Plan of Actions and Milestones (POA&M)

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1. Introduction

The POA&M document is a key document in the security authorization package. It describes the specific tasks the company has planned to correct any weaknesses or deficiencies in the security controls noted during the assessment and to address the residual vulnerabilities in the information system.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the POA&M is to facilitate a disciplined and structured approach to mitigating risks in accordance with the company's priorities. The POA&Ms include the findings and recommendations of the Security Assessment Report and the Risk Assessment Report.

The purpose of the POA&M is to monitor progress in correcting weaknesses or deficiencies noted during the security control assessment and throughout the continuous monitoring process.

The POA&Ms are based on the:

- Security categorization of the cloud information system.
- Specific weaknesses or deficiencies in deployed security controls.
- Importance of the identified security control weaknesses or deficiencies.
- Scope of the weakness in systems within the environment.
- Proposed risk mitigation approach to address the identified weaknesses or deficiencies in the security controls (for example, prioritization of risk mitigation actions, allocation of risk mitigation resources).

The POA&M identifies:

- The controls that need remediation.
- Any milestones the company has set in place for meeting the remediation tasks.
- The scheduled completion dates the company has set for the milestones.
- The resources needed to do the work.

1.2 Scope

The scope of the POA&M includes security control implementations (including all management, operational, and technical implementations) that have unacceptable weaknesses or deficiencies the result in Moderate or High risk of compromise of the information or information system. Company ISSOs are required to submit updated POA&Ms to the Authorizing Official (AO) in accordance with the Risk Management Framework.