit government data who are StateRAMP members
16. **RAR:** Readiness Assessment Report; required for providers seeking a Ready status
17. **SaaS:** Software as a Service
18. **SAR:** Security Assessment Report; required for providers seeking an Authorized status
19. **Security status:** Designations assigned to products that have successfully completed a security assessment conducted by a third-party assessment organization that has been reviewed by the PMO to validate security compliance; StateRAMP security statuses include Active, Ready, In-process, Provisional, and Authorized
20. **SLED:** State or local governments, tribal agencies, or public higher education institutes
21. **Sponsoring government:** Any individual or organization from a state or local governments, tribal agencies, or public higher education institute who wishes to sponsor a product for StateRAMP Authorized