

# ATO PROCESS FACILITATION

Avalon is your dedicated authorization team, carrying a federal system through every RMF step from categorization to the AO's decision.

## THE PROBLEM WE ADDRESS

FISMA requires authorization before operation — an ATO lapse becomes an IG and GAO finding and exposes the CISO and AO to audit scrutiny.

New capabilities sit finished but undeployed because no one on staff can produce the package, and expiring ATOs force extension-or-shutdown decisions on mission-critical systems.

## WHAT WE DO

- Stakeholder mapping across system owner, ISSM/ISSO, and AO/AODR
- FIPS 199 security categorization with documented rationale
- Authorization boundary definition with network/data-flow diagrams
- Control baseline selection, tailoring, and inheritance identification
- Control implementation statements traceable to named evidence
- Pre-assessment readiness review (mock assessment against 800-53A)
- Live liaison and war-room support during the independent assessment
- POA&M development, package assembly, and AO briefing support

## HOW WE DO IT

### 1 KICKOFF & CATEGORIZATION

Stakeholder mapping, FIPS 199 categorization, and authorization boundary definition.

#### DELIVERABLE

Boundary + categorization

### 3 READINESS & ASSESSMENT

Mock assessment against 800-53A, then live liaison and war-room support during the real one.

#### DELIVERABLE

Assessment-ready package

### 2 DOCUMENTATION & EVIDENCE

Control tailoring, SSP authoring, and evidence-library build — the long pole of the engagement.

#### DELIVERABLE

Complete SSP + evidence

### 4 AUTHORIZATION & HANDOFF

POA&M development, package assembly, AO briefing, and continuous-monitoring handoff.

#### HANDOVER

AO decision + ConMon plan

## VALUE DELIVERED

- › **A defensible AO decision.** Evidence-first documentation means no implementation statement ships unless it traces to a named artifact.
- › **Months back on the timeline.** A dedicated authorization team carries the package instead of it competing with in-house priorities.
- › **Assessment-ready the first time.** A pre-assessment readiness review catches gaps before the independent assessor does.
- › **A real risk picture.** Documentation describes what's actually in place, so the agency knows its own posture.

### THE ONE THING TO REMEMBER

**The senior team the buyer met is the team that carries the package.**

### COMMONLY PROCURED AS

RMF / ATO authorization support services

## AT A GLANCE

|               |                                                                                |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Model         | Fixed-price or T&M, scoped per engagement                                      |
| Typical NAICS | 5–9 months for initial authorization<br>541512, 541511, 541519, 541611, 541690 |
| UEI           | Y9MXMMHY3HA1                                                                   |
| CAGE          | 242T0                                                                          |
| Standards     | NIST SP 800-37 (RMF), NIST SP 800-53 Rev 5, FIPS 199/200, DoDI 8510.01         |

## WHO WE WORK WITH

- ISSO / ISSM building or renewing a system's authorization package
- AO / AODR needing a defensible, evidence-backed risk decision
- Program manager whose capability is finished but blocked at the gate

## COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

Avalon is led directly by a PMP-certified founder with a decade of enterprise engineering experience where every engagement gets senior-level attention, never a subcontracted bench. Delivery follows NIST SP 800-53, RMF, and FISMA, evidence-backed and control-mapped by design. ISO 9001/27001 is on the roadmap as the pipeline scales.

**Status:** Small business federal contractor based in Los Angeles, CA

NIST SP 800-37 (RMF)

NIST SP 800-53 REV 5

FIPS 199/200

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