# Overview: NIST Cloud Computing Efforts

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Goal of this session -- provide context for transition to the afternoon "Workshop" agenda

**Overview: NIST Cloud Computing Efforts** 

- Special Publications
- Standards Acceleration to Jumpstart Adoption of Cloud Computing (SAJACC) -- strategy to facilitate collaborative development of standards to support high priority security, interoperability, & portability requirements
- Federal Risk & Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) Technical Process Definition -- to support the government's ability to leverage security authorization work for Cloud Computing services

#### **Government Panel** – perspective and rationale

# National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cloud Computing Technical Role

# NIST Cloud Computing efforts are consistent with the NIST mission:

"To promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life."

## **Cornerstone: Advancing Standards Development**

 government needs to work collaboratively with private sector to develop standards

# **Cloud Computing: Special Publications**

In 2009 NIST made its widely adopted and referenced Definition of Cloud Computing publically available

Cloud computing is a model for enabling convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction.

In progress -- NIST Cloud Computing Special Publications will apply the definition and SAJACC standards work

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#### **Overview:** Standards Acceleration to Jumpstart Adoption of Cloud Computing (SAJACC)

**SAJACC goal is to help solve the problem:** "How do we support the adoption of a new complex technology during the interim period between when standards are needed and when they are available, and how do we develop standards more quickly?"

SAJAAC is: Strategy, Process, & Portal

**NIST believes that we (the community) can accelerate cloud adoption** by validating key cloud specifications & sharing information to build confidence in cloud computing technology in the interim before formalized standards are available

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### SAJACC: What does it look like and how will it work?



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National Institute of Standards and Technology Overview: Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) Technical Process Definition

- **NIST technical advisor role** -- Federal CIO Council Cloud Computing Advisory Council (CCAC) Security Working Group
  - Consistent with NIST role in the development of security standards and guidelines
- High priority CCAC SWG focus -- defining a strategy to cost effectively satisfy Federal Certification and Accreditation and Authorization requirements
- NIST supported definition of the FedRAMP concept during the FedRAMP project initiation phase
  - FedRAMP governance and operational program is being implemented under the auspices of the Federal CIO Council

# NIST FedRAMP Technical Advisory Function: Lead definition of a FedRAMP technical process ......



#### Introduction: Workshop Government Panel Perspective

Seek to encourage objective information exchange based on early adopter implementation experience **Adjourn: Morning Program** 

# Cloud Computing Forum and Workshop resumes at 1:30 in this room

Please join us in exploring the tactical aspects of Cloud Computing in the afternoon Workshop sessions