

# NEVADA MANDATES GOVRAMP: A NEW ERA OF STANDARDIZED, STREAMLINED CLOUD CYBERSECURITY FOR THE SILVER STATE

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**CARSON CITY, NV** — The State of Nevada today announced the definitive adoption of the GovRAMP framework, drawing a line in the sand against third-party risk. This strategic pivot mandates a standardized, streamlined security verification process for all cloud services interacting with State data. Effective July 2026, Nevada will officially transition from fragmented, agency-specific assessments to a centralized "Verify Once, Use Many" model, fundamentally modernizing how the Silver State secures its digital frontier.

## A New Standard for Nevada's Digital Frontier

The adoption of GovRAMP represents a critical evolution in Nevada's cybersecurity posture. By centralizing the verification of cloud service providers (CSPs) through the **State of Nevada Cloud 3rd Party Risk & Authorization Management Program (RAMP) Policy**, the State is moving away from siloed security reviews that often create administrative bottlenecks. This shift ensures that every cloud solution—whether storing, processing, or transmitting government, or constituent information, meets the rigorous standards established by the NIST 800-53 Rev. 5 framework, a series of national best-practice standards and controls. This policy transforms the State-vendor relationship, replacing ambiguous requirements with a predictable, transparent roadmap to authorization that prioritizes the protection of citizen data.

## Leadership Voices: Strategic Alignment

**Timothy Galluzi, State Chief Information Officer (CIO):** "Let me be clear: cloud security can't be negotiated one contract at a time. GovRAMP gives Nevada a standardized way to verify a provider's security controls up front, using a common NIST-based baseline, and then keep that assurance current through continuous monitoring. That means less duplication for agencies, a predictable path for vendors, and a higher, more consistent level of protection for the information Nevadans trust us to handle. This is about stewardship—spending time on risk reduction, not paperwork."

## The GovRAMP Framework: Successive Achievement & Verified Statuses

The GovRAMP framework provides a clear "on-ramp" for vendors of all sizes to mature their security posture. While initial tiers are validated by the GovRAMP Program Management Office (PMO), higher-level statuses require independent Third-Party Assessment Organization (3PAO) audits, ensuring rigorous verification for high-impact systems.

# Nevada GovRAMP Verification Tiers

Status	NIST Control Count	Target Timeline	Assessment Type
<b>Progressing Snapshot</b>	40 Controls	Required within 45 days of award	PMO Validated
<b>Core Status*</b>	60 NIST Controls	Achievable in 12 months	PMO Validated
<b>Ready Status</b>	80 NIST Controls	Achievable in 12–18 months	3PAO Audit
<b>Authorized / Provisionally Authorized</b>	300+ NIST Controls	Achievable in 18–24 months	3PAO Audit

*\*Note: GovRAMP Core may be considered a terminal security status should the GTO determine that no additional security assessments are required for a specific contract.*

## Procurement Revolution: Impact on Service Providers

For the vendor community, the July 2026 mandate marks the end of "security by promise" and the beginning of "security by verification." This policy removes barriers to entry by allowing CSPs to verify their products once and reuse that certification across all Nevada executive branch agencies.

## Key Mandates for Vendors:

- **FedRAMP Fast Track:** In a major move to accelerate adoption, vendors holding a FedRAMP Authorized (Rev 5) designation must initiate the **GovRAMP Fast Track Process** within **30 days of award** to satisfy GTO continuous monitoring requirements.
- **Progressing Snapshot Enrollment:** Any provider awarded a contract after July 2026 that does not hold a verified status must enroll in the Progressing Snapshot program within **45 days of award**.
- **Terminal Status Achievement:** Vendors must demonstrate quarterly progress toward a "Terminal Security Status" (Ready, Provisionally Authorized, or Authorized), as determined by GTO data classification.
- **Continuous Monitoring (ConMon):** Transparency is mandatory. Vendors must provide the GTO access to quarterly reporting and continuous monitoring artifacts through the life of the contract.

## Implementation Roadmap and Vendor Engagement

The State of Nevada is dedicated to a partnership-driven transition. To support vendor readiness and strengthen security operations, the GovRAMP team will host engaging training sessions designed to clarify the roadmap toward the 2026 deadline.

## Upcoming Vendor Training Webinars:

- **March 25, 2026** | 2:00 - 3:00 PM PT | [Register Here](#)
- **March 27, 2026** | 9:00 - 10:00 AM PT | [Register Here](#)

Prospective and current vendors are instructed to RSVP for these sessions and visit **GovRAMP.org** to access security baseline matrices, templates, and the Authorized Product List. After **July 2026**, new contracts will not be executed without demonstrated progress along the GovRAMP path.

## About GovRAMP & Nevada GTO

**About GovRAMP** GovRAMP is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit membership organization and a no-cost, trusted partner to state and local governments. Utilizing the NIST 800-53 Rev. 5 framework, GovRAMP provides a standardized approach to security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring, enabling the public sector to adopt cloud technology with speed and confidence.

**About Nevada GTO** The Nevada Governor’s Technology Office (GTO) leads statewide government technology, coordinating shared governance and delivering reliable technology services that support state agencies and the

public they serve. The office oversees statewide technology strategy and enterprise programs, including cloud investment review and related security governance activities.

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