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## Accelerating FedRAMP, FISMA/RMF and CMMC 2.0 ATOs with OSCAL

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# About Us

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# About stackArmor



We provide cloud enablement services for regulated industries with strong compliance and security needs.

FedRAMP | DOD | FISMA/NIST | CMMC



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Aerospace | Space | Healthcare



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Competency

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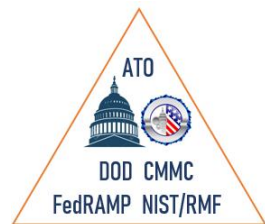


- stackArmor is headquartered in Washington DC and is an Advanced AWS Partner with strong security and compliance experience in Education, DOD & Federal, commercial, public sector and non-profit markets.
- We are 1 of 8 firms selected by AWS globally as inaugural consulting partners as part of the ATO on AWS program.
- stackArmor is the **first and only** AWS Shield Advanced Partner for North America
- Global public sector customer base at the Federal, State and Local Government level.
- Fortune 500 Commercial clients with strong focus on security and compliance.

# Capabilities

**Our team specializes in technical advisory to include these core services:**

- ✓ **NIST Advisement** – ensuring your cloud service meets NIST guidelines
- ✓ **System Documentation** – development of policies, plans and procedures for FedRAMP
- ✓ **DoD A&A** – over ten years of DoD Assessment & Authorization experience
- ✓ **Continuous Monitoring** – Managed services, security and compliance services
- ✓ **Vulnerability Assessments** – perform scans on systems to identify vulnerabilities
- ✓ **Application Security Testing** – detect security holes in software and applications





# Agenda

- ❑ Growing demand for Cloud Services with NIST Compliance
  - ❑ FedRAMP, StateRAMP, TexRAMP, MARS-E 2.2, DHS 4300...
- ❑ ATO Acceleration with FASTTR
- ❑ Understanding FASTTR
- ❑ How OSCAL helps accelerate ATO's

# FedRAMP Cloud Market Size

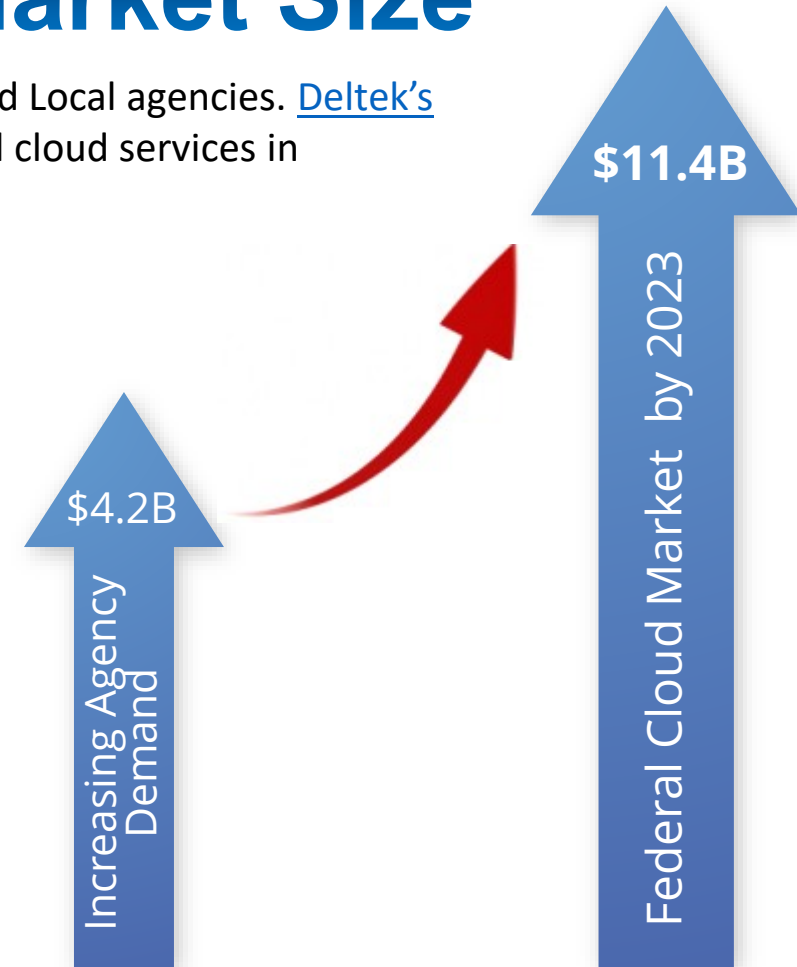
Growing adoption of FedRAMP accredited cloud services by Federal, State and Local agencies. [Deltek's Federal Cloud Market report](#) shows over **\$4.2B** spent on FedRAMP accredited cloud services in FY2020/21 with total cloud spending expected to grow to **\$11.4 B by 2023**.



