SecureCAP Program Support @ USDA Forest Service

Challenge

In response to OIG findings (annual security audit) and mandatory regulatory compliance, USDA Forest Service wanted a comprehensive information assurance program to implement security controls pursuant to FIPS 200 and NIST Special Publication 800-53. USDA Forest Service contracted NSG to implement efficient and effective program management processes to include:

- Planning and control of the project schedule, budget and resources while managing deliverables and communication among different contractors
- Reporting project status to executive management/sponsor on a regular basis

Solution

NSG provided program management support to FS PMO, CIO Information System Security Program Manager, and other stakeholders to achieve security compliance. Overall, NSG provided the following specific solutions:

- Managed a dedicated team of FS personnel (Tiger Team)
- Designed and implemented a project repository and collaboration portal
- Integrated contractor’s information sources
- Implemented management review system
- Analyzed project data to assess progress and prepare status reports

Results

- Centralized PMO achieved consistent controlling and reporting process
- Enhanced review mechanism and communication
- Improved availability of project artifacts
- Optimized resource investment