



*Internet Security Systems' FISMA  
(Federal Information Security Management Act)  
Compliance Solution*

Protecting the government's information infrastructure is a critical factor in the Federal government's IT performance, impacting operational continuity, cost management and homeland security. As a result, the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) was passed to codify a comprehensive framework to more fully ensure security is maintained at the highest standards across all government agencies.

FISMA compliance requires Federal agencies to develop, implement and manage a risk-based, agency-wide information security program to ensure the ongoing protection of information and critical systems. The criticality and complexity of information security and regulatory compliance introduces new challenges for Federal agencies including renewed accountability, stringent policy adherence, detailed reporting, performance measurement and ongoing security assessment and improvement.

## *The ISS FISMA Compliance Solution*

Internet Security Systems' (ISS) FISMA Compliance Solution enables agencies to evaluate, protect, manage and improve compliance through a comprehensive three-step approach that delivers a complete FISMA-compliant environment and improves an agency's ongoing security position.

### **ASSESSMENT PHASE**

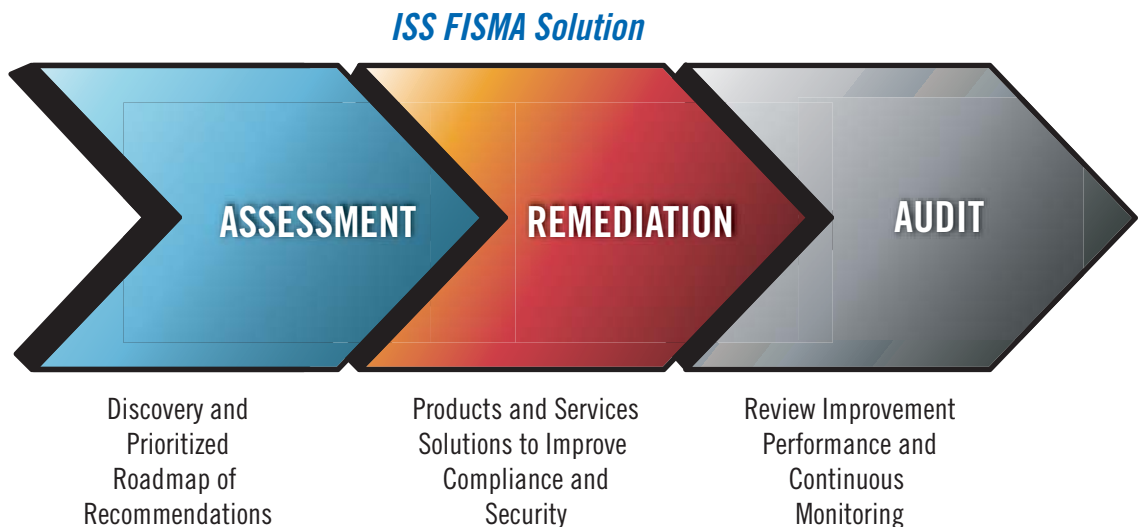
This phase begins with a comprehensive evaluation of an agency's security posture against industry-proven best practices to determine key areas for improvement. ISS' team of security experts reviews every element of the agency's compliance — including security policies and procedures, configuration management, remediation plans and training and awareness — while more broadly assessing the agency's ability to achieve and maintain compliance over time. The assessment is a 4- to 6-week engagement tailored to the agency's unique needs and designed to accurately deliver the insights required to thoroughly address agency-specific weaknesses related to FISMA reporting. The result of this comprehensive assessment is a detailed report of the agency's compliance performance and a prioritized roadmap for implementing security program and compliance reporting improvements.

### **REMEDIATION PHASE**

Based on recommendations from the assessment phase, ISS' team of security experts works to implement the appropriate solutions to advance the agency's roadmap toward full FISMA compliance. We provide a wide range of solutions to improve an agency's security compliance including enterprise-wide software products, compliance reporting support, managed security services and professional services for developing security programs, certification and accreditation (C&A) and remediation plans, training and awareness programs, and vulnerability risk assessments and contingency plans.