The FedRAMP PMO reports significant jump in agency consumption of FedRAMP accredited cloud services.



Data and graphics were leveraged from the FedRAMP.gov blog published Nov 9, 2021



# Introducing FASTTR on AWS

FASTTR on AWS is a partner led initiative under the ATO on AWS program developed by stackArmor – **an all-in AWS Partner** focused on security and compliance for government centric markets.

As part of the FASTTR on AWS program, we are providing the **ThreatAlert® ATO Accelerator** that reduces the time and cost of FedRAMP, FISMA and CMMC Authority to Operate **by 40%**.




## ThreatAlert® ATO Machine (ATOM)


```

27 2 write-host -i $url -u $username /
30 2 write-host "$($line)"
31 3 write-host "$($line)"
32 4 write-host "$($line)"
33 5 write-host "$($line)"
34
35 $line
36
37 } else {
38 $line
39 # ERROR
40 write-host "=====ERROR====="
41 write-host "credential id: $($credentialid)"
42 foreach ($line in $lines)
43 {
44 $linenumber = $line
45 switch ($linenumber) {
46 4 write-host "$($line)"
47 5 write-host "$($line)"
48 }
49 }
50 }
51
                    
```


**Dedicated "In-boundary" Deployment with Platform-as-code (PaC)**



**Pre-Audited Security Platform with NIST compliant controls**



**Audit-ready ATO Package with Post-ATO ConMon**



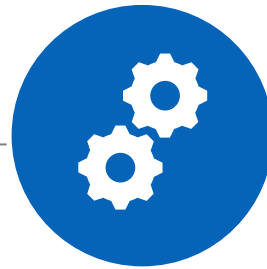
**OSCAL**

# Engineering Approach to ATO's



## Platform-as-code ThreatAlert® Security Platform

FedRAMP **compliant** landing zone with integrated security services aligned to NIST SP 800-53



## Digital Artifacts in OSCAL

Xacta360 for **OSCAL**  
Ready artifacts streamlines and automates FedRAMP



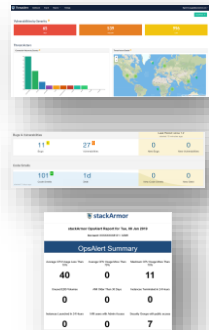
## ThreatAlert® ConMon

Perform scheduled activities and deliver artifacts based on FedRAMP controls and Assist with annual assessment

