

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-19

**FOR: REDUCING COSTS AND IMPROVING SECURITY THROUGH
IMPLEMENTING RAMP POLICY FOR CLOUD COMPUTING
SERVICES**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, the proliferation of cloud computing services and the cybersecurity risks that can result from their use necessitates an enhanced approach to the monitoring and management of these services and their providers;

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (“NIST”), established as a Federal agency within the United States Department of Commerce, has the mission to promote innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement, science, standards, and technology;

WHEREAS, NIST has developed best practice publications addressing various aspects of cybersecurity, providing a comprehensive set of security controls for Federal information systems and organizations; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for the State of Indiana to adopt robust cybersecurity measures developed by NIST to protect sensitive data and maintain public trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael K. Braun, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The Indiana Office of Technology (“IOT”) shall implement a Risk and Authorization Management Program (“RAMP”) policy for cloud computing services with an effective date no later than nine (9) months from the date of this Executive Order.
2. This RAMP policy must include risk assessments and continuous monitoring.
3. This RAMP policy shall apply to all state agencies, departments, institutions, and any other entities that store, process, or transmit sensitive information or operate critical systems (“Covered Entity”). IOT, or its designee, must review and approve all procurements and contracts related to this RAMP policy prior to release of solicitation and/or contract execution.
4. Implementation of this Executive Order shall be carried in ways to minimize expense to state government.
5. This policy shall require that each vendor contracting with a Covered Entity to provide cloud computing services that must either:
 - a. Demonstrate independently verified compliance with the requirements of NIST 800-53, Revision 5, or then-current version; or
 - b. Demonstrate a plan that uses independent verification of the vendor’s path toward compliance with the requirements outlined in NIST 800-53, Revision 5, or the then- current version, within the timeframes established by the agency.
6. All applicable procurements and contracts shall contain provisions requiring the vendor to:

- a. Meet the security controls the Covered Entity determines are proportionate with the Covered Entity's risk under the contract based on the sensitivity of the Covered Entity's data;
 - b. Adhere to timeframes established by the Covered Entity to meet the requirements by impact level based upon NIST 800-53, Revision 5, or then-current version, if the vendor is not yet in full compliance; and
 - c. Provide the agency access to evidence, at a minimum of quarterly intervals, that the vendor meets the security controls required under the contract or is moving toward full compliance via an independent and nationally recognized organization with multistate connections.
7. Additionally, all contracts for cloud computing services subject to renewal after the effective date of this Executive Order shall be reviewed and amended as necessary to ensure full compliance with the RAMP policy established under Section 1 of this Executive Order.
8. Covered Entities shall ensure regular risk assessments and continuous monitoring are conducted by an independent and nationally recognized organization with multistate connections to identify and evaluate potential vulnerabilities and threats to their information systems.
9. All applicable contracts, including renewal amendments, shall contain language ensuring state personnel have access to continuous monitoring as outlined above.
10. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the Governor.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,
Michael K. Braun, have hereunto set
my hand and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Indiana on
this 14th day of January, 2025.


Michael K. Braun Governor of Indiana

ATTEST: 
Diego Morales
Secretary of State