

# AWS IAM Cross-Account Lacks Cross-Cloud Governance Chain Substrate

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## What AWS IAM Provides

AWS IAM operates as the cloud-identity service across AWS customers globally. The service handles identity, role-based access control, and cross-account access at AWS deployment scale; the technical execution at platform scale is mature.

AWS IAM operates within AWS-centric architecture. Within-AWS cross-account composition is operationally coherent; cross-cloud composition (AWS with Azure, with GCP, with on-premises identity) faces structural friction at platform boundaries.

## Why AWS IAM Lacks the Architectural Element

Multi-cloud and cross-authority operations need governance-chain primitive. Real enterprise architectures span multiple clouds; cross-cloud identity operations face friction at platform boundaries; emerging zero-trust architectures need cross-cloud governance primitive.

Architectural governance-chain produces structural support. Each cloud and each authority operates under its authority; cross-cloud operations proceed through declared federation; multi-cloud identity composition gains structural support.

# **How the Architectural Primitive Composes With AWS IAM**

The architectural primitive treats AWS IAM as one credentialed identity-governance authority. AWS's existing customer architectures continue; the architectural composition layer adds cross-cloud identity federation; multi-cloud identity operations gain structural support.

AWS can operate as a credentialed identity-governance authority. The architecture supports AWS's continuing service role without requiring IAM platform intermediation as the only path for multi-cloud identity composition.

## **What This Enables for AWS IAM's Trajectory**

AWS gains the architectural cross-cloud governance layer above IAM. Multi-cloud enterprise customers gain structural support. Defense and government customers gain reduced single-cloud identity dependency.

The patent positions the governance-chain primitive at exactly where multi-cloud identity evolution demands. AWS's competitive position benefits from adopting the architectural layer as multi-cloud zero-trust architectures mature.