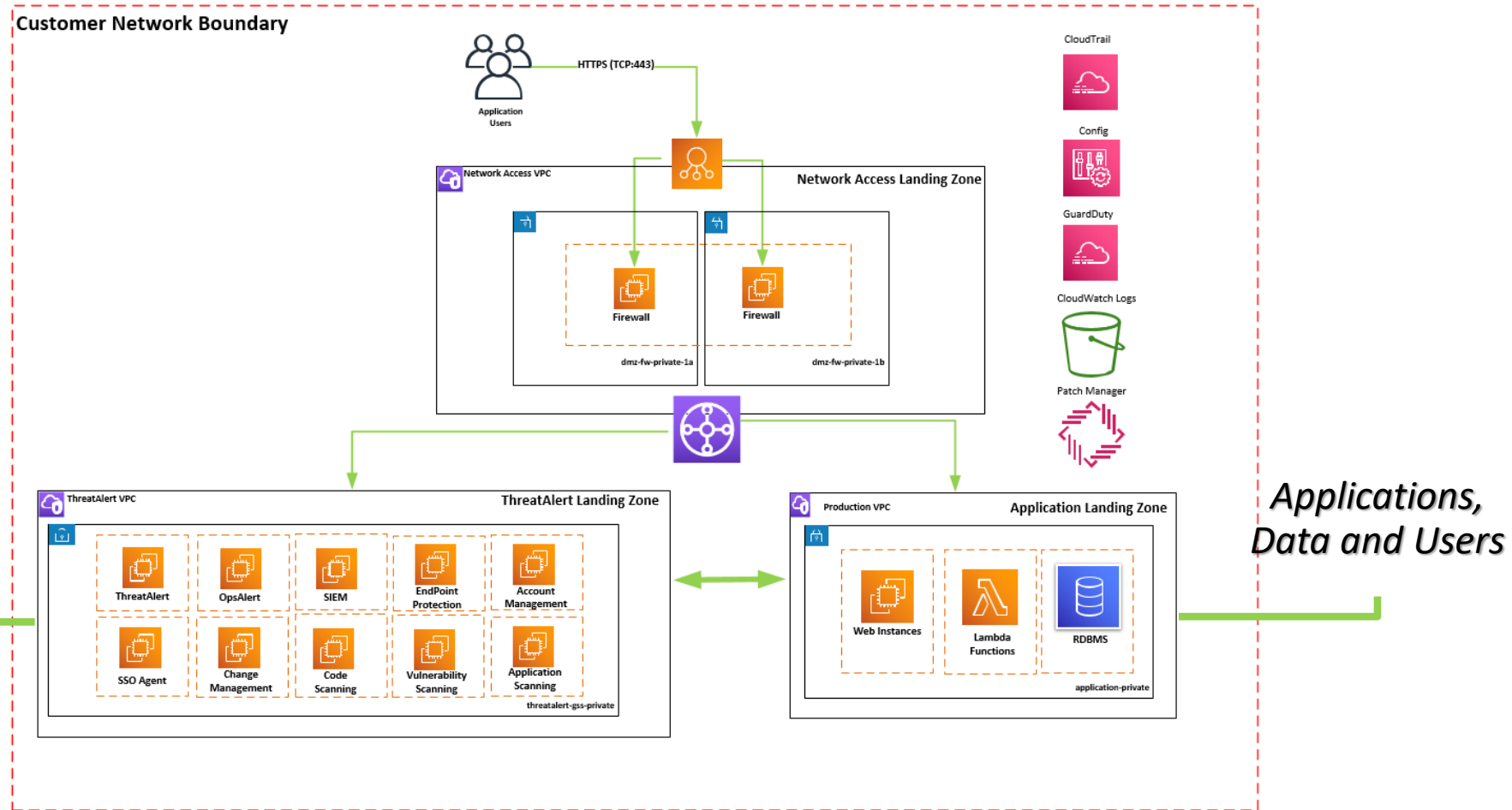


# Compliant Authorization Boundary

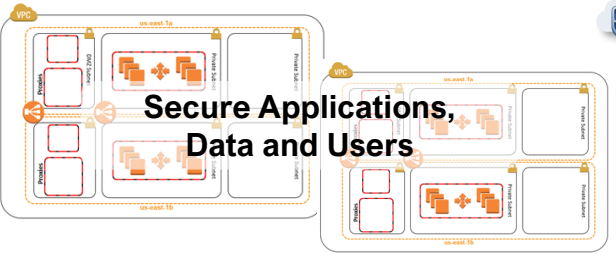
## ThreatAlert<sup>®</sup> NIST Compliant Security Services



- ✓ User and data monitoring
- ✓ Code vulnerability analysis
- ✓ Container vulnerabilities
- ✓ Web application scan
- ✓ Cloud configuration scan
- ✓ IDS/IPS monitoring
- ✓ SIEM integration
- ✓ Incident management
- ✓ Compliance reporting

