

Authorization to Operate Letter



U.S. General Services Administration

MEMORANDUM FOR Cheryl Jenkins  
System Owner

FROM: Dan Pomeroy  
Authorizing Official

THRU: Pranjali Desai  
Acting Chief Information Security Officer  
General Services Administration

THRU: Joseph Hoyt  
Information System Security Manager

SUBJECT: Decision for Standard Assessment & Authorization for  
WidePoint

SYSTEM TYPE: Contractor System

DATE: October 5, 2018

A security controls assessment of the WidePoint information system has been conducted at the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 199 Moderate Impact level in accordance with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-37 Revision 1, *"Guide for Applying the Risk Management Framework to Federal Information Systems"*, and General Services Administration (GSA) IT Security Procedural Guide CIO-IT Security-06-30, *"Managing Enterprise Risk"*.

The system has been assessed by Vaultes using the assessment methods and procedures required by the system's assessment process as described in CIO-IT Security-6-30 to determine the level of risk associated with operating the system and the effectiveness of the system's security controls in satisfying the security requirements of the system. A Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) has been developed describing the corrective measures implemented or planned to address any deficiencies in the security controls for the information system and to reduce or eliminate known vulnerabilities.



Based on the level of risk described in the results of WidePoint's security assessment and the planned actions in its POA&M, I recommend authorization of the WidePoint information system.

**RECOMMEND AUTHORIZATION:**

X

Joseph Hoyt  
Information System Security Manager

After reviewing the results of the security assessment, and the supporting evidence provided in the security authorization package, I have determined the risk to GSA's Federal systems, data, and/or assets resulting from the operation of the information system is acceptable.

Accordingly, I am issuing an Authorization to Operate (ATO) for the Office of Government-wide Policy WidePoint information system in its current environment and configuration. This authorization is valid for Three (3) years from the Authorizing Official's signature on this letter or until a significant change in the system or threat/risk environment, as described in CIO-IT Security 06-30, necessitates re-assessment and re-authorization. This security authorization has the following conditions:

1. Widepoint will upgrade the Keon software to the latest supported version by March 31, 2019.
2. Widepoint will decommission all Solaris 8 servers in use by March 31, 2019.
3. Widepoint shall mitigate residual POA&M action items as identified in the Security Assessment Report and from ongoing continuous monitoring activities.
4. Significant changes or critical vulnerabilities are identified and managed in accordance with applicable Federal law, guideline, and policy.

**APPROVED:**

X

Dan Pomeroy  
Authorizing Official

**CONCURRENCE:**

X

Pranjali Desai  
Acting Chief Information Security Officer

Copies of the authorization package are available for review at the GSA facilities in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. If you have any questions or comments regarding this authorization to operate, please contact Man Lau, Director ISSO Support Division (IST) by email at [man.lau@gsa.gov](mailto:man.lau@gsa.gov) or phone (202) 219-7982.