ATO FOCUS GROUP MEETING SUMMARY
2-6-2023 4-5 PM

Discussion topics included:

Recap from previous meeting:

- Research phase.
- Back end connections.
- ATO focus group will try to be less concerned with ZTA focus group progress.
- ATO focus group will continue with research.
- Research will align with NIST RMF.

Discussed:

- Research matrix spreadsheet.
  - Each scenario will have a different tab with the same questions.
  - Identified stakeholders.
- Challenges in RMF prepare step.
  - Discussed roles and strategy.
- Challenges in RMF categorization step and selecting and implementing controls.
  - Can a multi-cloud system be categorized?
  - Can a system be hosted on clouds with a different categorization?
  - Is categorization based on data types?
- Challenges in control selection step.
  - Can control baselines be selected and tailored the same way with multi-cloud systems?
- Challenges in control implementation step.
  - Are specified controls implemented?
  - Are SSPs updated with control implementation details?
- Challenges in assess step.
  - Are assessment plans developed, reviewed, and approved?
  - Are assessment reports developed?
  - Are remediation plans developed?
  - Are SSPs updated after remediations?
- Challenges in authorize step.
  - Are authorization packages developed?
  - Are risk determinations and responses developed?
  - Are system or common controls authorization approved?
- Challenges in monitor step.
  - Is the continuous monitoring strategy being followed?
  - Is the output from continuous monitoring activities analyzed and responded to?
  - Are ongoing authorizations or continuous authorizations conducted?
- Only +/- 20% of the information may be specific to the scenarios.
For research the working group will follow the use case scenarios.

- Will choose 2 people for each scenario.
- Will conduct research to see how NIST and FedRAMP do things currently.
  - Need to identify if there is a need to deviate because of multi-cloud.
  - Deviations will be documented in the matrix.
- Group will solicit volunteers for scenarios 1-3.