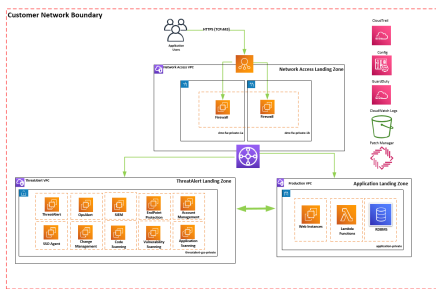


# ThreatAlert® Security Platform



**Secure Applications, Data and Users**

**ThreatAlert®**  
Cloud Security Platform









Continuous Monitoring

Auditable Events

Security and Compliance Services

Cybersecurity Log Aggregation Warehouse

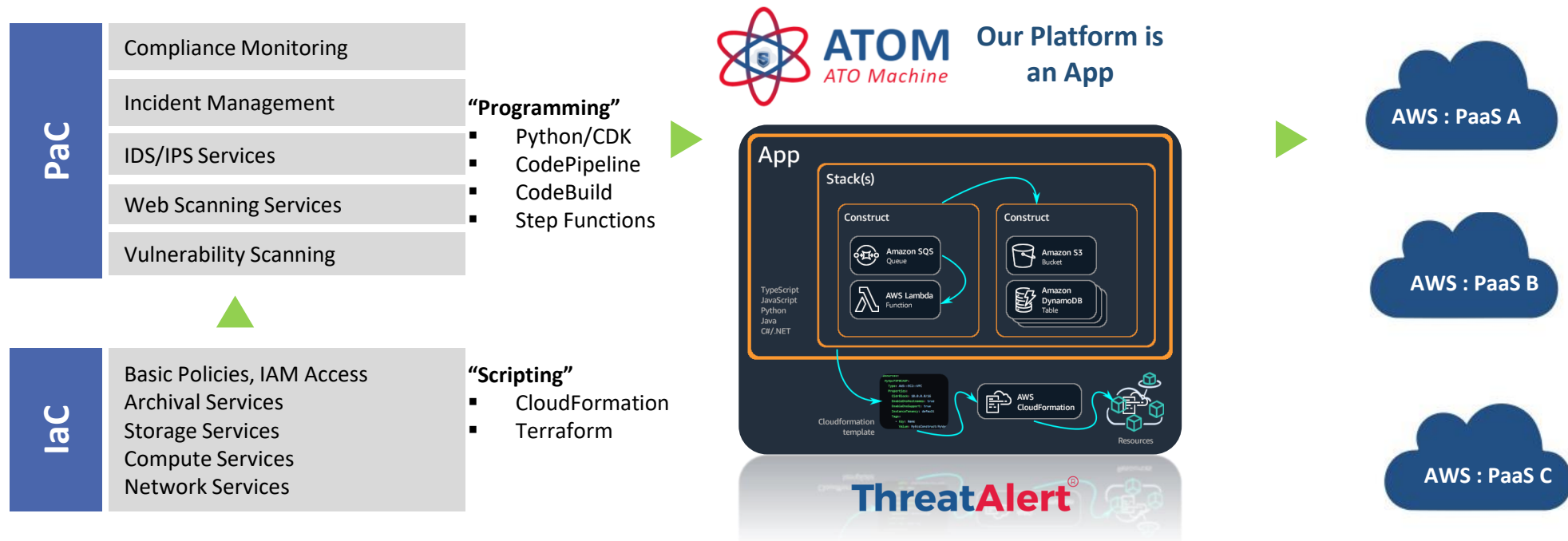



Security Capability		FIPS/FedRAMP Compliant Service
1	Code analysis	✓
2	Vulnerability Scanning	✓
3	Web Vulnerability Scanning	✓
4	Container vulnerabilities	✓
5	IDS/IPS (Host/Container)	✓
6	Anti-Virus/Malware	✓
7	SIEM	✓
8	Hardening	✓
9	Patch management	✓
10	Observability/Monitoring	✓
11	Alerting	✓
12	Incident management	✓
13	Auditable Cloud system operations monitoring	✓
14	Centralized log aggregation warehouse	✓
15	Centralized account management and MFA	✓
16	Compliance reporting	✓
17	Boundary Protection	✓
18	Secure access management	✓

