Whether your FedRAMP journey is with an Agency or the Joint Authorization Board (JAB), our Continuous Monitoring (ConMon) team can support the most critical elements following your FedRAMP authorization, helping to assure that you maintain your FedRAMP compliance.

**The First Three Months are Key**
The first three ConMon submissions establish the baseline and level of expectation for years to come and it is important that your internal processes are efficient and repeatable. They lay the foundation for how Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) of all sizes will meet the expectations of their Authorizing Official (AO) and instill confidence that their systems are, and will remain, secure. Kratos’ approach has consistently shown that repetition and consistency are key to establishing an effective and repeatable process. As such, getting ConMon to a steady state can be viewed similarly to that of your software development process: Develop, Test, Stage, and Produce.

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- **Development**
  - During the first month, our ConMon team will work closely with your technical points of contact to gather the inventory, vulnerability scans, and POA&Ms. We identify quality issues, validate accuracy, identify acceptable and non-acceptable deliverable elements.

- **Test**
  - During the second month, we follow the same methodology and work out any kinks in the process. Typically this results in a higher level of quality as a result of lessons learned and the ability to draw upon a validated baseline from the first month’s efforts.

- **Stage**
  - The third month is reserved as a spot check to validate that everything is running smoothly and to answer any potential odd scenarios or what-if situations.

- **Production**
  - Now its in your hands and your team is equipped with the knowledge and previous examples to ensure continued ConMon reporting success.
Making or breaking your long-term success requires understanding your monthly ConMon deliverables, what is and is not acceptable, the right level of detail, and how to avoid extra scrutiny. Finally, it is important that your internal processes are efficient and repeatable to avoid ConMon fatigue.

When to Begin ConMon?

For CSPs with Agency sponsors, the first official ConMon delivery will occur in the month following your authorization. For CSPs working with the JAB, they will require three months of ConMon prior to authorization. In either case, it is never too early to begin because waiting until the last minute may be too late.

The Kratos ConMon team helps organizations just like you ensure success.

Here is Some of What You Need to Know:

- **Vulnerability Scans**
  - Scan Format: .XML or .CSV
  - Scan Quality Automation: Identification & analysis for authenticated and non-authenticated scans
  - Confirmation that all non-destructive plugins are enabled
  - Validation that vulnerability tool signatures are updated to the latest version

- **Inventory**
  - Scan Format: .XML or .CSV
  - Scan Quality Automation: Identification & validation that all assets within the authorization boundary are scanned
  - Analysis of the inventory against vulnerability scans results
  - Confirmation that all required fields are populated
  - Denotation of decommissioned assets

- **POA&M & 3PAO Validation**
  - POA&M Quality Review: All POA&M fields are completed
  - CVSSv3 scoring is used for risk rating
  - New vulnerabilities are added
  - 3PAO Validation: 3PAO validation of deviation requests and POA&M closures
  - Validation retained for incorporation into the annual assessment

- **Monthly Submission**
  - 3PAO Attestation: Deviations and Closures
  - Executive Summary: Submitted to Max.Gov
  - Raw Scan Files: OS, DB, WebApp
  - Inventory: (FedRAMP Template)
  - POA&Ms: (FedRAMP Template)

Get ConMon Compliant

As one of the first FedRAMP 3PAOs, Kratos ConMon professionals are cross-trained in advisory and 3PAO services, giving them a greater understanding of how both components work in the ConMon process. Maintain your certification compliance with ConMon services from Kratos.

**IaaS ConMon Customer** –

“I am writing to let you know how much I appreciate the consistent excellent work delivered by Albert. I value his cooperative spirit, domain knowledge and attention to detail that has enabled my team to streamline some of our ConMon processes in order to achieve operational success and meet our program goals… I’m looking forward to working with your team on addition tasks on our roadmap.”