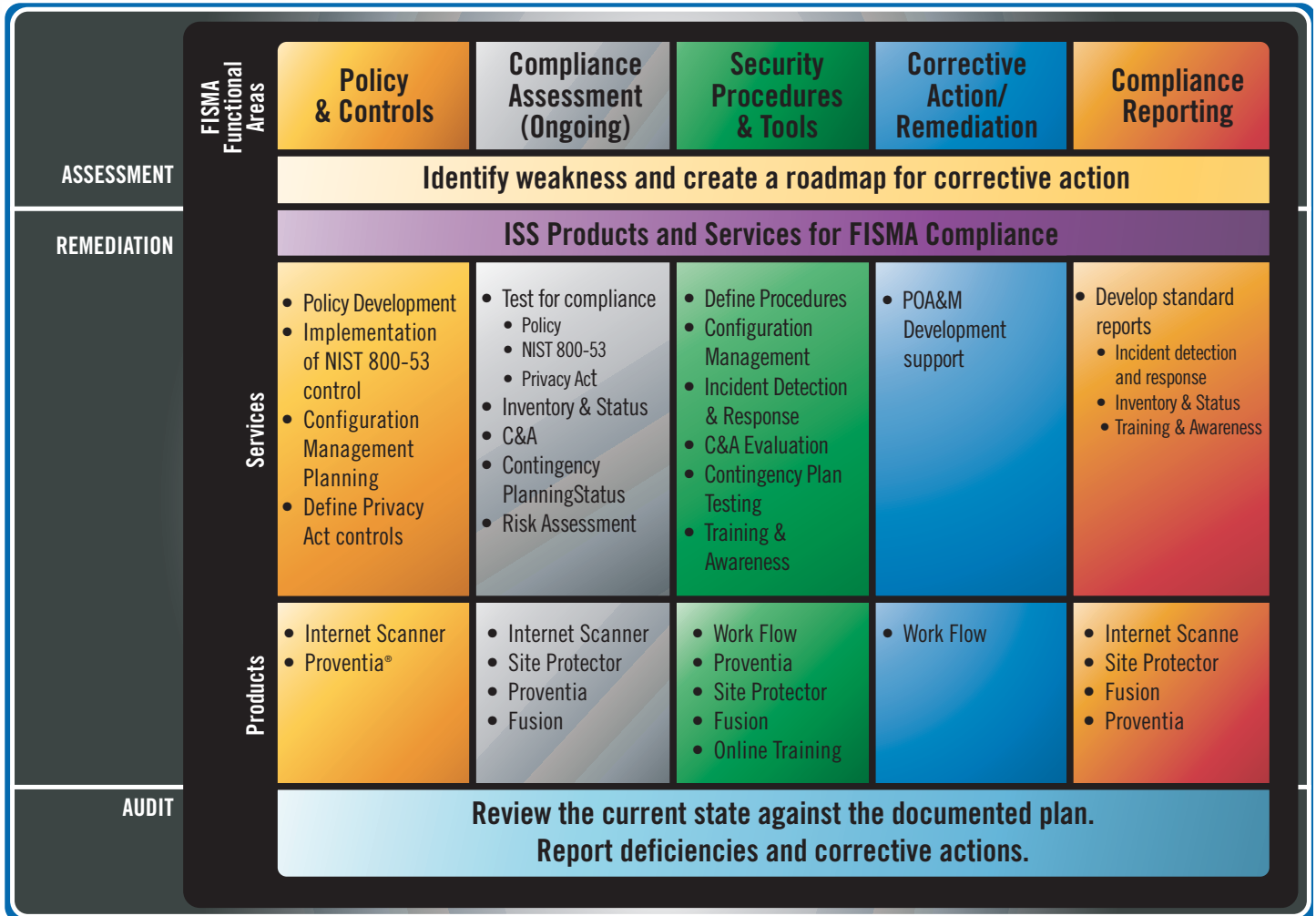
### **AUDIT**

As a final step, ISS reviews the corrective actions implemented against the assessment findings and roadmap recommendations to measure security and compliance improvement. The audit phase confirms that all remediation steps were completed successfully. It can be performed on a periodic basis to monitor ongoing risk and to ensure continuous security program improvement.



## ISS: THE TRUSTED SECURITY PROVIDER TO FEDERAL AGENCIES

Agencies can rely on ISS to help them achieve FISMA compliance and improve information security. ISS' FISMA Compliance Solution is based on an integrated end-to-end process that encompasses all aspects of security planning, management, and compliance reporting across the entire agency. Our approach leverages security best practices, ISS' regulatory compliance knowledge base and functional expertise — all combined with our suite of enterprise tools. This enables our customers to reduce the risk and costs of protecting IT assets and the complexities of regulatory compliance.



As an established world leader in security since 1994, ISS delivers proven cost efficiencies and reduces regulatory and business risk across the enterprise for more than 11,000 customers worldwide, including every major agency of the U.S. Federal government. ISS products and services are based on the proactive security intelligence conducted by ISS' X-Force® research and development team — the unequivocal world authority in vulnerability and threat research. With headquarters in Atlanta, ISS has additional operations throughout the Americas, Asia, Australia, Europe and the Middle East. Our Herndon, Virginia office near Washington, DC is dedicated to providing service for Federal agencies.

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