Date

MEMORANDUM FOR <System Owner>
                Company Name

FROM: <Name of Person>
                Authorizing Official
                Company Name

SUBJECT: Authorization to Operate (ATO) for <System Name>

Reference: 1. NIST SP 800-171
                2. <SSP Title and Date>
                3. <Other References>

Under the provisions of Risk Management Framework, and based on the Body of Evidence (BOE), I hereby grant an Authorization to Operate (ATO) for the <System Name> operating in locations identified in the respective System Security Plan (SSP) reference 2.

Based on the BOE submitted, I authorize the <System Name> will operate with Security Categories (SC) at a minimum of = (Confidentiality, <Level>), (Integrity, <Level>), and (Availability, <Level>), to store up to Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). The system will operate with an overall risk of <Risk Level> until the Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) are completed and the risk is reassessed.

The Information System Security Officer (ISSO) will provide updated POA&Ms that detail all findings identified in the Risk Assessment Reports (RARs). Additionally, the following actions (if any) shall be addressed prior to operation.

<Insert list of actions that are required prior to operation.>

- <POA&M Action with Completion Date>
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