Senate Bill 475, passed by the Texas Legislature, requires the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) to establish a state risk and authorization management program that provides “a standardized approach for security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring of cloud computing services that process the data of a state agency.”

Beginning Jan. 1, 2022, state agencies (including institutions of higher education) must only enter or renew contracts to receive cloud computing services that comply with TX-RAMP requirements. In addition to the TX-RAMP requirement, UNT World also assesses all technology products and services for other data protection and system security requirements.

ASSEMBLE DOCUMENTATION

☐ Collect your evidence of Texas Risk and Authorization Management Program (TX-RAMP) certification and submit it to the procuring department contact (Required for Cloud Solutions such as SaaS, IaaS, and PaaS)

To start the TX-RAMP certification process the vendor must reach out directly to DIR and submit a request at the following hyperlink: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6510630/TX-RAMP-Vendor-Contact.

☐ Collect your Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) or Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) and submit it to the procuring department contact.

☐ Collect supporting information security documentation:
  • Higher Education Community Vendor Assessment Toolkit (HECVAT)
  • Information Security Plan
  • Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Plan
  • Architectural Diagrams
  • Data Flow Diagrams
  • Incident Handling Procedures
  • Vulnerability Assessment/Penetration Test Documentation (Required for Web or Mobile Applications)

TECHNOLOGY RISK ASSESSMENT

☐ IT Compliance will assign assessment levels based on the product’s data usage and impacts to the UNT institution. The vendor will need to obtain TX-RAMP certification at the level assigned

☐ Complete the Technology Risk Assessment via the link provided by IT Compliance.
  • Link will allow the vendor to complete assessment online and attach supporting documentation

☐ Upload supporting documentation through the Technology Risk Assessment.
POLICIES, STANDARDS, AND GUIDELINES

☐ Review institutional policies, standards and guidelines concerning information security:
  - UNT Information Security Policy
  - UNT Dallas Information Security Policy
  - UNT System Information Security Policy
  - UNT System Information Security Handbook

☐ Review institutional regulations policies, standards, and guidelines concerning accessibility:
  - UNT Electronic and Information Resources Accessibility Policy
  - UNT Web Accessibility Policy
  - UNT System EIR Accessibility Plan

Additional information about the Technology Risk Assessment Program may be found on the following webpage: Technology Risk Assessment Program.