

CERTIFICATION & ACCREDITATION (C&A)

In today's environment, federal, state and local organizations as well as commercial entities are faced with unprecedented challenges to protect the organization and its ability to perform its mission. With extensive experience providing risk management and information assurance services to both federal agencies and Fortune-ranked commercial clients alike, *Intekras* is uniquely qualified to address even your most demanding business, operational, and technical risk challenges.

Since the passage of the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) in 2002, both DoD and Civilian agencies have been under intense pressure to ensure that their systems and networks are secure and meet strict compliancy standards. Since its inception, the C&A process has been criticized by security experts as being solely a compliance exercise that doesn't truly measure risk. *Intekras's* experienced IT security and risk specialists deliver expert risk-based C&A solutions based upon the following standardized processes:

- NIST Special Publication 800-53, Guide for the Security Certification and Accreditation of Federal Information Systems
- Defense Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process (DITSCAP)
- DoD Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process (DIACAP)
- National Security Agency Information Systems Certification and Accreditation Process (NISCAP)

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As part of *Intekras's* suite of Information Assurance Services, our C&A reviews are tailored to the relevant system development life cycle phase and program strategy and scaled according to the size and complexity of the system(s). Based upon a foundation of risk acceptance and management, we determine the risk to operations, assets, or individuals and the acceptability of the risk weighed against the mission or business needs of the agency/organization. Our C&A reviews allow for risk-based decisions about the information system's operation and can ensure that the system maintains the accredited security posture throughout its lifecycle.

Intekras is able to assist in the attainment of an Authority to Operate (ATO) and the creation of all required documents, for example:

- System Categorization
- System Description and Boundaries
- Network Diagram and Data Flows
- Software and Hardware Inventory
- Business and System Risk Assessments
- Contingency Plan and System Security Plan