

## **Task 3.4 Working Group**

### **Task Overview**

The FSA Security and Privacy team participates in numerous FSA and Departmental Working Groups. We provide subject matter expertise and briefing materials as necessary to support the team. Participation in working groups will be limited to those meetings where contractor involvement is necessary.

### **Task Details**

The FSA security and privacy team will need to participate in several working groups, either on a consistent basis or ad hoc. The team may participate in groups that address security training, incident response, critical infrastructure protection, contractor clearances, or any number of security related topics. We will need to contact the lead for each working group and discuss areas where our support may further the mission of the group. When requested, we will prepare briefing materials to support the security and privacy team.

To date, we have supported the Xacta C&A working group and the Incident Response working group almost exclusively. Our involvement in both working groups has been extensive, providing thought leadership, chairing meetings, and developing supporting documentation. As the year progresses our involvement in Department working groups most likely will increase.

We also now support the Configuration Management Working Group. Our role is to ensure that patch management is embedded in FSA's final CM Plan. In parallel, we are meeting with several patch management vendors to review each company's capabilities and their applicability to the FSA environment

Recently, we began working with a newly formed Critical System Working Group that includes participants from across Education. Our initial task from the group is to develop a methodology to determine the security evaluation process systems should undergo when making changes to its components or data. We have begun a draft of this methodology and will present our findings in period 6.

### **Task Status**

This task is ongoing. We will continue to support the FSA Security and Privacy team prepare for meetings and address resulting action items.