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Lori Crooks is the Founder and CEO of Cadra, Inc., a company passionately dedicated to security assessments and security management projects. With a career sharply focused on information security assessments, policy and standards development, and advising clients on their information security requirements, Lori brings a profound understanding of information security controls to the forefront. Before embarking on the entrepreneurial journey with Cadra, she served as a consultant with a reputable external firm. In that role, Lori led a dynamic security team overseeing compliance audits rooted in NIST 800-53/FedRAMP/FISMA, PCI, ISO 27001, HIPAA, and SOC standards. Her expertise extends to guiding companies through ISO 27001 gap analysis, crafting policies and procedures, conducting security assessments, and developing robust security frameworks. Her commitment to excellence is exemplified by creating a comprehensive Information Security Training Program for all employees and managing third-party and customer audits, including SAS70/SSAE 16, PCI DSS, and FISMA. Lori's goal is to empower organizations with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the complex landscape of information security confidently.

> "I worked with Lori Crooks to build our System Security Plan for FedRAMP at Alation over the course of about 8 weeks. Not only was she extremely pleasant to work with and showed up to every call with positive energy - but she proved to be a deep expert in translating NIST control language into plain English so that our team could scope our follow-up tasks to close gaps. Lori's efficiency and expertise made a very heavy lift into a pleasure, and I would gladly work with her again."
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> **– Elaine Atkinson**
> *Head of Security at Alation*

> "We undertook the FedRAMP certification process for the first time knowing we had a steep learning curve ahead of us. Lori and her team at Security Compliance Solutions flattened that curve substantially, both streamlining the document production process and providing expert guidance on how to adapt our policies and procedures to meet or exceed the standards on which we would be audited. When we delivered our SSP to our sponsor and our 3PAO, both commented that we were one of the most prepared CSPs they had seen in some time. I believe much of our success is due to Lori's contribution to our submission."
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> **– Daniel E.,**
> *Director of Cloud DevOps, and Infrastructure, Undisclosed*

Speaking Topics:

- Achieving & Maintaining Compliance with Industry Standards (ie: FedRAMP, NIST, HIPAA)
- Guardians of Trust: Navigating the Labyrinth of Security Risks in the Third-Party Realm
- Decoding FedRAMP: A Guide For Cloud Service Providers
- FedRAMP Compliance: Mastering Key Requirements and Documentation
- Architects of Defense: Crafting Fortified Security Policies with Key Components and Principles.