# StateRAMP Standard Procedure Language

# PURPOSE

This purpose of this standard operating procedure is to provide implementation guidance for the Government’s Third-Party Risk Policy, Policy No. XXX.

# PROCEDURE

**For Applications, Systems, Networks that store/process, or have access to protected data:**

1. During the procurement process, preferably at the Request for Proposal/Request for Quote stage, but in all cases prior to contract award, Agencies shall receive a StateRAMP Security Snapshot, unless the product is listed as StateRAMP Ready or StateRAMP Authorized for systems containing protected data. The preferred attestation is StateRAMP Authorized.

1. If StateRAMP Authorization status is not in place at the time of contract award a valid StateRAMP Security Snapshot may be accepted with the inclusion of contract language that requires StateRAMP Ready certification within 12 months of contract execution and StateRAMP Authorization certification within 18 months of contract execution. StateRAMP Security Snapshot should be maintained along with monthly progress reporting until StateRAMP Ready status is achieved. StateRAMP Security Snapshot monthly progress reporting should be monitored and should indicate progress until such time as the product receives StateRAMP Ready status.

**3. ACCOUNTABILITY**

All Agency and Executive Branch Employees that participate in the RFP/RFQ/Contacts process for their Agencies shall ensure they receive proof of StateRAMP Authorized or StateRAMP Ready statuses or a valid StateRAMP Security Snapshot prior to contract award for the product. The Chief Information Security Officer shall not approve any RFP, RFQ, or Contract in the Contract Technical Review Process unless these statuses or a valid StateRAMP Security Snapshot is available.