**ATARC Zero Trust Working Group**

February 22, 2022

**Context**

Zero Trust is a resilient approach that is continually being refined and will enhance the security posture of the agencies leveraging automation to obtain risk-based decisions. The Zero Trust working group's objective is to encourage new thought leadership.

Zero Trust evolves the current state architecture and policy. The core principle of the Zero Trust model is to remove transitive and implicit trust; this means all systems, users, and identities are potential threat actors. Due to this we must continuously verify all system and identities and always measure them against risk tolerance.

The purpose of this document is to outline the intent, scope, and general operating model of the Zero Trust Working group.

**Scope**

Achieving Zero Trust requires a continuous effort that shifts how we think about implementing security. The Zero Trust working group has been successful in the information sharing of Zero Trust ideas and solutions. The Zero Trust working group will be continuing education by the following:

* Discuss, identify and clarify requirements regarding:
  + Executive Order
  + Memo 22-09
* Output from that discussion will then be packaged to share with vendors to get feedback and possible solutioning options/approaches
* Share best practices and challenges
* Discuss GSA Playbook development to help agencies approach ZT
* Revisit previous work
* Layout of future events for the working group:
  + Integrated lab demos (vice individual vendor demos)
* Information sharing specific to recent publications both in private and government sectors

**Objective**

The objective of this working group is to create a clear pathway for an agency to be able to implement Zero Trust. This will allow agencies will be able to witness integrations and/or a unified solution to implement Zero Trust.

***Deliverables***

The deliverables will be:

* Various presentations on best practices and recommendations of others working various ZT efforts
* Presentation from GSA on Zero Trust Playbook
* Scheduling of follow up demos for integrated ZT labs
* Review of previous definitions, concepts previously completed and determine if still viable, useful or needs adjustment
* Reference matrix of provider demos aligned with functional areas that they self-assessed they address

**Cadence and Membership**

The cadence of the meeting will be the first Thursday or Friday of every month from 10am E.T. to 10:30am E.T. The co-chairs (Gerald Caron (State Dept.) & Trafenia MF Salzman (SBA)) will facilitate an environment to present new ideas and discussion topics. This environment will allow for questions to be asked and to find resolution in the ambiguity of Zero Trust. A representative from ATARC will keep track of minutes/notes per meeting and make them available using the file sharing collaboration tool listed below.

**Key Members**

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| Name | Email | Agency/Business | Responsibilities |
| Nicole Mandes | nmandes@atarc.org | ATARC | Upload and disseminate documentation |
| Gerald Caron (co-chair) | Gerald.Caron@oig.hhs.gov | Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) | Provide zero trust expertise and facilitator |
| Trafenia MF Salzman (co-chair) | Trafenia.flynnsalzman@sba.gov | SBA | Provide zero trust expertise and facilitator |
| Sara Mosley | Sara.mosley@myaccuity.com | State Department | Provide zero trust expertise |
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**Rules of Engagement**

The working group rules of engagement are described as below:

* Meet monthly from 2022 to 2024
* Follow the group’s ground rules developed in the charter
* Decisions are made by the co-chairs

**File Sharing and Collaboration Tools**

*Access*

Access to the ATARC Huddle Instance is managed by Nicole Mandes (nmandes@atarc.org ).

*Documentation Repository*

Zero Trust Collaboration Folder:

**Version Control**

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| Version | Date | Author | Description |
| 2.0 | 2/22/2022 | Trafenia MF Salzman | Initial Draft for Consideration and Comment |