Why You Should Care About FedRAMP

The Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) is a governmentwide program that provides a standardized approach for assessing the security of cloud products and services, authorizing them for government use and continuously monitoring the long-term security of those cloud solutions. Here’s why FedRAMP needs to be on your radar.

**Why FedRAMP Is a Big Deal**
The program is mandatory, and federal agencies must ensure the cloud solutions they use meet FedRAMP requirements. FedRAMP uses a “do once, use many times” framework for vetting the security of cloud services. The program saves government an estimated 30-40% in costs, as well as time and staff resources.

**FedRAMP Is the Future**
Cloud computing is the way of the future for government agencies, and FedRAMP will play a key role. The program is credited with helping to accelerate government adoption of secure cloud solutions. Some state governments are also requiring adherence to FedRAMP requirements.

**FedRAMP Levels the Playing Field**
Choosing the right cloud service for your agency can be challenging, but FedRAMP provides a baseline for you to compare the security of all potential vendors. The number of FedRAMP-compliant solutions has grown since the program launched in 2012.

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*Private cloud deployments intended for single organizations and implemented fully within federal facilities are the only exception

In annual costs are avoided when agencies reuse FedRAMP security authorizations

Represents annual federal IT spending agencies reported as of January 2015. This number does not include classified IT investments

$84 Billion
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