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**Arkansas Judiciary Working with StateRAMP to Validate Supplier Cybersecurity Compliance**

The Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) announces its engagement with StateRAMP to validate the cyber security posture of third-party vendors who use or offer cloud products to deliver services.

With responsibilities for critical infrastructure, vital services, and mass storage of confidential data, the judicial branch, at all levels, is a prime target for cybercrime. The Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts is the first public agency in the State of Arkansas to take this step to mitigate risk in the protection of the sensitive court data it manages.

StateRAMP provides state and local governments assurance that the suppliers they are working with meet the minimum cybersecurity standards through independent audits and ongoing continuous monitoring.

StateRAMP is designed as a shared service for government and a streamlined service for suppliers who can verify their products one time and reuse that certification with each government agency they serve.

“Protecting sensitive court information is one of the AOC’s most important responsibilities,” said Dain Couch, Judicial Branch Chief Information Security Officer. “Partnering with StateRAMP is a major step forward in our constant battle to secure and protect Arkansas’s court data.”

“Cybersecurity threats are growing in frequency and intensity. Other nations are using these attacks to undermine the trust and confidence in our judicial systems to destabilize democracy,” said Marty Sullivan, Arkansas State Court Administrator. “Our partnership with StateRAMP will help secure our court information and support our efforts to maintain trust in a fair and impartial judiciary.”

**About StateRAMP**

StateRAMP is a nonprofit organization that launched in early 2021 and brings state and local governments together with the suppliers who serve them to recognize best practices in cloud security and provides a standardized approach to cloud cybersecurity verification. StateRAMP helps state and local governments reduce cyber risks from unsecure cloud solutions, and benefits service providers by creating a “verify once, use many” approach to cloud security and risk assessment.

StateRAMP maintains an Authorized Products List (APL) which lists products that have achieved a security status and those products going through the process. Learn more at [www.stateramp.org](http://www.stateramp.org).

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