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SUBJECT: Authorization to Operate for FNS Salesforce

References:

a) NIST, SP 800-37, Revision 2, *Risk Management Framework for Information Systems and Organizations: A System Life Cycle Approach for Security and Privacy*, December 2018
b) NIST SP 800-53, Revision 5, *Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations*, December 2020
c) USDA, DR 3540-003, *Security Assessment and Authorization*, August 12, 2014

The Information Security Division (ISD) has reviewed the request for an Authorization to Operate (ATO) for the FNS Salesforce authorization boundary, associated subsystems, components, and hosted applications, which are located in the Salesforce Government Cloud and Salesforce Government Cloud Plus environments. To support this authorization, the FNS Salesforce has a security authorization package that includes results of a security control assessment and a Security Assessment Report (SAR). The FNS Salesforce has a **Moderate** system security categorization level, with **Moderate Confidentiality**, **Moderate Integrity**, and **Low Availability** sensitivity levels. This authorization does not extend to Classified information.

In accordance with NIST SP 800-37, Revision 2, I am granting this ATO for a maximum of three (3) years from the date of this memorandum. The authorization period for this ATO will be from **11/20/2023** until **11/20/2026**.

The information system is being accredited without any significant restrictions or limitations. This memorandum serves as my formal declaration that adequate security controls have been implemented and that a satisfactory level of security is present in the information system.

Please note that this information system security accreditation will remain in effect as long as:

(i) the system is not changed significantly from its current state,
(ii) the vulnerabilities reported during the continuous monitoring process do not result in additional agency-level risk that is deemed unacceptable, and
(iii) the system has not exceeded the maximum allowable time period between security accreditations, in accordance with Federal or Department policy.

The FNS Salesforce ATO boundary and its applications are subject to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Plans, as reviewed by the Application Teams and approved by the appropriate authorizing personnel, including Division Director(s) and System Owner(s). Attachment #1 of this ATO memo outlines the applicable SOPs and Plans included in the ATO package that have been reviewed and signed by the appropriate personnel.

A copy of this memorandum with all supporting security accreditation documentation will be added to the Assessment and Authorization (A&A) package in the Cyber Security Assessment and Management (CSAM) application as an artifact. All documentation will be retained according to the records retention schedule.

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