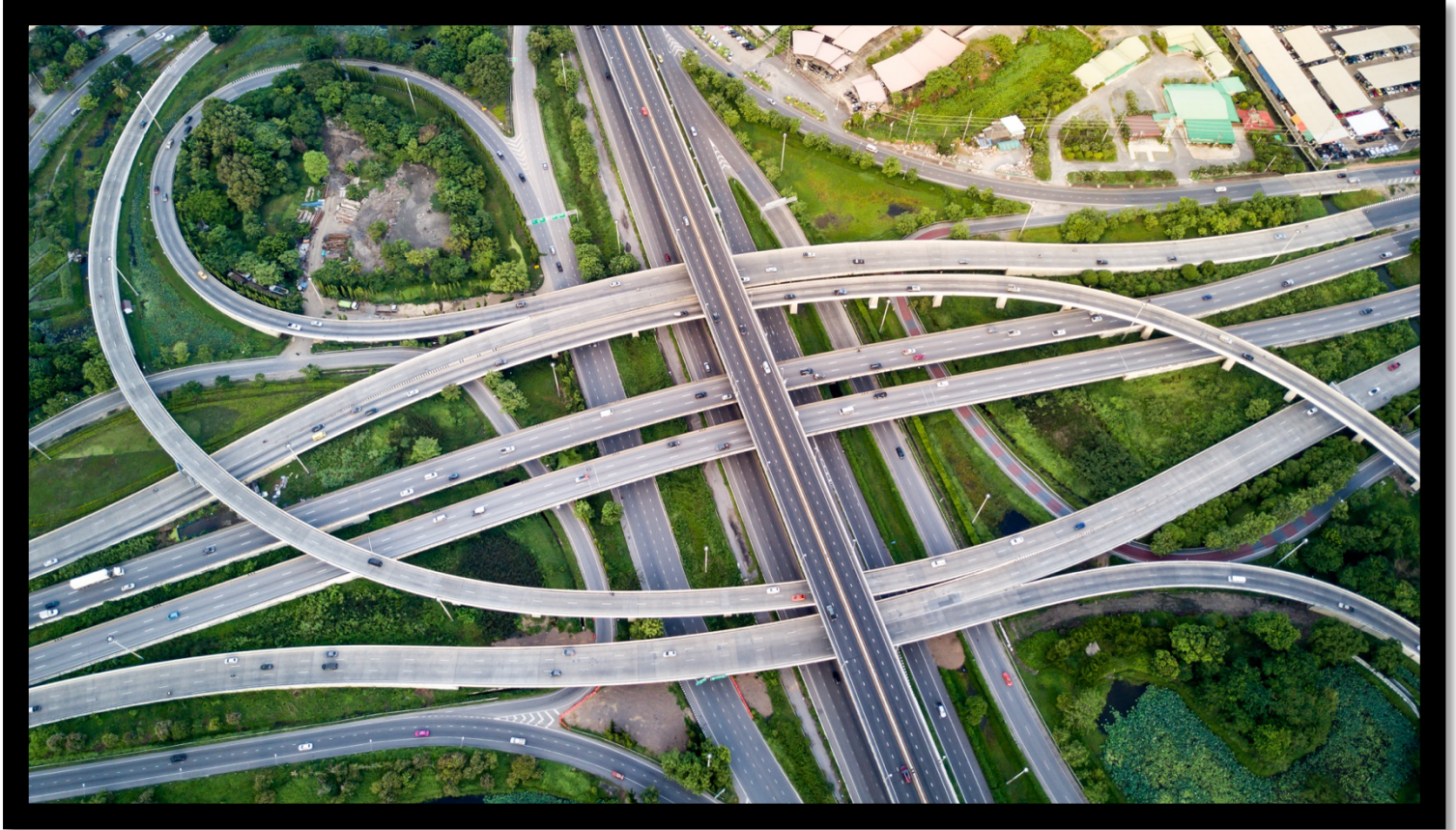




FedRAMP Authorization ProjectWise & OpenGround FAQs (External)

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FAQs — FedRAMP

This FAQ document provides answers to common questions about the FedRAMP authorization of ProjectWise and OpenGround. It is intended to help users, accounts, and partners understand the authorized scope, security capabilities, eligibility requirements, and how these solutions support secure collaboration and information management for federal and federally funded infrastructure projects.

1. What is FedRAMP and why does it matter?

FedRAMP (Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program) is the U.S. government's standardized framework for rigorously assessing and continuously monitoring the security of cloud services.

