

# Steering Committee Charter

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### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this charter is to define the objectives, membership, decision making, meeting schedule, and roles and responsibilities associated with the StateRAMP, Inc. dba GovRAMP (GovRAMP) Steering Committee.



## 2. Background

State and local governments have taken steps to secure their systems and databases, but little has been done to validate security compliance and provide ongoing oversight of third-party service providers offering and/or using Platform as a Service (PaaS), Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) solutions to manage state or local government data including PII, PCI, and/or PHI. At a time when cyber criminals have identified state governments as easy targets to exploit, States must do more than simply adopt cybersecurity standards. Developed with government procurement, public policy, IT, and information security officials, GovRAMP was created as a direct response to State's lack of a cybersecurity verification program and duplicative verification costs for service providers.

GovRAMP was formed in partnership with state government Chief Information Officers (CIOs), Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs), Chief Privacy Officers, and Procurement Officials and private industries experts who serve state governments. The GovRAMP mission is to help state and local governments protect citizen interests while reducing service provider costs with a "verify once, use many" model and to implement a standardized approach to cloud security verification and ongoing risk assessment.

## 3. Objectives

To ensure the success of the program, the aforementioned parties have agreed to establish a GovRAMP Steering Committee (SRSC). The SRSC will possess the necessary technical and government policy knowledge and capabilities to provide States with industry verification standards and guidance related to cybersecurity and third-party solutions.

The committee will be comprised of government and commercial experts in the fields of cybersecurity, government, service providers and public policy. Once the SRSC has established its founding principles, the ongoing governance of the GovRAMP entity will transition to a GovRAMP Advisory Board.

## 4. Roles and Responsibilities

The SRSC is responsible for establishing the policies and procedures to be executed by members of the GovRAMP Advisory Board and GovRAMP PMO and governing the actions of service providers, third-party assessment organizations (3PAOs), and GovRAMP using States. Policies and procedures determined by the Steering Committee include, but are not limited to:



- Long-term governance and best practices
- Internal controls to ensure transparency and credibility for all stakeholders and the public
- Partner engagement process including States, service providers, and 3PAOs
- Program Management Office structure and responsibilities
- Cost method evaluation and recommendations

Once the SRSC has established founding principles and policies and procedures have been adopted and validated, the ongoing governance of the GovRAMP organization will transition to a GovRAMP Advisory Board.

#### 4.1 Association & Affiliation

**Association:** GovRAMP is not associated with any corporation or organization and is an independent peer professional organization.

**Affiliation:** GovRAMP shall be considered an independent organization. GovRAMP is not affiliated to any of the corporations/organizations which employ its members.

#### 4.2 Purposes & Structure

**Structure:** GovRAMP shall be self-governing, non-commercial, non-sectarian, non-profit and non-partisan. GovRAMP will consist of individual members from qualifying corporations/organizations.

Members should not solicit business during GovRAMP events or activities. Further, affiliate members should not use GovRAMP events or activities for business development.

### 5. Decision Making

The SRSC will elect a Chairperson to lead the meetings. The SRSC will follow general etiquette and meeting protocol and may adopt standing rules to govern the meetings, such as Robert's Rules of Order. Agendas, Presentations and Meeting Minutes will be compiled for each meeting and posted on a members-accessible secure website in a timely manner.



## 6. Meetings

1. The SRSC will:
  - a. Conduct bimonthly calls to help define GovRAMP processes, policies, governance, funding, marketing, and general operations and to receive feedback on developed and refined discussion topics.
  - i. Additional meetings will be scheduled as the Committee defines.

## 7. Charter Adoption

This Charter was adopted by the aforementioned Members of the GovRAMP Steering Committee on 21st of the month of May in the year 2020.