



Memo

Date: August 3, 2023
To: All Staff
From: Allen Winkler
RE: Revision to Social Media Policy (TikTok)

We have received notice from the Department of Justice concerning FAR 52.2004-27 with regards to the ban of ByteDance applications i.e. (TikTok) from devices used to access information generated or view as a result of our contract.

The rule that was passed prohibits having or using the TikTok application on any device regardless of whether the device is owned by the government, contractor, or the contractor's employees.

Pursuant to FAR 52.204-27, federal government contractors are prohibited from having or using a "covered application" on any "information technology" owned or managed by the government or on any information technology used or provided by the contractor under this contract, including equipment provided by the contractor's employees. Covered applications are specifically defined as the "social networking service TikTok or any successor application or service" developed by ByteDance Limited. The term "information technology" (IT) is defined in 40 U.S.C. § 11101(6):

This ban applies to all employees of City of Faith on any of our equipment and on your personal device if you use the device to access email, teams' message/GroupMe, text messages or even talk in relation to a federal contract. You cannot have the TicTok application on the device, nor can you access a TicTok account from the device.

The only personal devices not subject to the TikTok prohibition would be those devices that are not used at all in contract performance or the discussion of anything related to City of Faith.

If you have any questions, contact the IT Department.