Authorization to Conduct Continuous Scans of Public-Facing Cyber Assets, Networks and Systems

The National Cybersecurity & Communications Integration Center of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), under authority of the Homeland Security Act (6 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.) would like to gain authorization from Entity Name (Acrony) to conduct continuous Vulnerability Scanning and Cyber Hygiene monitoring of Acrony's publicly accessible cyber assets, networks and systems.

The goals of these activities are to:

1. Identify publicly accessible Acrony cyber assets, networks, and systems
2. Produce network maps which catalog Acrony's publicly accessible assets, networks and systems, the services running and their version/patch level
3. Maintain tactical awareness of the operational risks and cyber health of individual Agencies
4. Inform the government's common operational view of cyberspace
5. Identify potential configuration issues with Acrony's public facing systems
6. Integrate relevant information, analysis, and vulnerability assessments, in order to identify priorities for protective and support measures regarding potential or actual threats
7. Provide "early warning" of specific actionable vulnerabilities to Acrony

DHS activities will originate from the following IP network: **64.69.57.0/24**

Scanning will be openly attributable to the authorized scanning source, and should be detected by the Acronym's Intrusion Detection Systems. Connections and data will be sent to Acrony's publicly facing cyber assets, networks and systems. The process has been designed to be as non-obtrusive as possible – scheduling, intensity and frequency have been carefully planned to minimize the possibility of service disruption.

Activities under this authorization will be limited to scanning; no attempts to connect to Acrony's internal network, penetrate Acrony's systems or monitor Acrony's network traffic will be made under this authorization.

NOTE: If a third-party Managed Security Services Provider (MSSP) or Security Operations Center (SOC) operates or maintains Acrony's public and/or leased IP range, make sure that such third parties are promptly notified and authorize in writing the scanning activity. Forward the written third-party authorization along with the Acrony's authorization to the DHS Point of Contact listed below. If any such third party should fail to authorize in writing the scanning activity, promptly notify the DHS point of contact listed below.

The DHS Point of Contact for this activity can be reached at NCATS_info@hq.dhs.gov

By signing below, the approving Acrony official agrees to the following:

- Acrony authorizes DHS to conduct the scanning activities described above;
- Acrony agrees to promptly notify and secure written authorization for the scanning activities described above from any third-party MSSP or SOC that operates or maintains Acrony 's public and/or leased IP range, and to forward that authorization to DHS;
- Acrony accepts that, while DHS teams will use their best efforts to conduct scans in a way that minimizes risk to Acrony 's systems and networks, the scanning activities described above create some risk of degradation in performance to Acrony 's systems and networks;
- Acrony accepts all risks to its systems and networks for the activities described above;
- Acrony acknowledges that DHS provides no warranties of any kind relating to any aspect of the assistance provided under this authorization;
- Acrony accepts the risk of any damage that may result from implementing any guidance provided by DHS;
- Acrony hereby holds harmless the U.S. Government and those acting on its behalf for governmental purposes from any and all claims arising out of or in any way connected to this authorization, whether or not arising from negligence; and
- Acrony has authorized you to make the above certifications on its behalf.

Signature: _____

Name: NAME _____ **Date:** _____

Title: TITLE _____

Agency: AGENCY NAME _____

For next steps, please indicate a technical point of contact for the NCCIC team to follow-up with:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____