FedRAMP authorization is required for U.S. federal agencies to adopt cloud solutions, enabling secure and compliant digital workflows. A FedRAMP authorization means Bentley's software has passed stringent federal security reviews. You can trust that our cloud solutions meet strict federal compliance standards to protect your data.

2. What does FedRAMP authorization enable?

FedRAMP authorization enables:

- Use of cloud solutions by U.S. federal agencies
- Secure collaboration on federally funded projects
- Adoption of cloud workflows while meeting federal security requirements

3. Which Bentley solutions are FedRAMP authorized?

ProjectWise

- FedRAMP authorization applies to **ProjectWise Design Integration (DI) solution** within a defined authorization boundary.
- These solutions support secure documents and data collaboration for federal use.
- Authorized at the **Moderate Impact Level**

OpenGround

- The **OpenGround geotechnical information management solution** is FedRAMP authorized.
- Authorized at the **Moderate Impact Level**

4. Does FedRAMP apply to all Bentley Infrastructure Cloud?

At this time, the Bentley for Government FedRAMP authorization does not extend to the entire Bentley Infrastructure Cloud portfolio or to all ProjectWise services and should be referenced only for the approved scope.

5. What does “FedRAMP authorized” mean?

“FedRAMP authorized” means the solution has:

- Been assessed against rigorous federal security standards
- Met requirements for use by U.S. federal agencies
- Entered a continuous monitoring process to maintain compliance

This validation applies within the authorized scope.

6. What is continuous monitoring?

Within the FedRAMP-authorized environment:

- Security controls are continuously reviewed
- Vulnerabilities are actively managed
- Compliance is maintained over time

This ensures that security is ongoing rather than a one-time certification.

7. How should FedRAMP authorization be interpreted in terms of security?

FedRAMP should be understood as:

- Validation of security controls within the authorized environment
- Confirmation that the solution meets stringent federal requirements

At the same time, it is designed for specific federal use cases rather than representing a universal security upgrade across all deployments.

8. Who is the FedRAMP-authorized environment designed for?

FedRAMP-authorized environments are designed for:

- U.S. federal agencies
- Organizations working on federally funded or regulated programs

Eligibility will depend on program, contractual, and data governance requirements.

9. How does FedRAMP relate to commercial use cases?

FedRAMP is specifically designed for U.S. federal projects.

For commercial customers:

- It is typically not a requirement for work on private infrastructure projects
- If your organization handles Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), you may be contractually required to store and manage that data in a FedRAMP authorized environment

10. How does FedRAMP impact security assessments for federal customers?

FedRAMP allows federal agencies to bypass the expensive and time-consuming process of independently auditing and vetting the authorized Bentley applications. It also ensures continuous monitoring, meaning the agency's ongoing risk monitoring is handled automatically.

11. Is FedRAMP applicable outside the United States?

FedRAMP is established as a U.S. federal mandate.

While it does not apply to non-U.S. government programs, FedRAMP is globally respected as one of the most rigorous security frameworks in the world. Many international governments have similar 'Sovereign Cloud' requirements and have controls that overlap with those of the FedRAMP authorization.

12. How does FedRAMP relate to DoD or other security frameworks?

FedRAMP provides a baseline authorization.

Additional requirements, such as DoD impact levels, may involve further certifications or mappings depending on the agency or mission context.

13. How do FedRAMP environments compare to standard deployments?

The Bentley for Government FedRAMP environment features the same powerful capabilities as our standard commercial cloud offerings, but are built, operated and maintained to meet federal security and regulatory delines. This may include:

- Follow stricter configuration and deployment controls
- Limit certain integrations or non-authorized services
- Hosting on dedicated, government-grade cloud environments
- Strict enforcement of data residency

These are necessary tradeoffs to maintain compliance.

14. Where are FedRAMP-authorized solutions hosted?

FedRAMP-authorized solutions are hosted on physically and logically isolated government-grade cloud environments, designed to meet federal security and data handling requirements.

15. How does FedRAMP apply to partner or third-party solutions?

FedRAMP authorization applies specifically to the approved ProjectWise Design Integration and OpenGround products.

Partner tools and third-party extensions:

- Are evaluated separately
- Do not automatically inherit FedRAMP authorization

16. What should customers expect regarding future FedRAMP scope?

FedRAMP scope is clearly defined and communicated.

Any future updates or expansions will be formally announced, ensuring customers have clarity on what is authorized.