# What is PaC?

Platform as code is a new paradigm for developing opinionated platforms that meet specific business and security requirements using software development principles of modularity, abstraction and maintainability. The end result is consistency and standardization across the enterprise saving time, money and avoiding costly mistakes.



```
import { Stack, StackProps, Construct } from '@aws-cdk/core';
import * as cw from '@aws-cdk/aws-cloudwatch';
import * as logs from '@aws-cdk/aws-logs';

export class CwwatchexampleStack extends Stack {
  constructor(scope: Construct, id: string, props?: StackProps) {
    super(scope, id, props);

    const metric = new logs.CfnMetricFilter(this, 'metric-filter', {
      logGroupName: 'cloudTrailLogs',
      metricTransformations: [{
        metricNamespace: 'CloudTrailMetrics',
        metricName: 'RootAccountLogins',
        metricValue: '1'
      }],
      filterPattern:
        '$.userIdentity.type = "Root" && \
        $.userIdentity.invokedBy NOT EXISTS && \
        $.eventType != "AwsServiceEvent"'
    });

    new cw.CfnAlarm(this, 'alarm', {
      alarmName: 'HIGH-Root Activity-CIS_3.3',
      namespace: 'CloudTrailMetrics',
      alarmDescription: 'Root user activity detected. This should never occur under normal circumstances. \
      Investigate source of root usage and raise incident if this is unplanned or unauthorized. TSP-CW-CIS-3.3',
      statistic: 'Sum',
      period: 300,
      evaluationPeriods: 1,
      threshold: 1,
      treatMissingData: 'notBreaching',
      comparisonOperator: 'GreaterThanOrEqualTo'
    });
  }
}
```



**Observability as code** to find data that caused alarm



**Alarm as code** to satisfy AU-2a and AU-2d  
AU-2a auditable events: Successful and unsuccessful account logon events, account management events, object access, policy change, privilege functions, process tracking, and system events. For Web applications: all administrator activity, authentication checks, authorization checks, data deletions, data access, data changes, and permission changes

# Enabling cATO with OSCAL

Account Inventory Download Inventory Report ▾ ×

ChangeList: AWS Inventory
EC2 Instances
EC2 Security Groups
EC2 Elastic IP Addresses
EC2 NAT Gateways
EC2 VPC Peering Connections
ECR Repo List
RDS Instances
S3 Buckets

Download FedRAMP WorkSheet

Download OSCAL JSON Report ←

Download OSCAL YAML Report



# Digital Inventory in OSCAL



SSP-stackarmor-fedceo-2022-02-24-16-08-36 - Notepad

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```
{
  "system-security-plan": {
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        }
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          "description": "The point of contact for an"
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

# cATO as Code for Continuous Compliance

**Control Monitoring Details**
Download OSCAL ▼ ✕

▲ Operational-Best-Practices-for-FedRAMP-Moderate: **NON-COMPLIANT**

24 Compliant rules

82 Non Compliant rules

Non Compliant Rules
Compliant Rules
Controls with their status
Operational Best Practice Packs

82 of 106 Config Rules are non-compliant. This section lists out non-compliant rules with supporting guidance provided by AWS.

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Control <span style="font-size: 0.7em;">↑↓</span>	Control Description <span style="font-size: 0.7em;">↑↓</span>	Control Guidance <span style="font-size: 0.7em;">↑↓</span>
<b>Config Rule: access-keys-rotated</b>		
AC-2(j)	The credentials are audited for authorized devices, users, and processes by ensuring IAM access keys are rotated as per organizational policy. Changing the access keys on a regular schedule is a security best practice. It shortens the period an access key is active and reduces the business impact if the keys are compromised. This rule requires an access key rotation value (Config Default: 90). The actual value should reflect your organization's policies.	The organization: j. Reviews accounts for compliance with account management requirements [Assignment: organization-defined frequency].
AC-2(1)	The credentials are audited for authorized devices, users, and processes by ensuring IAM access	The organization employs automated mechanisms to support the management of information system accounts.

# Highlights

- ❑ Jumpstart FedRAMP, FISMA/RMF, CMMC 2.0 and StateRamp compliance projects with a focus on automation using **NIST OSCAL**
- ❑ **AWS vetted** security & compliance solution - ThreatAlert® ATO Accelerator
- ❑ Telos' Xacta 360® automated compliance solution with AWS control inheritance capabilities and **OSCAL** integration
- ❑ **End to end** solution deployed “on-prem” in customers' or partners' AWS Accounts and includes professional services, licenses and managed services



# Thank You!

*We strive to become a trusted cloud security and operations partner for our customers and deliver customer delight to build long term relationships. We help reduce the time and cost of a FedRAMP, FISMA/RMF and CMMC ATO by 40%.*

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  - [AWS Marketplace Listing](#)
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