

Archer[®] Plan of Action & Milestones (POA&M) Management

Use Case for Public Sector Solutions

The Challenge

Whether collecting critical asset information through assessment and authorization (A&A), control assessments, audits, or continuous monitoring (CM) with scanners and sensors, your organization accumulates scattered lists of defects and findings in various documents. Information assurance (IA) stakeholders have no consolidated view of outstanding issues. Additionally, limited documentation on current and planned remediation efforts leaves gaps in understanding what is being done to mitigate and address open defects and risks. Risk acceptance requests often lack the proper review, approval, and documentation to ensure understanding of how exceptions or deviations affect the organization's overall risk.

The negative impacts of poor issues management begin with lack of visibility or accountability in addressing known risks. Missed issues can fall through the cracks, resulting in repeat audit findings and failed control assessments or lingering risks to the organization. Remediation efforts can suffer as well, with missed deadlines or poorly planned remediation of identified risks.

Overview

Archer[®] Plan of Action & Milestones (POA&M) Management allows organizations to lay the foundation for your IA program to manage issues generated by audit, A&A, and CM processes. You can effectively establish the organizational structure and assign accountability for risk and compliance issues. It provides the applications to create, approve and manage POA&Ms and risk acceptance requests to address risks and associated resolutions.

With Archer POA&M Management, organizations gain a consolidated view into known issues and you can break down remediation efforts to better understand timing, milestones, and costs. It provides capabilities to route POA&Ms through formal review and approval processes and capture performance management and cost metrics. With an organized, managed process to automatically escalate issues, you get visibility into known risks as well as efforts to address and close risks. Your organization will see quicker reaction to emerging risks, creating a more secure and resilient environment while reducing costs.

Key Features

- Consolidated issues management process.
- Consolidated list of defects and findings from audits and A&A and CM processes.
- Consolidated list of POA&Ms with status, progress, and expiration dates.
- Managed risk acceptance requests with informed review/approval.

Key Benefits

With Archer POA&M Management, organizations can:

- Reduce time to resolution on audit, risk and compliance issues.
- Improve staffing management for remediating issues.
- Reduce overtime/reactive overload for operational staff responding to issues.
- Reduce repeat findings and overall risk.

Risk Scores By Information System

Authorization Package Name	Total Authorization Package Risk Score	Avg Authorization Package Risk Score	Risk Score Grade
ABC Package - POA&M/RBDs	0.00	0.00	A+
Fac/RAMP User Interface Test System	3,242.77	400.60	F-
NDC Network OOD RMF	22.67	2.83	A+
NDC Network NIST RMF	4,050.00	618.75	F-
NIST Info System with Subsystems	287.29	35.91	A+
NIST Information System - Unsatisfied	0.00	0.00	A+
NIST XYZ - Bulk Inheritance	62.40	7.80	A+
QRS Information System - NIST RMF	0.00	0.00	A+
QRS Program/Site - ICS	5,502.00	687.75	F-
XYZ NIST Information System - Complete Example	0.00	0.00	A+

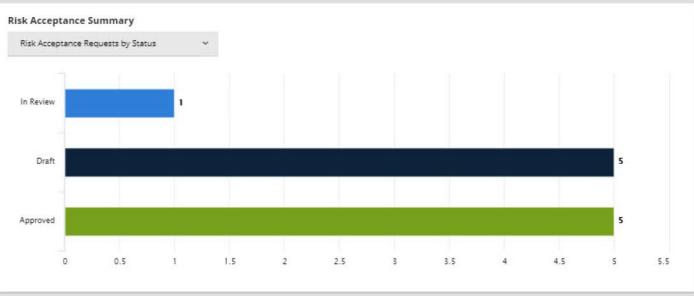
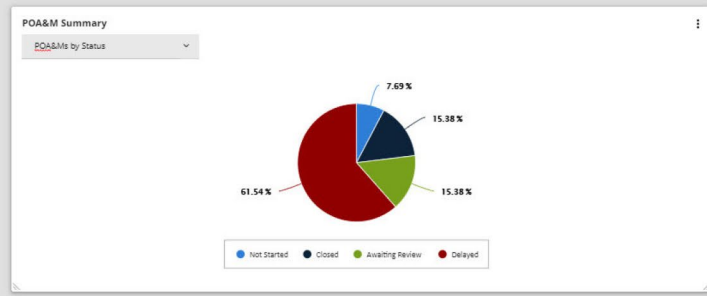
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Annual Review

Annual Review Date by Authorization Package []

Authorization Package Name	ID/UID	Package Type	Security Category	Operational Status	Annual Review Due
NDC Network OOD RMF	RS42093	Information System	Moderate/Low/Low	Reauthorize	9/29/2015
Fac/RAMP User Interface Test System	RS4344	Information System	Low	Reauthorize	9/29/2017
XYZ NIST Information System - Complete Example	XY2001	Information System	Low	Reauthorize	10/1/2016
QRS Program/Site - ICS	ICS001	Information System	Low	Reauthorize	10/10/2018
NIST Info System with Subsystems	NIST006	Information System	Low	Reauthorize	10/11/2018
QRS Information System - NIST RMF	QRSNIST	Information System	Moderate	Reauthorize	10/11/2018
NDC Network NIST RMF	RS44234	Information System	Moderate	Operational	6/7/2019

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