

[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](#).